

## Apple for the Teacher Pencil Pot

### Materials

Dk yarn in red, green, brown and beige, 2 beads for eyes (optional), plastic or card tube (7.5cm/3in in diameter, 7.5cm/3in tall), toy stuffing, 3.50mm hook, tapestry needle.

Using a plastic tube makes the finished item washable. I used a Robinson's squash bottle.



### General Notes

**Turning ch:** the chain at beginning of rows is for turning only and not counted as a stitch unless other wise stated.

**Joining Slip Stitch:** This slip stitch is for joining only and not counted as a stitch.

**Starting chain:** Always work into the back loop of the starting chain. This gives a neater finish, making both the bottom and top of the work look the same. When working into unused loops, pick up both loops as you would when working into the tops of other stitches.

**Right side:** This is the outside or the front of the work.

**Wrong side:** This is the inside or the back of the work.

**pm:** place marker.

### Stitches

**bdc: beaded double crochet:** yoh, insert hook in stitch, yoh and draw through a loop, slide bead down to hook, yoh and draw through both loops on hook.

**dc2tog:** Insert hook in st, yoh and draw through, insert hook in next st, yoh and draw through, yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

### Leaf

**Row 1:** In green 6ch, dc in 2<sup>nd</sup> ch from hook, dc in next ch, 3dc in next ch, working in unused loops along other side of ch, miss 1<sup>st</sup> ch, 2dc in next ch, dc in next 3ch, mark as right side, turn. (12sts)

**Row 2:** Miss dc, dc in next 4dc, 3dc in next dc, dc in next 4dc, ss in next dc, turn.

**Rows 3 & 4:** Miss ss, dc in next 5dc, 3dc in next dc, dc in next 4dc, ss in next dc, turn.

**Row 5:** Miss ss, dc in next 5dc, 3 dc in next dc, pm, dc in next 4dc, ss in next dc, fasten off and sew in ends.

## Stalk

**Rnd 1:** In brown 2ch, 6dc in 1<sup>st</sup> ch, ss to 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, mark as right side, turn. (6sts)

**Rnd 2:** 1ch, (4dc in next dc, dc in next 2dc) twice, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (12sts)

**Rnd 3:** 1ch, working in back loops only, dc in each dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 4:** 1ch, dc in next 5dc, dc2tog 3 times, dc in next dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (9sts)

**Rnds 5-7:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 8:** 1ch, dc in next 4dc, place leaf against stalk with right sides facing and lining up marked dc on leaf with next dc on stalk, working through both pieces, dc in next 3dc, working on stalk only, dc in next 2dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 9:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 10:** 1ch, dc in next 9dc, pm fasten off, sew in ends and stuff lightly.

## Worm Head

If using beads for eyes, thread them on the yarn. If not using beads, replace bdc with dc.

**Rnd 1:** In beige 2ch, 7dc in 1<sup>st</sup> ch, ss to 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, turn. (7sts)

**Rnd 2:** 1ch, dc in next dc, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 3 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, mark as right side, turn. (10sts)

**Rnd 3:** 1ch, dc in next 2dc, bdc in each of next 2dc, dc in next 6dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 4:** 1ch, dc in next 8dc, ss in next dc, turn, miss ss, dc in next 2dc, ss in next dc, turn, miss ss, dc in next 2dc, dc in same dc as ss, dc in next dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 5:** 1ch, dc in next 4dc, dc in same dc as ss, dc in next 5dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnds 6 & 7:** Repeats rnds 4 & 5

**Rnd 8:** 1ch, dc in next 6dc, dc in back loops only of next 2dc, dc in both loops next 2dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnds 9/10:** 1ch, dc in each dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 11 & 12:** Repeats rnds 4 & 5

**Rnd 13:** 1ch, dc in next 10dc, pm, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off, sew in ends and stuff lightly rows 1 to 5.

## Worm Tail

**Rnd 1:** In beige 2ch, 4dc in 1<sup>st</sup> ch, ss to 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, turn. (4sts)

**Rnd 2:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) twice, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, mark as right side, turn. (6sts)

**Rnd 3:** 1ch, dc in each dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 4:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 3 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (9sts)

**Rnds 5/6:** 1ch, dc in each dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 7:** 1ch, 2 dc in next dc, dc in next 8dc, place marker around last dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, fasten off and sew in ends. (10sts)

## Apple Inside

**Rnd 1:** In red 2ch, 6dc in 1<sup>st</sup> ch, ss to 2<sup>nd</sup> ch, turn. (6sts)

**Rnd 2:** 1ch, 2dc in each dc, mark as right side, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (12sts)

**Rnd 3:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next dc) 6 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (18sts)

**Rnd 4:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 2dc) 6 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (24sts)

**Rnd 5:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 3dc) 6 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (30sts)

**Rnd 6:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 4dc) 6 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (36sts)

**Rnd 7:** 1ch, working in front loops only, dc in each dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (36sts)

**Rnds 8-19:** 1ch, dc in each dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

Fasten off and sew in ends.

## Apple Outside

With right side facing, re-attach yarn with ss to last dc of rnd 6, turn.

**Rnd 7:** 1ch, working in back loops only, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 5dc) 6 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (42sts)

**Rnd 8:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 9:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 13dc) 3 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (45sts)

**Rnd 10:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 11:** 1ch, dc in next 21dc, \*place worm head, against apple with right side facing, lining up marked dc on worm with next dc on apple, working through both layers, dc in next 4dc,\*\* dc in next 2dc on apple, rep from \* to \*\* for worm tail, dc in next 14dc on apple, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 12:** 1ch, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 12dc, 2dc in next dc, \*insert hook through next dc of worm tail and next dc on apple, work dc, dc in next 2dc of apple behind worm, miss next 4 dc on worm tail, insert hook through next dc of worm tail and next dc on apple, work dc,\*\* dc in next 2dc on apple, rep from \* to \*\* for worm head, dc in next 6 dc on apple, 2dc in next dc, dc in next 14dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (48sts)

**Rnd 13:** 1ch, dc in next 22dc, \*line up remaining 4dc on worm head with next 4 dc on apple, working through both layers, dc in next 4dc,\*\* dc in next 2dc on apple, rep from \* to \*\* for worm tail, dc in next 4dc, working on outside only, dc in next 16dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 14:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 15dc) 3 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (51sts)

**Rnd 15:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 16:** 1ch, (2dc in next dc, dc in next 16dc) 3 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (54sts)

**Rnd 17:** 1ch, dc in next 25dc, line up 2 unused front loops on rnd 7 of worm with next 2 dc on apple and, working through both layers, dc in next 2dc, working on

apple only, dc in next 27dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnds 18-22:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 23:** 1ch, (dc2tog, dc in next 7dc) 6 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (48sts)

**Rnd 24:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 25:** 1ch, (dc2tog, dc in next 6dc) 6 times, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (42sts)

**Rnd 26:** 1ch, dc in each dc, turn.

**Rnd 27:** 1ch, (dc2tog, dc in next 5dc) 4 times, dc2tog, dc in next dc, place stalk against apple with right side facing, lining up marked dc on stalk with next dc on apple, working through both layers, dc in next 4dc, dc in next dc of apple, dc2tog, dc in next 4dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn. (36sts)

**Rnd 28:** 1ch, dc in next 6dc, insert hook through next dc of stalk and next dc on apple, work dc, dc in next 2dc of apple behind stalk, miss next 3dc on stalk, insert hook through next dc of stalk and next dc on apple, work dc, dc in next 26dc, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn.

**Rnd 29:** 1ch, dc in next 26dc, line up remaining 3 dc on stalk with next 3 dc on apple, working through both layers, dc in next 3dc, dc in next 7 dc of apple only, ss to 1<sup>st</sup> ch, turn, do not fasten off.

Insert the tube between the 2 layers of the apple, making sure that the inside of the apple lies flat against the inside of the tube. Stuff around the outside of the tube to give the apple a nice round shape.

**Edging:** Place the last row of both layers of the apple together matching up the stitches. Working through both layers, dc in each dc, fasten off and sew in ends.

Your pot is now ready to fill with pencils.