

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 otherwise 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

bsc: beaded single 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.

sc2tog: 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, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3sc in next ch, working in unused loops along other side of ch, skip 1st ch, 2sc in next ch, sc in next 3ch, mark as right side, turn. (12sts)

Row 2: Skip sc, sc in next 4sc, 3sc in next sc, sc in next 4sc, slst in next sc, turn.

Rows 3 & 4: Skip slst, sc in next 5sc, 3sc in next sc, sc in next 4sc, slst in next sc, turn.

Row 5: Skip slst, sc in next 5sc, 3 sc in next sc, pm, sc in next 4sc, slst in next sc, fasten off and sew in ends.

Stalk

- Rnd 1:** In brown 2ch, 6sc in 1st ch, slst to 2nd ch, mark as right side, turn. (6sts)
- Rnd 2:** 1ch, (4sc in next sc, sc in next 2sc) twice, slst to 1st ch, turn. (12sts)
- Rnd 3:** 1ch, working in back loops only, sc in each sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Rnd 4:** 1ch, sc in next 5sc, sc2tog 3 times, sc in next sc, slst to 1st ch, turn. (9sts)
- Rnds 5-7:** 1ch, sc in each sc, turn.
- Rnd 8:** 1ch, sc in next 4sc, place leaf against stalk with right sides facing and lining up marked sc on leaf with next sc on stalk, working through both pieces, sc in next 3sc, working on stalk only, sc in next 2sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Rnd 9:** 1ch, sc in each sc, turn.
- Rnd 10:** 1ch, sc in next 9sc, 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 bsc with sc.

- Rnd 1:** In beige 2ch, 7sc in 1st ch, slst to 2nd ch, turn. (7sts)
- Rnd 2:** 1ch, sc in next sc, (2sc in next sc, sc in next sc) 3 times, slst to 1st ch, mark as right side, turn. (10sts)
- Rnd 3:** 1ch, sc in next 2sc, bsc in each of next 2sc, sc in next 6sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Rnd 4:** 1ch, sc in next 8sc, slst in next sc, turn, skip slst, sc in next 2sc, slst in next sc, turn, skip slst, sc in next 2sc, sc in same sc as slst, sc in next sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Rnd 5:** 1ch, sc in next 4sc, sc in same sc as slst, sc in next 5sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Rnds 6 & 7:** Repeats rnds 4 & 5
- Rnd 8:** 1ch, sc in next 6sc, sc in back loops only of next 2sc, sc in both loops next 2sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.

Rnds 9/10: 1ch, sc in each sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.

Rnd 11 & 12: Repeats rnds 4 & 5

Rnd 13: 1ch, sc in next 10sc, pm, slst to 1st ch, fasten off, sew in ends and stuff lightly rows 1 to 5.

Worm Tail

- Rnd 1:** In beige 2ch, 4sc in 1st ch, slst to 2nd ch, turn. (4sts)
- Rnd 2:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next sc) twice, slst to 1st ch, mark as right side, turn. (6sts)
- Rnd 3:** 1ch, sc in each sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Rnd 4:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next sc) 3 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (9sts)
- Rnds 5/6:** 1ch, sc in each sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Rnd 7:** 1ch, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 8sc, place marker around last sc, slst to 1st ch, fasten off and sew in ends. (10sts)

Apple Inside

- Rnd 1:** In red 2ch, 6sc in 1st ch, slst to 2nd ch, turn. (6sts)
- Rnd 2:** 1ch, 2sc in each sc, mark as right side, slst to 1st ch, turn. (12sts)
- Rnd 3:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next sc) 6 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (18sts)
- Rnd 4:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 2sc) 6 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (24sts)
- Rnd 5:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 3sc) 6 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (30sts)
- Rnd 6:** 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 4sc) 6 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (36sts)
- Rnd 7:** 1ch, working in front loops only, sc in each sc, slst to 1st ch, turn. (36sts)
- Rnds 8-19:** 1ch, sc in each sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.
- Fasten off and sew in ends.

Apple Outside

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

Rnd 7: 1ch, working in back loops only, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 5sc) 6 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (42sts)

Rnd 8: 1ch, sc in each sc, turn.

Rnd 9: 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 13sc) 3 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (45sts)

Rnd 10: 1ch, sc in each sc, turn.

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

Rnd 12: 1ch, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 12sc, 2sc in next sc, *insert hook through next sc of worm tail and next sc on apple, work sc, sc in next 2sc of apple behind worm, skip next 4 sc on worm tail, insert hook through next sc of worm tail and next sc on apple, work sc,** sc in next 2sc on apple, rep from * to ** for worm head, sc in next 6 sc on apple, 2sc in next sc, sc in next 14sc, slst to 1st ch, turn. (48sts)

Rnd 13: 1ch, sc in next 22sc, *line up remaining 4sc on worm head with next 4 sc on apple, working through both layers, sc in next 4sc,** sc in next 2sc on apple, rep from * to ** for worm tail, sc in next 4sc, working on outside only, sc in next 16sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.

Rnd 14: 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 15sc) 3 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (51sts)

Rnd 15: 1ch, sc in each sc, turn.

Rnd 16: 1ch, (2sc in next sc, sc in next 16sc) 3 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (54sts)

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

apple only, sc in next 27sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.

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

Rnd 23: 1ch, (sc2tog, sc in next 7sc) 6 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (48sts)

Rnd 24: 1ch, sc in each sc, turn.

Rnd 25: 1ch, (sc2tog, sc in next 6sc) 6 times, slst to 1st ch, turn. (42sts)

Rnd 26: 1ch, sc in each sc, turn.

Rnd 27: 1ch, (sc2tog, sc in next 5sc) 4 times, sc2tog, sc in next sc, place stalk against apple with right side facing, lining up marked sc on stalk with next sc on apple, working through both layers, sc in next 4sc, sc in next sc of apple, sc2tog, sc in next 4sc, slst to 1st ch, turn. (36sts)

Rnd 28: 1ch, sc in next 6sc, insert hook through next sc of stalk and next sc on apple, work sc, sc in next 2sc of apple behind stalk, skip next 3sc on stalk, insert hook through next sc of stalk and next sc on apple, work sc, sc in next 26sc, slst to 1st ch, turn.

Rnd 29: 1ch, sc in next 26sc, line up remaining 3 sc on stalk with next 3 sc on apple, working through both layers, sc in next 3sc, sc in next 7 sc of apple only, slst to 1st 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, sc in each sc, fasten off and sew in ends.

Your pot is now ready to fill with pencils.