

CROCHET APPLES

APPLE APPLIQUE – APPLE DISHCLOTH – APPLE HOTPAD

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Hook size: 5.00mm (H)

Yarn: Cotton worsted (such as Lily's Sugar n' Cream, Bernat's Handicrafter, KnitPicks' Dishie)

Finished Size:

Apples alone are approximately 6" by 4 ½"

Dishcloths and Hotpads are approximately 8" square

Size may vary slightly due to individual crochet tension styles.

Colors:

Color A – White, or another color for the background of the dishcloth or hotpad

Color B – Red, lime, or another color for the apple

Color C – Brown, or another color for the stem

Color D – Green, or another color for the leaf

For the Background:

For dishcloth, make 1. For hotpad, make 2

With Color A, chain 28.

Row 1: Skip first 2 stitches from hook and hdc across (26 hdc and 1 turning chain)

Row 2: Ch 2 and turn. BLO hdc in first (turning) stitch and all across (26 hdc)

Repeat [Row 2] 12 more times for a total of 14 rows altogether, or until you have a 6 to 6 ½" square.

Inner Border: With same color, chain 1 and sc around the sides of the square. There should be 24 stitches along each sides to the corner and then 3 sc in each corner stitch. The side row ends will not align perfectly with stitches, just manage them in there as evenly as you can. For every two row endings, try alternating 3 and 4 stitches up the sides. Finish off (104 stitches)

Finish off yarn, weave in ends.



For the Apple:



With Color B, chain 3 (counts as first dc)

Round 1: In third stitch from hook, dc 9. Connect to top of beginning chain to make 10 stitches (10 stitches)

Round 2: chain 3 (counts as first stitch). Dc in the same stitch, and 2 dc in each st around (20 stitches)

Round 3: chain 3 (counts as first stitch). [2 dc in the next stitch, 1 dc in the next] around (30 stitches)

Round 4: * this row shapes the apple – follow carefully.

As follows in the first 15 stitches:

Chain 1, sc in the same stitch.

hdc, dc, 2 dc, dc, dc, 2hdc, hdc, hdc, sc, sc, 2 hdc, dc, 2 dc, [dc, hdc].

Slip stitch into the next stitch. You should be at the bottom of your round. For the other side, work the other half in reverse as follows:

[hdc, dc], 2 dc, dc, 2 hdc, sc, sc, hdc, hdc, 2hdc, dc, dc, 2 dc, dc, hdc,

Connect to first sc with a slip stich. (40 stitches)



Round 4

Round 5:

As follows in the first 15 stitches:

Chain 1, sc in sc

[hdc, dc], 2 dc, 2 dc, dc, dc, 2 hdc, sc in next 8, 2 hdc, dc, 2 dc, dc, [dc, hdc]

Slip stitch into the next stitch. You should be at the bottom of your round. For the other side, work the other half in reverse as follows:

[hdc, dc], dc, 2 dc, dc, 2 hdc, sc in next 8, 2 hdc, dc, dc, 2 dc, 2 dc, [dc, hdc]

connect to first sc with a slip stich. (54 stitches)



Round 5

Round 6: sl st around (54 stitches)

Finish off yarn, weave in ends.



For the Stem:

With Color C, chain 5.

Row 1: In second stitch, sc in each across. Finish off yarn, leaving a long tail. (4 stitches)

For the Leaf:

With Color D, chain 6

Round 1: in second chain, make an sc. In next chain, make a hdc. In next two chains, make 2 dc in each. In last chain, make 3 sc.

Now you will work up the opposite side of the chain without turning.

In next two chains, make 2 dc in each. In next chain, make a hdc. In next chain, make a sc. Chain 2, then sl st to beginning stich. Finish off yarn, leaving a long tail.

For the Hanging Loop

Optional, if you want a loop to hang the dishrag or hotpad with

With Color A, chain 18

Row 1: Skip first two stitches and hdc across (16 stitches)
Finish off yarn, leaving a long tail.

**Note: the loop will be attached after the final border is put on.*

Assembly:

To assemble, attach stem and leaf to apple using the long tails to sew together. Leave remaining tails in the back of the apple to use to attach to dishcloth.

Place apple diagonally on dishcloth as shown. Sew around the edge of the apple onto the dishcloth (if making a hotpad, sew onto only one). Use the remaining tails to sew stem and apple onto dishcloth as well. Weave in any leftover ends.



Border:

If making a hotpad, at this point place both squares together with both front and back matching with the hdc rows. The border will go through all four stitches of both hotpads all the way around. If desired, you can use a basting stitch and sew the two pieces together using Color A before adding the border, but this is optional. Work the border through the stitches of both squares so that they are joined all the way around.

Round 1: With color B, sc in each stitch around with 3 sc in the corners. Finish off and weave in ends.

If using a hanging loop, use long tails to attach loop on back side of hotpad in the corner that is closest to the apple's stem. Weave in leftover ends.



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