

TEMPLATES

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YOUR GIFT

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MATERIALS

- Stitch marker

TENSION

Tension is not too important for this design, just ensure the sts are tight so the stuffing doesn't show through

ABBREVIATIONS (UK)

- st(s) stitch(es)
- ch chain
- dc double crochet
- inc increase by working 2 dc in next st
- yrh yarn round hook
- dc2tog double crochet 2 sts together – (insert hook in next st, yrh and draw loop through) twice, yrh and draw through all 3 loops on hook
- BLO work stitch through back loop only
- FLO work stitch through front loop only
- magic ring hold yarn in your hand

and wrap working yarn around forefinger twice to create ring, slip ring off your finger and insert hook to pick up first st, ch1, then work the necessary sts for Round 1 and close the ring tightly by pulling the loose end

FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 7 x 5cm (2¾ x 2")

Instructions

The avocado is made in continuous rounds, do not join at the end of each round but continue to the next round. Use a stitch marker or a piece of yarn to indicate the start of each round. When changing colour, do so on the last yrh of the previous st

Round 1 using brown yarn, start with a magic ring, 6dc into the magic ring, pull tight and place marker [6 sts]

Round 2 (1dc, inc) 3 times [9 sts]

Round 3 inc 9 times [18 sts]

Round 4 1dc in each st around [18 sts]

Change to light green yarn

Round 5 9dc, ch5, 1dc in 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 3 ch, 1dc into the same st where the ch began (the 9th st), 9dc [23 sts]

Round 6 (3dc, inc) twice, 1dc, work 1dc in the underside of the ch of the next 3 sts, 3dc in last ch, turn to work down the other side, 6dc, inc, 3dc, inc, 3dc [33 sts]

Round 7 (4dc, inc) twice, 6dc, 4dc in next st, 6dc, inc, 4dc, inc, 2dc, inc, inc [42 sts]

Round 8 1dc in each st around

Change to dark green yarn

Round 9 work this Round in FLO, (6dc, inc) 6 times [48 sts]

Round 10 work this Round in BLO, 1dc in each st around

Round 11 1dc in each st around

Round 12 (6dc, dc2tog) 6 times [42 sts]

Round 13 (5dc, dc2tog) 6 times [36 sts]

Round 14 (4dc, dc2tog) 6 times [30 sts]

Round 15 (3dc, dc2tog) 6 times [24 sts] Begin stuffing

Round 16 (2dc, dc2tog) 6 times [18 sts]

Round 17 (1dc, dc2tog) 6 times [12 sts]

Round 18 dc2tog 6 times, break yarn and fasten off leaving a long tail [6 sts]

Add more stuffing, then use the needle to weave through the last 6 sts. Pull to close, take the tail through the body of the avocado to the top, and make a loop for the keyring. Secure the loop with a double knot and hide the tail inside the body. Using the image on page 7 as a guide, embroider a face with black thread, and cheeks with pink thread.

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