

# Strawberry basket



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Finished size:  
Strawberry 3 – 3.5 cm, leaf 2cm

## Tools

- 3.5mm Bamboo Knitting Needles **Takumi**® Single Pointed (23 cm) (Art No. 3707)
- 3.0mm Amour Crochet Hook (Art No. 1052) or 3.0mm Soft Touch Crochet Hook (Art No. 1031)
- Gold Eye Chenille Needles(No. 18) (Art No. 234/18)
- All-purpose sewing needle
- Patchwork Scissors Mini (Art No. 493/CW)

## Materials

- [A] A small amount of red DK
- [B] A small amount of coral pink DK
- [C] A small amount of green DK
- [D] A small amount of yellow-green DK
- [E] A small amount of 4-ply white
- [F] A small amount of 4-ply yellow
- [G] A small amount of 4-ply soft yellow
- Small basket, 7 x 10cm
- Toy stuffing

## About yarn used for samples

- Sirdar Snuggly DK in [A] 457 Rhubarb, [B] 493 Coral [C] 480 Cutie Clover, [D] 483 Whizz, [G] 320 Pastel Lemon, 50g per 165m, 55% Nylon, 45% Acrylic
- Sirdar Snuggly 4-ply [E] 251 white, 50 g per 226m, 55% Nylon, 45% Acrylic
- Patons Baby Smiles Fairytale Fab [F] 01022 Sundance, 50g per 184m, 100% Acrylic

## Practical tips

- Leave a long end at the beginning and end of each piece for sewing
- Sew seams with RS facing, using mattress stitch.
- The flowers are a good way to try out the basic crochet stitches but if you are not too keen on crochet, you can improvise by cutting out flowers from felt fabric.

## Tension

24 sts and 32 rows for 10 x 10 cm tension square over St st (not essential).

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## <Abbreviations>

RS: right side

WS: wrong side

RH: right hand

St st: stocking stitch

St(s): stitch(es)

K: knit

P: purl

Kfb: k one through the front then through the back (same stitch)

Pfb: p one through the front then through the back (same stitch)

K2tog: knit two together

P2tog: purl two together

Skpo: slip 1 stitch, k 1, pass slipped stitch over

Ch: chain(s)

Dc: double crochet (UK), single crochet (US)

Htr: half-treble crochet (UK), half-double crochet (US)

Ss: slip stitch

Rnd(s): round(s)

## Strawberry

Make as many of each size as you wish.

### Large

With yarn A or B, cast on 10 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 10 times. 20 sts

Rows 3-5: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 6: [K2, k2tog] 5 times. 15 sts

Rows 7-9: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 10: K1, [k2tog] 7 times. 8 sts

Row 11: Purl.

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

### Medium

With yarn A or B, cast on 8 sts.

Row 1 (WS): Purl.

Row 2: [Kfb] 8 times. 16 sts

Rows 3-5: Starting with a p (WS) row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 6: [K2, k2tog] 4 times. 12 sts

Rows 7-9: Starting with a p row, work 3 rows in St st.

Row 10: [K2tog] 6 times. 6 sts

Row 11: Purl.

Break yarn, thread through sts, pull tightly and fasten off.

### Tiny

With yarn G, work as for medium strawberry.

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## Leaf cap

### For large strawberry

With yarn C or D and crochet hook,  
[make 4 ch, ss in first ch] 5 times.  
Fasten off.

### For medium strawberry

With yarn C or D and crochet hook,  
[make 3 ch, ss in first ch] 5 times.  
Fasten off.

### For tiny strawberry

Separate 3 piles from strand of yarn C or D.  
Holding the 3 piles together, work as for medium strawberry cap.

## To make up strawberry

Seam and stuff strawberry.  
Stitch together the ends of leaf cap and attach it to strawberry.

## Leaf

Make as many of each size as you wish to fill the basket.

### Large

With yarn C or D, cast on 5 sts.  
Row 1 (WS): Pfb, p to end. 6 sts  
Row 2: Kfb, k to end. 7 sts  
Rows 3-4: Repeat rows 1-2. 9 sts  
Rows 5-6: Starting with a p row, work 2 rows in St st.  
Row 7: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog. 7 sts  
Row 8: K2tog, k to last 2 sts, k2tog. 5 sts  
Row 9: P2tog, p1, p2tog. 3 sts  
Row 10: Sl1, k2tog. Pass the first st over the second and fasten off.

### Small

With yarn C or D, cast on 5 sts.  
Row 1 (WS): Pfb, p to end. 6 sts  
Row 2: Kfb, k to end. 7 sts  
Row 3: Pfb, p to end. 8 sts  
Rows 4-6: Starting with a k row, work 3 rows in St st.  
Row 7: P2tog, p to last 2 sts, p2tog. 6 sts  
Row 8: K2tog, k2, k2tog. 4 sts  
Row 9: [P2tog] twice. Pass the first st over the second and fasten off.

## Flower

With yarn F and working into a magic ring, 5 dc, join with a ss  
in first dc. 5 sts  
Change to yarn E.  
Rnd 1: (2 ch, 1 htr, 2 ch, ss) in first st, [(ss, 2 ch, 1 htr, 2 ch, ss)  
in next st] 4 times.  
Fasten off.

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## To make up

Place a small amount of toy stuffing in basket.  
 Attach two small leaves on top side of large leaf,  
 leaving one of the yarn ends free.  
 Arrange leaves on basket and secure them to basket,  
 using the free yarn ends.  
 Place strawberries between the leaves.  
 Secure strawberries to basket if you wish.  
 Attach flowers to leaves.



## Designer' s Favorite

### **Bamboo Knitting Needles Takumi® Single Pointed**

These are perfect when you work a small toy project.  
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### **Mini Knitting Counter (Art No. 3118)**



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