



Pin Keeper

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RED HEART® “Super Saver®”: 1 skein 0319 Cherry Red (small tomato) OR 0930 Lipstick (large tomato) **A** and 1 skein 0406 Medium Thyme (stem) **B**

Crochet hook: G-6 (4mm)

Stitch markers
Polyester Fiberfill
Yarn needle

Finished Measurements: small tomato: Approx 3½”/9cm diameter x 1½”/4cm high and large tomato: Approx 5”/12.5cm diameter x 2½”/6.5cm high

GAUGE: 14 sc and 14 rows = 4”/10cm using size G-6 (4mm) crochet hook. Exact gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly to ensure that stuffing will not show through.

Special Abbreviations

sc2tog (sc 2 sts together): [Insert hook in next st, yarn over and draw up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Note: Tomato bodies are worked in continuous rounds; do not join and do not turn at end of rounds, unless otherwise instructed. Place stitch marker to indicate beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.

LARGE TOMATO

Stem

With **B**, ch 2.

Round 1: 8 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with sl st in first sc.

Round 2 (leaves/sepals): [Ch 7, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 2 ch (leaf/sepal made), sl st in next 2 sc of Round 1] 4 times; join with sl st in first ch. Fasten off.

Body

Round 1: Join **A** with sc in back loop of any sl st of Round 2 of Stem; sc in back loop of rem sl sts of Round 2 of Stem; do not join—8 sc.

Round 2: [Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] 4 times—12 sc.

Round 3: Sc in each st around.

Round 4: 2 sc in each st around—24 sc.

Round 5: [Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—32 sc.

Round 6: Sc in each st around.

Round 7: [Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—40 sc.

Round 8: Sc in each st around.

Round 9: [Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—48 sc.

Round 10: Sc in each st around.

Round 11: [Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] 8 times—56 sc.

Rounds 12–14: Sc in each st around.

Round 15: [Sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog] 8 times—48 sts.

Round 16: Sc in each st around.

Round 17: [Sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog] 8 times—40 sts.

Round 18: Sc in each st around.

Round 19: [Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog] 8 times—32 sts.

Round 20: Sc in each st around.

Round 21: [Sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog] 8 times—24 sts.

Stuff Tomato with fiberfill.

Round 22: [Sc in next st, sc2tog] 8 times—16 sts.

Round 23: [Sc2tog] 8 times—8 sts. Fasten off.

Round 24: Join **B** with sc in any st of Round 23, sc in rem sts around; join with sl st in first sc.

Fasten off leaving a long tail. Weave tail through stitches of last row and pull tight. Weave in end.



SMALL TOMATO

Stem

Work as for Large Tomato.

Body

Rounds 1–8: Work Rounds 1–8 of Large Tomato—40 sc.

Rounds 9 and 10: Sc in each st around.

Rounds 11–16: Work Rounds 19–24 of Large Tomato.

FINISHING

Side Indentations

With yarn needle and yarn to match body of tomato, *draw needle and yarn through center of tomato from bottom stem area to top stem area, wrap around side of tomato; repeat from * 4 more times to form five indentations and slightly flatten tomato. Fasten off.

Weave in all ends.



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Art. E300, 7oz/198g, 364yds/333m;
5oz/141g, 224yds/223m

Abbreviations: **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet;
hdc = half double crochet; **rem** = remain(ing); **sc** = single
crochet; **sl st** = slip stitch; **st(s)** = stitch(es); [] Work
directions in brackets number of times indicated.

SHAPING THE TOMATO

- a** Using a yarn needle and yarn to match the tomato, insert needle in bottom of tomato near stem.



- b** Pull needle out at the top of the tomato, to the side of the top stem.



- c** Pull yarn firmly to form indentation. Reaching around side of tomato, insert needle in the bottom, and repeat.

