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EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each of 319 Cherry Red **A**, 334 Buff **B**, 672 Spring Green **C**, 706 Perfect Pink **D**, and 312 Black **E**. Note: Only a small amount of each yarn color is needed.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 3.75 mm [US F-5]

Polyester fiberfill, 18" [45.5 cm] thin gold ribbon (for hanger), stitch marker, yarn needle

GAUGE: 20 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 20 rows/rounds = 4" [10 cm] in single crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

4 MEDIUM **RED HEART® Super Saver®**, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

Cheeky Apple Ornament

This playful apple ornament sports a cheeky grin that teachers and "apple a day" believers will love.

Ornament measures about 3" [7.5 cm] tall.

Notes
1. Apple is made from 5 pieces: Apple, Stem, Leaf, and 2 Cheeks.
2. All pieces are sewn together to complete the ornament.
3. Gauge is not critical for this project. Work tightly so stuffing will not show between stitches.
4. Use photograph as a guide for arrangement of pieces to be sewn together.

Special Stitches
sc2tog (single crochet 2 stitches together) = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

APPLE
With **A**, ch 2.
Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Do not join, work in continuous rounds (spirals). Place a marker for beginning of round. Move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
sc.
Round 3: [Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—18 sc.
Round 4: [Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—24 sc.
Round 5: [Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc] 6 times—30 sc.
Rounds 6–13: Sc in each sc around.
Round 14: [Sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—24 sc.
Round 15: [Sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog] 6 times—18 sc.
Round 16: [Sc in next sc, sc2tog] 6 times—12 sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Stuff Apple firmly with fiberfill. Thread tail through stitches of last round and pull to close opening at top of Apple, then insert needle through center of top of Apple and down through the Apple to center of bottom of Apple. Pull to form an indent in the top and in the bottom of the Apple. Weave in end securely.

STEM
With **B**, ch 6.
Row 1: Work 2 hdc in 2nd ch from hook, slip st in each of the remaining 4 ch. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

LEAF
With **C**, ch 8.
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in each of next 2 ch, dc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch; working along opposite side of foundation ch, dc in next ch, tr in each of next 2 ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch—15 sts.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in first 7 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in remaining 7 sts; join with slip st in first sc.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

CHEEKS (make 2)
With **D**, ch 3.
Round 1: Work 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; join with slip st in top of beginning ch-3.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

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FINISHING

Face: With yarn needle and **E**, using photograph as a guide, embroider a back stitch smile and French knot eyes on front of Apple.

With **D**, sew Cheeks on each side of smile.

With **B**, sew Stem to center top of Apple.

With **C**, sew end of Leaf near Stem.

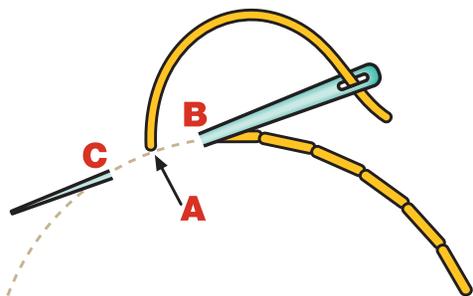Fold gold ribbon in half. Insert crochet hook around a few stitches at top of ornament, place ribbon fold on hook and draw through to form a loop. Thread ends of ribbon through loop and pull to tighten. Tie ends together with bow or overhand knot to form hanging loop.

Weave in any remaining ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C, etc. = Color A, B, C; etc; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **tr** = treble crochet; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

Back Stitch

French Knot