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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS
Circumference: 40"
Height: 17", not including Stems

MATERIALS
Premier® Yarns *Parfait® XL* (100% Polyester; 7 oz/200 g, 87 yds/80 m)
- C1: 2050-06 Burgundy – 3 balls
- C2: 2050-01 White – 1 ball
- C3: 2050-10 Sage – 1 ball

Hook: US Size M-13 (9 mm) hook *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Large tapestry needle, 2 removable stitch markers, small amount of black or dark colored worsted weight yarn (approx. 9-10 yards per pair of eyes) and 4 mm crochet hook, scrap pink yarn (DK or worsted weight), fiber fill

GAUGE
8 sts x 7 rnds = 4" in sc
2 patt reps x 4 rnds = 4" in **Shell in the Round**
Save time, check your gauge.

STITCH GUIDE
Magic Ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6" tail. Insert hook under both strands and pull up a loop. Ch 1 and beg working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

Shell (Sh): Work 3 dc in indicated stitch or space.

Single crochet 3 together (sc3tog): Insert hook in indicated st, yarn over and pull up a loop, (2 loops on hook), insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull up a loop, (3 loops on hook), insert hook in next st, yarn over and pull up a loop, (4 loops on hook), yarn over, pull through all 4 loops (1 st dec'd).

Shell in the Round *(Even number of sts)*
Set up Rnd: Sc in same st, pm in sc just made to mark beg of rnd, sk next st, ***Sh** in next st, sk next st, sc in next st, sk next st; rep from * around – 20 patt reps.
Rnd 1: **Sh** in marked sc, move marker to center of **Sh** just made to mark beg of rnd, *sk next dc, sc in next dc (center of **Sh**), sk next dc, **Sh** in next sc; rep from * to last dc, sk last dc.
Rnd 2: Sc in marked st, pm in sc just made to mark beg of rnd, sk next dc, ***Sh** in next sc, sk next dc, sc in next dc, sk next dc; rep from * around.
Note: Rep instruction given later in patt.

PATTERN NOTES
This Strawberry Squish is worked from the bottom up in the round. The eyes are worked separately then sewn on. If you prefer not to crochet the eyes, you can use large safety eyes (approx. 24-30mm). The Stem is crocheted and stuffed separately then sewn on to the top of the Squish. When instructed to join rounds, do so with a slip stitch.

Strawberry Squish
Level: Advanced

SQUISH
Bottom
Note: When instructed to work scs only with C2, do so as follows: with C1, work last dc to just before last yarn over, drop C1 and pick up C2, pull through both loops on hook, insert hook into indicated st and pull up loop, drop C2 color and pick up C1, yarn over and pull through both loops on hook. Do not cut colors, instead carry colors along the inside of the Squish as you work.

With C1 and larger hook, ch 23.

Rnd 1: Working in back bumps of chs, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each ch across to last ch, 2 sc in last ch, rotate piece and sc in next 21 unused loops on the opposite side of foundation ch, 2 sc in last unused loop, join to beg sc – 46 sc, 2 sc inc'd.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 20 sts, 2 sc in each of last 2 sts, join to beg sc – 52 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in same st, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next st; rep from * to * once, join to beg sc – 58 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, *sc in next 22 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts*, 2 sc in next st; rep from * to * once, join to beg sc – 64 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 5: Ch 1, sc in first 3 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * to * once, join to beg sc – 70 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sc in same st, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 4 sts; rep from * to * once, sc in last 3 sts, join to beg sc – 76 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 7: Ch 1, sc in first 5 sts, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st*, sc in next 5 sts; rep from * to * once, join to beg sc – 82 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each sc around, join to beg sc – 82 sts.

*Now, work **Shell in the Round** in continuous rnds without joining.*

Rnd 9: Work Setup Rnd of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 10: Work Rnd 1 of **Shell in the Round**.

Rnd 11: Working scs only with C2, work Rnd 2 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 12: Change to C1, work Rnd 1 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 13: Work Rnd 2 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 14: Working scs only with C2, work Rnd 1 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 15: Change to C1, work Rnd 2 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 16: Work Rnd 1 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 17: Working scs only with C2, work Rnd 2 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 18: Change to C1, **Sh** in marked sc, move marker to center of **Sh** just made, *sc3tog over center dc of next **Sh**, next sc and center dc of next **Sh**, skipping dc's bet (1 **Sh** dec'd), work 9 **Sh** in est'd patt* rep from * to * once more –2 **Sh** dec'd.

Rnd 19: Sc in marked st, pm in sc just made to mark beg of rnd, sk next dc, **Sh** in next sc, *sc3tog over center dc of next **Sh**, next sc and center dc of next **Sh**, skipping dc's bet (1 **Sh** dec'd)*, work 8 **Sh** in est'd patt, rep from * to * once, work last 7 **Sh** in est patt –2 **Sh** dec'd.

Rnd 20: Working scs only with C2, work Rnd 1 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 21: Change to C1, sc in marked st, pm in sc just made to mark beg of rnd, sk next dc, **Sh** in next sc, *sc3tog over center dc of next **Sh**, next sc and center dc of next **Sh**, skipping dc's bet (1 **Sh** dec'd)*, work 7 **Sh** in est'd patt, rep from * to * once, work last 6 **Sh** in est patt – 14 Sh, 2 **Sh** dec'd.

Rnd 22: **Sh** in marked sc, move marker to center of Sh just made, *sc3tog over center dc of next **Sh**, next sc and center dc of next **Sh**, skipping dc's bet (1 **Sh** dec'd)*, work 7 **Sh** in est'd patt, rep from * to * once, work last 6 **Sh** in est patt – 2 **Sh** dec'd.

Rnd 23: Working scs only with C2, work Rnd 2 of **Shell in the Round.**

Rnd 24: Change to C1, **Sh** in marked sc, move marker to center of **Sh** just made, *sc3tog over center dc of next **Sh**, next sc and center dc of next **Sh**, skipping dc's bet (1 **Sh** dec'd), work 5 **Sh** in est'd patt*, rep from * to * once more – 2 **Sh** dec'd.

Rnd 25: Sc in marked st, pm in sc just made to mark beg of rnd, sk next dc, **Sh** in next sc, *sc3tog over center dc of next **Sh**, next sc and center dc of next **Sh**, skipping dc's bet (1 **Sh** dec'd)*, work 4 **Sh** in est'd patt, rep from * to * once, work last 3 **Sh** in est patt – 2 **Sh** dec'd.

Remove marker and fasten off, leaving a long tail to close.

Eyes (Make 2)

With Black yarn, make a **Magic Ring.**

Rnd 1: Into the **Magic Ring** and with smaller hook, work 6 sc, place removable marker in the last sc to mark end of rnd. Begin working in a spiral, moving marker to the last st of each rnd – 6 sc.

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc around – 12 sc.

Rnd 3: *2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around – 18 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Stem

With C3 and larger hook, make a **Magic Ring**

Rnd 1: Into the **Magic Ring** work 6 sc, place removeable marker in the last sc to mark end of rnd. Begin working in a spiral, moving marker to the last st of each rnd – 6 sc.

Rnd 2: Sc in each sc around – 6 sc.

Rnd 3-8: Rep Rnd 2.

Rnd 9: 2 sc in each sc around - 12 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 10: *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; rep from * around – 18 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Inc in next sc, sc in next sc; rep from * around-18 sc.

Rnd 11: *2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; rep from * around – 24 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 12: *2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts; rep from * around – 30 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Rnd 13: *2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts; rep from * around – 36 sc, 6 sc inc'd.

Do NOT fasten off.

Leaves

Setup Rnd: With larger hook, *ch 11, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in last 3 ch, sk next 4 sc on base of Stem, sl st in next 2 sc on base of Stem, ch 9, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 2 ch, sk next 4 sc on base of Stem, sl st in next 2 sc on base of Stem; rep from * around, join to base of beg ch 11. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

Stuff Squish halfway with fiber fill. Sew on Eyes, using photo as a guide. With pink scrap yarn, embroider mouth. Finish stuffing and then, weave tail through rem sts and pull to secure. Do NOT sew closed entirely, instead, leave an area slightly smaller than Stem open to hold the shape. Stuff Stem with fiberfill, do not sew closed. Sew Stem on top to cover open area.

Weave in ends.

Abbreviations

beg	begin(ning)
bet	between
ch	chain
dc	double crochet
dec('d)	decrease(d)
inc('d)	increase(d)
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rem	remain(ing)
rep(s)	repeat(s)
rnd(s)	round(s)
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sp(s)	space(es)
st(s)	stitch(es)
sl st	slip stitch
yo	yarn over

Shown with Parfait XL Pineapple Squish