CROCHET BAG CHARM: MINI STRAWBERRY CHARM

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WHAT YOU WILL MAKE

A small, plump strawberry charm with a leafy green top, embroidered cream seeds, and a hanging loop with a clasp, ready to clip onto a bag. This charm is decoration only. It is not a bag, a pouch, or a holder.

SKILL LEVEL

Confident beginner. You should be comfortable with a magic ring, single crochet, increases, decreases, and working in continuous rounds.

MATERIALS

- Small amounts of yarn in red, green, and cream or white. This is a scrap friendly project and needs only a little of each color.
- A crochet hook suited to your yarn, choosing a size that gives a firm fabric with no gaps where stuffing could show.
- A small amount of polyester fiberfill
- Yarn needle, scissors, and a stitch marker
- One lobster clasp or split ring for hanging

ABBREVIATIONS, US TERMS

MR: magic ring

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

inc: increase, work 2 sc in the same stitch

dec: decrease, work 2 stitches together as one sc

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

NOTES

- Work in continuous rounds unless stated otherwise. Mark the first stitch of each round with your stitch marker.
- Stuff as you go, adding small pieces of fiberfill at a time so the shape stays smooth and even.
- Do not overstuff. The strawberry should feel plump and firm, not stretched.
- Finished size will vary with your yarn, hook, and tension. No exact finished size is claimed for this adaptation. See sources.txt.

STRAWBERRY BODY, IN RED

Start with a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc into the ring.

Round 2: Increase in every stitch around, for 12 stitches.

Round 3: Work one sc, then an increase, and repeat around, for 18 stitches.

Round 4: Work two sc, then an increase, and repeat around, for 24 stitches.

Rounds 5 to 7: Work one sc in every stitch around, keeping 24 stitches.

Round 8: Work two sc, then a decrease, and repeat around, for 18 stitches. Begin stuffing lightly.

Round 9: Work one sc, then a decrease, and repeat around, for 12 stitches. Add a little more stuffing to shape the berry.

Round 10: Decrease around, for 6 stitches. Finish stuffing, shaping the lower end into a soft point rather than a flat base, then close the opening with your yarn needle and weave in the end.

LEAFY TOP, IN GREEN

Start with a magic ring.

Round 1: Work 6 sc into the ring.

Round 2: Work one sc, then an increase, and repeat around, for 9 stitches.

Next, form the leaf points around the edge. For each point, chain 3, slip stitch back down the chain, then slip stitch into the next stitch of the round. Repeat around the edge until you have a ring of small pointed leaves. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

FINISHING

1. Center the leafy top over the closed, narrower end of the strawberry body and sew it on securely with the green tail, stitching through both layers so it cannot pull loose.

2. Using cream or white yarn and your yarn needle, embroider small seed stitches scattered across the red body. Keep the seeds random rather than lined up in neat rows, for a more natural look.

3. Make a hanging loop at the top of the leaves. Chain a short loop, or use a short length of yarn folded into a loop, and sew both ends firmly into the top of the charm.

4. Thread the lobster clasp or split ring through the loop. Pull firmly, but gently, on the clasp, the loop, and the leafy top to test every join before use.

5. Weave in all remaining ends.

CARE

Spot clean with a damp cloth and mild soap if needed, and let the charm air dry flat. Remove the metal clasp before washing if you can.

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