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What do you need:

- *Super fine* yarn (at a recommended hook size of 2.5-3.5 mm). I used Cotone Uni by Lana Grossa (in the colours “Bordeaux (059)” and “Mokka (029)”; gauge: 10 cm = 23 M)
- I worked with a hook of size 3.00 mm
- Scissors
- Fiberfill
- Darning needle

Skill level: easy

Finished size (L x W): appr. 11 x 5 cm

The instruction is written in **American English Crochet** terms.

Abbreviations:

sc = single crochet / *hdc* = half-double crochet / *dc* = double crochet / *inc* = increase / *dec* = decrease / *st*, *sts* = stitch, stitches / *sl st* = slip stitch / *ch* = chain / *YO* = yarn over / *rd* = round / *rw* = row / *MR* = magic ring

You crochet the **GRAPES** in **spiralrounds** of sc sts and the **STEM** in rows using different stitch types.

The number in the brackets at each row end indicates the new number of sts (excluding the turning ch sts!).

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How to read the instructions:

I abbreviate several consecutive stitches as follows:

“**5 sc, inc (7)**” means that you work a sc in each of the next **5 sts** and 2 sc in the 6th stitch, getting a round of 7 sts.

“**4 sc, dec (5)**” means, likewise, working a sc in each of the next **4 sts** and then crocheting the 5th & 6th st in a sc together, reducing the round from 6 to 5 sts.

For the inc and dec sts, I shorten several consecutive increases/decreases in terms of *y-times*:

“**2x inc**” means that you increase the next 2 sts by working 2 sc in each of the next 2 sts (getting 4 sc in total).

“**3x dec**” means that you sc each of the next 3 st-pairs together, thus, sc the 1st & 2nd sc together, the 3rd & 4th, and the 5th & 6th.

INSTRUCTIONS

GRAPES:

Take the Bordeaux yarn.

- 1. Rd:** 6 sc in MR (6)
- 2. Rd:** inc every st (12)
- 3. – 5. Rd:** 1 sc in each st around (12)
- 6. Rd:** dec every 2nd st (8)

Stuff the inside with fiberfill.

- 7. Rd:** dec every st and close the hole.

Make a double knot and hide the yarn tail inside the body.



One **GRAPE** is finished. Repeat this pattern for another 14 times, until you got 15 **GRAPES**.

MAIN-STEM:

Take the dark-brown yarn and ch 25.

- 1. Rw:** starting with 2nd ch st from hook, work 1 sl st in the first 20 ch sts, 1 hdc, 2 dc, sl st in last st (24)

Weave in the yarn ends.



SIDE-STEMS:

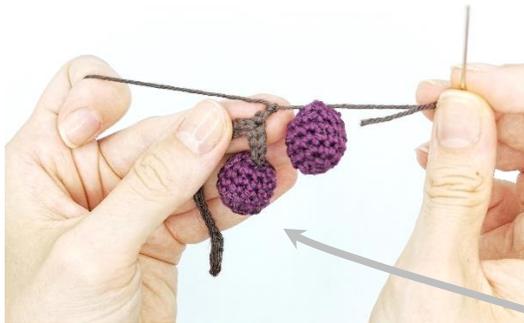
Take a new dark-brown yarn and stitch, beginning from the end of the **MAIN-STEM** (the thinner side), after every 2 sts a **SIDE-STEM** at both sides of the row. Thereby, the **SIDE-STEMS** are offset by 1 st between both row-sides. The **SIDE-STEMS** are done as follows: yarn over and take up a loop, then make 2 ch sts using both strands of the yarn ends (hence, the 2 ch sts are worked using 2 yarn strands).

Thread one yarn end through the top of a grape using a darning needle. Then, make a double knot with the dark-brown yarn ends to attach the **GRAPE** to the **SIDE-STEM**.

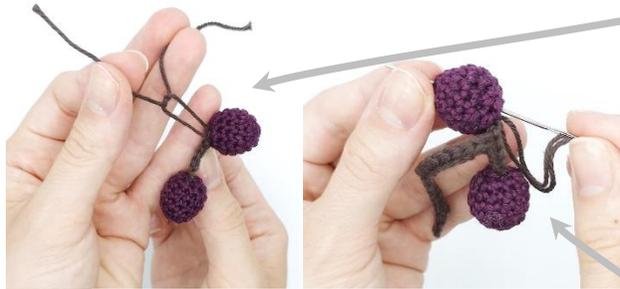
Repeat this until all the remaining 14 **GRAPES** are attached through **SIDE-STEMS** to the **MAIN-STEM**.

For the **GRAPE** at the very bottom of the **MAIN-STEM** just thread a dark-brown yarn through the last st and one **GRAPE** and secure the fruit to the stem using a double-knot (no **SIDE-STEM** needed). Weave in both yarn ends.

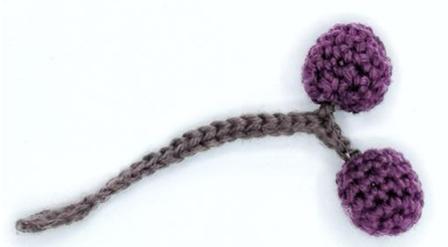




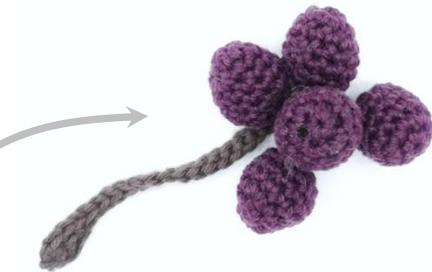
...With the darning needle sew one yarn end through a new GRAPE. Attach the GRAPE to the SIDE-STEM with a double-knot...



...and hide both yarn ends inside the GRAPE.



Continue the steps for the remaining GRAPES...



... until all GRAPES are attached. FINISHED!

