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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 “Red (018)”, “White (022)”, “Linden Green (073)” 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 of the watermelon (L x W x H): appr. 13.5 x 14.5 (at widest point) x 3 cm

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

Abbreviations:

sc = single 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 / *c2t* = chain 2 + turn your work / *c1t* = chain 1 + turn your work

You crochet in **rows**. At the end of each row, you ch 1 (if the new row is worked in sc sts) resp. ch 2 (if the new row is worked in dc sts), then turn your work to start the next row. I refer to this as “c1t” resp. “c2t”. You, then, skip those turning ch sts [1 resp. 2] in the new row.

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**, 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**, 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* and include the *stitch type* (stated as *-x sc/dc-inc resp. -x sc/dc-dec*):

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

“**3x sc-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

We start by crocheting the **FRONT** and the **BACK** of the watermelon:

Take a **red** yarn and ch 4 (ch 2 + turning ch 2). Thereby, leave about 75 cm yarn beginning that is later used to sew the parts together.

Note: at each row-beginning, you skip the turning ch sts. That is, in 1.-16., 18.+19. Rw you start with the 3rd st from hook; in 17.+20. Rw you start with the 2nd st from hook.

- 1. Rw:** 2x dc-inc, c2t (4)
- 2. Rw:** dc-inc, 2 dc, dc-inc, c2t (6)
- 3. Rw:** dc-inc, 4 dc, dc-inc, c2t (8)
- 4. Rw:** dc-inc, 6 dc, dc-inc, c2t (10)
- 5. Rw:** dc-inc, 8 dc, dc-inc, c2t (12)
- 6. Rw:** dc-inc, 10 dc, dc-inc, c2t (14)
- 7. Rw:** dc-inc, 12 dc, dc-inc, c2t (16)
- 8. Rw:** dc-inc, 14 dc, dc-inc, c2t (18)
- 9. Rw:** dc-inc, 16 dc, dc-inc, c2t (20)
- 10. Rw:** dc-inc, 18 dc, dc-inc, c2t (22)
- 11. Rw:** dc-inc, 20 dc, dc-inc, c2t (24)
- 12. Rw:** dc-inc, 22 dc, dc-inc, c2t (26)
- 13. Rw:** dc-inc, 24 dc, dc-inc, c2t (28)
- 14. Rw:** dc-inc, 26 dc, dc-inc, c2t (30)
- 15. Rw:** dc-inc, 28 dc, dc-inc, c2t (32)
- 16. Rw:** dc-inc, 30 dc, dc-inc (34). Now, **ch 1** and turn your work (c1t). While working ch 1, change the yarn colour to **white**. Continue the next row in white colour.
- 17. Rw:** sc-inc, 32 **sc**, sc-inc (36). Now, **ch 2** again. While working the 1st ch st, change the colour to **green**. The 2nd ch st is, thus, worked in green yarn colour.
- 18. Rw:** dc-inc, 34 dc, dc-inc, c2t (38)
- 19. Rw:** dc-inc, 36 dc, dc-inc, **c1t** (40)
- 20. Rw:** 1 sl st in each dc st across (40).

Leave about 30 cm yarn tail to sew the FRONT resp. BACK part to the SIDE part.

Repeat this pattern for the BACK part.



SIDE:

Take a red yarn and ch 6 (ch 4 + turning ch 2).

Note: at each row-beginning, you skip the turning ch sts. That is, in 1.-16., 18., 19., 60., 61., 63. - 78. Rw you start with the 3rd st from hook; in 17., 20. - 59., 62. Rw you start with the 2nd st from hook.

1.-15. Rw: 1 dc in each st across, c2t (4).

16. Rw: 1 dc in each st across. At the end, **c1t** while changing the yarn colour to **white** (4)

17. Rw: 1 sc in each st across, **c2t** while changing the yarn colour to **green** in the 1st ch st (4)

18. Rw: 1 dc in each st across, c2t (4)

19. Rw: 1 dc in each st across, **c1t** (4)

20. - 58. Rw: 1 sc in each st across, c1t (4)

59. Rw: 1 sc in each st across, **c2t** (4)

60. Rw: 1 dc in each st across, c2t (4)

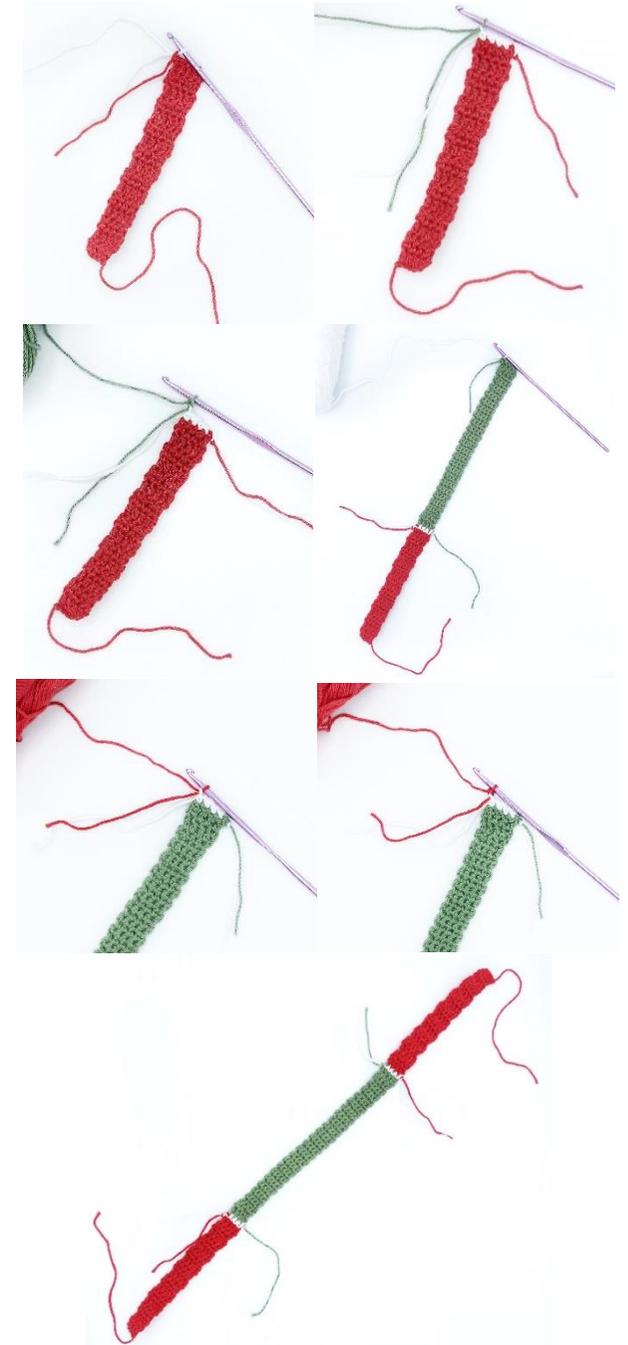
61. Rw: 1 dc in each st across, **c1t** while changing colour to **white** (4)

62. Rw: 1 sc in each st across, c2t while changing colour to red in 1st ch st

63. - 77. Rw: 1 dc in each st across, c2t (4)

78. Rw: 1 dc in each st across, sl st in last st

Leave about 30 cm yarn tail to sew the **SIDE** to the **FRONT** resp. **BACK**.



Now, sew the **FRONT** resp. **BACK** parts to the **SIDE** part. Before closing the form, insert a small amount of fiberfill until you get a solid flat shape.



For the **SEEDS**, take a dark-brown yarn and darning needle and stitch *around* a few dc-posts at the **FRONT** and **BACK** SIDE.

