

## BASKET OF STRAWBERRIES

1990s Crochet Pattern



*Plump crocheted strawberries arranged in a cheerful green rag basket are a summer decorating delight!*

## INSTRUCTIONS

### Experience Level

Intermediate

### Finished Measurements

Basket: 6½" diameter, 2" high (without handle)

### Materials

- 1 yd green scrap fabric
- Size P crochet hook
- Crochet cotton size 10\* (1¾ oz per skein): 1 skein red #666, ¼ skein green #910
- Size 4 steel crochet hook
- 80" 7/8"-wide ribbon (optional)
- Scissors
- Matching sewing thread
- Sewing needle
- Polyester fiberfill
- Pins or glue
- Fabric stiffener (optional)

\*Sample project was completed with DMC Brilliant knitting/crochet cotton Art. 981.

### Gauge

3 sc = 2" (basket); 7 sc = 1" (strawberries)

To save time, take time to check gauge.

### Basket

**Note:** Wrong side is on the outside.

Cut a 5"-wide fabric strip across fabric width for the handle and surface and set aside. Cut the rest of the fabric into 1" strips. Sew ends together to make 1 long strip.

**Rnd 1:** With P hook and fabric strip, ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join with a sl st in first sc to form ring.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), 2 sc in each

sc around, join with a sl st in first sc. (11 sc)

**Rnd 3:** Work 2 sc in each sc and ch around, join with a sl st in first sc. (22 sc)

**Rnd 4:** Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), \*sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, rep from \* around, join with a sl st in first sc. (34 sts)

**Rnds 5–9:** Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), sc in each sc around, join with a sl st in first sc, fasten off.

### Handle

On remaining 5"-wide strip, cut off a 10" length for covering the surface. Cut remaining strip lengthwise into 2 (2½"-wide) strips.

Sew end of strips together to make 1 strip. Sl st into any sc on the last row of basket, ch 15, sl st in the sc directly across from the beg st, fasten off.

If desired, use fabric stiffener to shape the basket.

### Strawberries

#### Make 20

**Note:** The wrong side is on the outside.

**Rnd 1:** With steel crochet hook and red, starting at the bottom of the strawberry, ch 5, join with a sl st to form a ring, ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), [sc into ring] 8 times, join with a sl st in first sc. (9 sts)

**Rnd 2:** Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, rep from \* around, join with a sl st in first sc. (14 sts)

**Rnds 3–6:** Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), sc in each sc around, join with a sl st in first sc. (14 sts)



**Rnd 7:** Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), \*2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, rep from \* around, join with a sl st in first sc. (22 sts)

**Rnds 8–12:** Rep Rnd 3.

Stuff strawberry firmly with fiberfill.

**Rnd 13:** Ch 1 (counts as 1 sc), \*sc in next sc, sk next sc, rep from \* around, sc in last sc, join with a sl st in first sc. (12 sts)

**Rnds 14 & 15:** Rep Rnd 13, fasten off.

## Strawberry Top

Make 20

**Rnd 1:** With green ch 15, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each of next 12 chs, sl st in last ch (stem formed), ch 5, join with a sl st to form a ring.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), work 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of beg ch-3.

**Rnd 3:** \*[Sc, hdc, dc] in next st, [dc, hdc, sc] in next st, rep from \* around, fasten off, leaving a 12" tail.

Thread tail through ndl and tack to top of the strawberry.

## Bows (Optional)

Cut ribbon in half and tie each in a bow to each edge of handle.

## Assembly

Fill basket with fiberfill. Cover fiberfill with rem fabric strip. Tack fabric strip to sides of basket. Attach strawberries to the surface using pins or glue. ❖

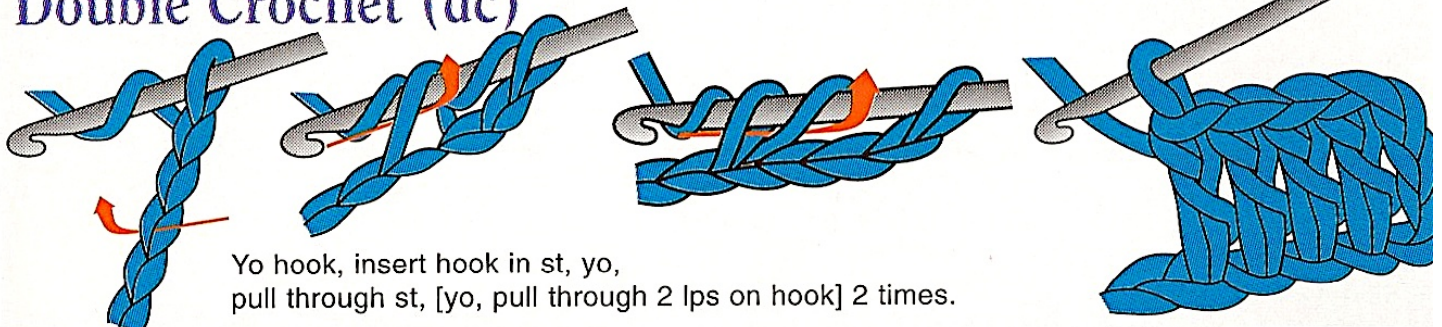
## ABBREVIATIONS

beg .....	begin(ning)
bpdc .....	back post dc
ch .....	chain
CC .....	contrasting color
dc .....	double crochet
dec .....	decrease
dtr .....	double treble crochet
fpdc .....	front post dc
hdc .....	half-double crochet
inc .....	increase
lp(s) .....	loop(s)
MC .....	main color
rem .....	remaining
rep .....	repeat
rnd(s) .....	round(s)
RS .....	right side of work faces you
sc .....	single crochet
sk .....	skip
sl st .....	slip stitch
sp(s) .....	space(s)
st(s) .....	stitch(es)
tog .....	together
tr .....	triple crochet
trtr .....	treble treble crochet
yo .....	yarn over
WS .....	wrong side of work faces you



## STITCH GUIDE

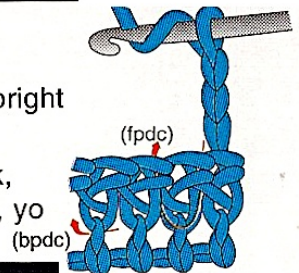
### Double Crochet (dc)



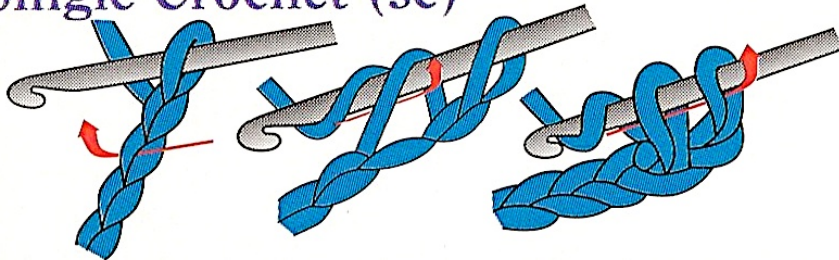
### Front Post Dc (fpdc) & Back Post Dc (bpdc)

**Fpdc:** Yo, insert hook from front to back and to front again around the vertical post (upright part) of next st, yo and draw yarn through, yo and complete dc.

**Bpdc:** Yo, reaching over top of piece and working on opposite side (right side) of work, insert hook from right to left around vertical post of next st, yo and draw yarn through, yo and complete dc.

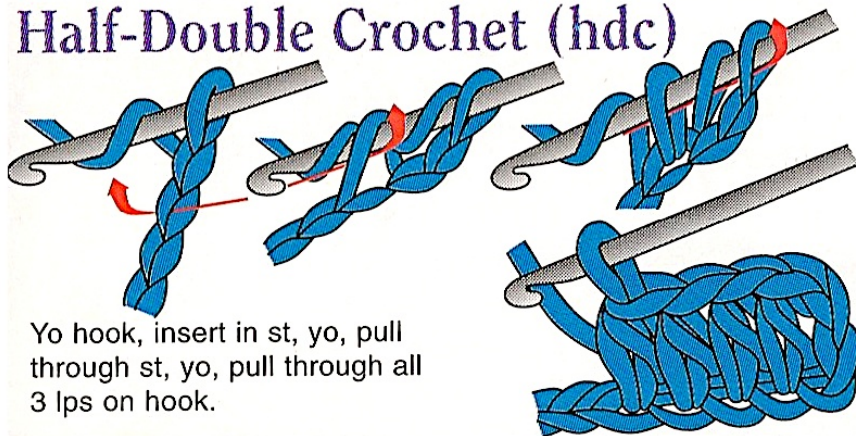


### Single Crochet (sc)



Insert hook in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through both lps on hook.

### Half-Double Crochet (hdc)



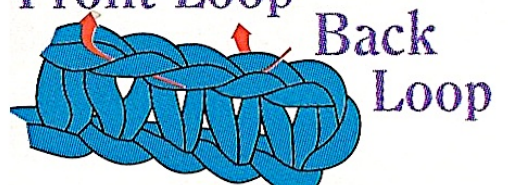
Yo hook, insert in st, yo, pull through st, yo, pull through all 3 lps on hook.

### Reverse Single Crochet



Working left to right, insert hook in next stitch to the right, draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook to complete the reverse sc.

### Front Loop



### Color Change

Drop first color; pull second color through last 2 lps of sts.

