

# FRUIT Potholders

~ Strawberry ~ Orange ~ Pear ~ Lemon ~

1980s Crochet Patterns



## STRAWBERRY

SIZE: Approx 7" wide x 6½" long

### MATERIALS:

Worsted weight yarn: 2½ oz bright red;  
5 yds medium green;  
3 yds white

Size H aluminum crochet hook (or size required for gauge)

Size 16 tapestry needle or yarn needle (for embroidery)

Plastic ring (1" diameter)

GAUGE: In sc, 11 sts = 3"; 4 rows = 1"

### INSTRUCTIONS

(Make 2 sections)

Beg at bottom, with red, ch 7.

**ROW 1:** Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook; sc in each of next 3 chs, work 2 sc in each of rem 2 chs = 9 sc.

**ROW 2:** Ch 1, turn; work 2 sc in first sc, sc in each rem sc across = 10 sc (**one st increased**).

**ROW 3:** Work even. (*Note: To "work even", ch 1, turn; sc in each sc across.*)

**ROW 4:** Ch 1, turn; work 3 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc = 13 sc (**3 sts increased**).

**ROW 5:** Rep Row 2 = 14 sc.

**ROW 6:** Ch 1, turn; work 2 sc in first sc, sc in each sc across to last sc, 2 sc in last sc = 16 sc (**2 sts increased**).

**ROWS 7 and 8:** Rep Row 2, twice. (*At end of Row 8, you should have 18 sc.*)

**ROW 9:** Rep Row 4 = 21 sc.

**ROWS 10 through 12:** Work 3 rows even.

**ROW 13:** Rep Row 2 = 22 sc.

**ROW 14:** Rep Row 4 = 25 sc.

**ROW 15:** Rep Row 2 = 26 sc.

**ROWS 16 through 18:** Work 3 rows even.

**ROW 19 (dec row):** Ch 1, turn; dec over first 2 sc as follows: Draw up a lp in each of first 2 sc, YO hook and draw through all 3 lps on hook (**dec made**); sc in each rem sc across to last 2 sc, dec over last 2 sc = 24 sc (**2 sts decreased**).

**ROW 20:** Work even.

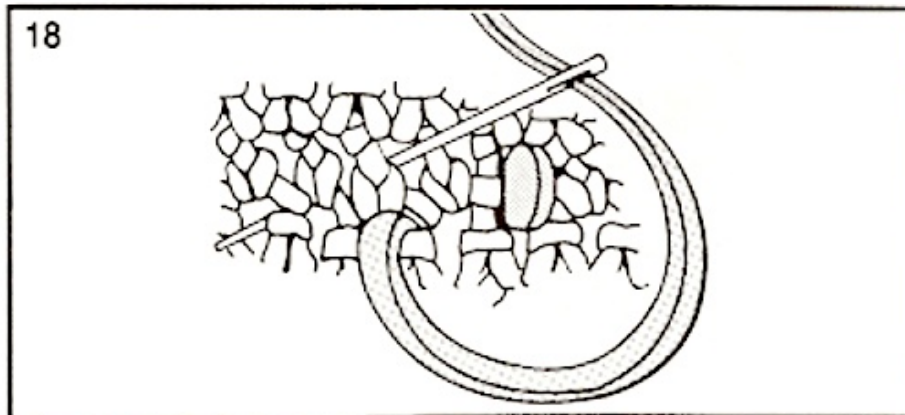
**ROWS 21 through 24:** Rep Rows 19 and 20, twice. (*At end of Row 24, you should have 20 sc.*) **Do not finish off; continue with top shaping as follows:**

**FIRST HALF: ROW 1:** Ch 1, turn; dec over first 2 sc, sc in each of next 7 sc, sl st in next sc (*leave rem 10 sts unworked*) = 9 sts. **ROW 2:** Ch 1, turn; sk sl st, dec over next 2 sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, dec over last 2 sc = 6 sc. **ROW 3:** Ch 1, turn; dec over first 2 sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, sl st in last sc = 5 sts. Finish off; weave in ends. Then work second half as follows:

**SECOND HALF:** Hold section with shaping just worked at top and to your right. **ROW 1:** Join red with a sl st in first unworked st to your right (*next to shaping just completed*); sc in each of next 7 sc, dec over last 2 sc. **ROW 2:** Ch 1, turn; dec over first 2 sc, sc in each of next 4 sc, dec over last 2 sc = 6 sc. **ROW 3:** Ch 1, turn; dec over first 2 sc, sc in each of next 3 sc, sl st in last sc = 5 sts. Finish off; weave in ends.

### EMBROIDERY

Embroider seeds on one section for front of potholder as follows: Thread 36" strand of white into tapestry or yarn needle doubled. Work straight sts vertically (**Fig 18**) between scs of every 2nd or 3rd row, having sts unevenly spaced as shown in photo.



### ASSEMBLING

Hold both sections tog, having front section with embroidered seeds facing you. With red, beg at center top and sc sections tog (*work sc in each corresponding st/row around*).

### FINISHING

With green, make a slip knot on hook, then work 16 sc around plastic ring; join with a sl st in beg sc. **Do not finish off; continue with hull as follows:** \* Ch 6, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch, sc in each of rem 3 chs (**one point completed**). Return to ring, sk sc where sl st was worked before point, sk next sc, sl st in next sc; rep from \* 3 times more = 4 points. Finish off, leaving approx 10" sewing length. Sew to front of potholder at center top.

## ORANGE

SIZE: Approx 7" diameter

### MATERIALS:

Worsted weight yarn: 2 oz bright orange;  
10 yds medium green

Size H aluminum crochet hook (or size required for gauge)

Plastic ring (1" diameter)

GAUGE: In sc, 4 sts = 1"; 4 rnds = 1"

### INSTRUCTIONS

(Make 2 sections)

With orange, ch 2.

**RND 1:** Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook = 6 sc. **Do not join; work continuous rnds (without joining). Use a small safety pin or piece of yarn in contrasting color and make first st of rnd; move marker at beg of each rnd.**

**RND 2:** Inc (*increase—work 2 sc in st*) in each sc around = 12 sc.

**RND 3:** \* Sc in next sc, inc; rep from \* around = 18 sc.

**RND 4:** \* Sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; rep from \* around = 24 sc.

**RND 5:** Sc in next sc, inc; \* sc in each of next 3 sc, inc; rep from \* to last 2 sc, sc in each of last 2 sc = 30 sc.

**RND 6:** \* Inc, sc in each of next 4 sc; rep from \* around = 36 sc.

**RND 7:** Sc in each of next 3 sc, inc; \* sc in each of next 5 sc, inc; rep from \* to last 2 sc, sc in each of last 2 sc = 42 sc.

**RND 8:** \* Sc in each of next 6 sc, inc; rep from \* around = 48 sc.

**RND 9:** Sc in each of next 4 sc, inc; \* sc in each of next 7 sc, inc; rep from \* to last 3 sc, sc in each of last 3 sc = 54 sc.

**RND 10:** Sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; \* sc in each of next 8 sc, inc; rep from \* to last 6 sc, sc in each of last 6 sc = 60 sc.

**RND 11:** \* Inc, sc in each of next 9 sc; rep from \* around = 66 sc.

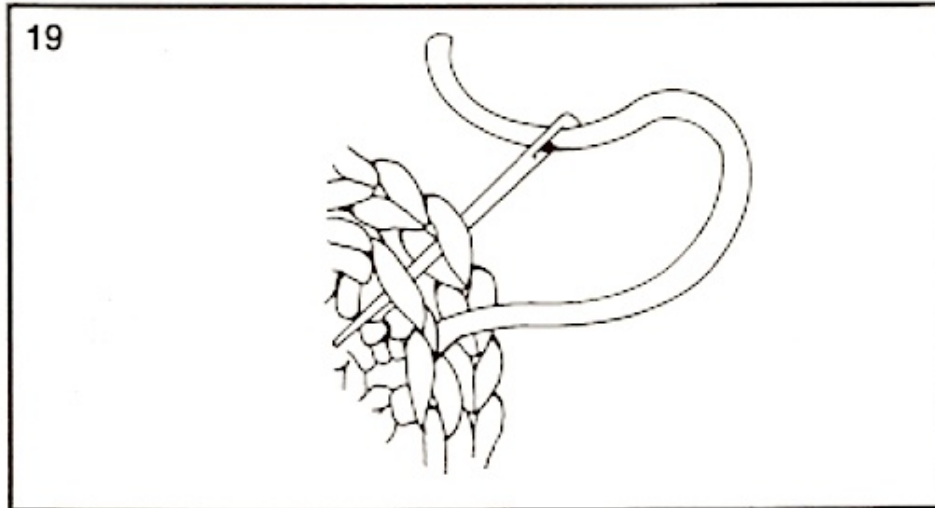
**RND 12:** Sc in each of next 6 sc, inc; \* sc in each of next 10 sc, inc; rep from \* to last 4 sc, sc in each of last 4 sc = 72 sc.

**RND 13:** Sc in each of next 3 sc, inc; \* sc in each of next 11 sc, inc; rep from \* to last 8 sc, sc in each of last 8 sc = 78 sc.

**RND 14:** Sc in each sc around, join with a sl st in beg sc. Finish off, leaving approx 36" sewing length (*on one section only*).

### ASSEMBLING

Hold both sections tog, having wrong side of sts on outside of potholder. Sew sections tog with overcast st in **outer lps only (Fig 19)** of corresponding sts around.



### FINISHING

With medium green, make a slip knot on hook, then work 16 sc around plastic ring; join with a sl st in beg sc. Finish off, leaving approx 8" sewing length. Sew ring to edge of potholder.

**LEAF (make 2):** With medium green, ch 9. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next ch; hdc in next ch, dc in each of next 2 chs; hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch. **Continuing on opposite side of starting chain,** sc in next st, hdc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts; hdc in next st, sc in each of last 2 sts; join with a sl st in beg sc. Finish off, leaving approx 8" sewing length. Sew leaves to top of potholder as positioned in photo.

## PEAR

SIZE: Approx 6½" wide × 8" long

### MATERIALS:

Worsted weight yarn: 2½ oz light green;

10 yds medium green

Size H aluminum crochet hook (or size required for gauge)

Plastic ring (1" diameter)

GAUGE: In sc, 4 sts = 1"; 4 rnds = 1"

### INSTRUCTIONS

(Make 2 sections)

With light green, ch 5.

**RND 1:** Work 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook; sc in each of next 2 chs, work 3 sc in last ch. **Continuing on opposite side of starting chain**, sc in each of next 2 sts = 10 sc. **Do not join; work continuous rnds (without joining). Use a small safety pin or piece of yarn in contrasting color and mark first st of rnd; move marker at beg of each rnd.**

**RND 2:** Work 2 sc in next sc, 3 sc in next sc; 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 3 sc; 3 sc in next sc, sc in each of rem 3 sc = 16 sc.

**Note:** On following rnds, "inc" means to increase (work 2 sc in st).

**RND 3:** Work (inc, sc in next sc) 4 times; sc in each of next 3 sc, work 3 sc in next sc (2 sts increased), sc in each of rem 4 sc = 22 sc.

**RND 4:** Inc, sc in each of next 2 sc; work (inc, sc in next sc) twice; inc, sc in each of next 2 sc; inc, sc in each of next 4 sc; inc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of rem 4 sc = 30 sc.

**RND 5:** Sc in each of next 4 sc, inc; work (sc in each of next 3 sc, inc) 3 times; sc in each of next 4 sc, inc; sc in next sc, work 3 sc in next sc (*2 sts increased*); sc in next sc, inc; sc in each of rem 4 sc = 38 sc.

**RND 6:** Sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; work (sc in each of next 3 sc, inc) 4 times; sc in each of next 9 sc, inc in each of next 3 sc; sc in each of rem 7 sc = 46 sc.

**RND 7:** Sc in next sc, inc; work (sc in each of next 3 sc, inc) 6 times; sc in each of next 6 sc, inc; sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; sc in next sc, inc; sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; sc in each of rem 5 sc = 57 sc.

**RND 8:** Sc in each sc around.

**RND 9:** Work (sc in each of next 4 sc, inc) 6 times; sc in each of next 13 sc, work (inc, sc in next sc) 3 times; sc in each of rem 8 sc = 66 sc.

**RND 10:** Sc in each sc around.

**RND 11:** Sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; work (sc in each of next 5 sc, inc) 6 times; sc in each of next 13 sc, work 3 hdc in next sc (*2 sts increased*); work 2 hdc in each of next 2 sc (*2 sts increased*), work 3 hdc in next sc (*2 sts increased*), sc in each of rem 10 sc = 79 sts.

**RND 12:** Sc in each st around.

**RND 13:** Work (sc in each of next 4 sc, inc) 9 times; sc in each of next 16 sc, work 3 hdc in next sc (*2 sts increased*); work (2 hdc in next sc, hdc in next sc) twice, work 2 hdc in next sc; work 3 hdc in next sc (*2 sts increased*), sc in each of rem 11 sc = 95 sts.

**RND 14:** Sc in each of next 73 sts, hdc in each of next 8 sts, sc in each of rem 14 sts; join with a sl st in beg sc. Finish off, leaving approx 36" sewing length (*on one section only*).

## **ASSEMBLING AND FINISHING**

Work same as for Orange Potholder (*see page 14*).

## LEMON



SIZE: Approx 6" wide x 8" long

### MATERIALS:

Worsted weight yarn: 2 oz lemon yellow;  
10 yds medium green

Size H aluminum crochet hook (or size required for gauge)

Plastic ring (1" diameter)

GAUGE: In sc, 4 sts = 1"; 4 rnds = 1"

### INSTRUCTIONS

(Make 2 sections)

With yellow, ch 5.

**RND 1:** Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook; sc in each of next 2 chs, 3 sc in last ch. **Continuing on opposite side of starting chain**, sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st = 10 sc. **Do not join; work continuous rnds (without joining).** Use a small safety pin or piece of yarn in contrasting color and mark first st of rnd; move marker at beg of each rnd.

**RND 2:** \* Work 3 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; rep from \* once more = 18 sc.

**Note:** On following rnds, "inc" means to increase (work 2 sc in st).

**RND 3:** Work (sc in next sc, inc) twice; sc in each of next 4 sc, work (inc, sc in next sc) 3 times; sc in each of next 3 sc, inc = 24 sc.

**RND 4:** (Sc in next sc, inc) twice; sc in each of next 2 sc,



inc; sc in each of next 3 sc, inc; sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; sc in next sc, inc; sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; sc in each of next 3 sc, inc, sc in last sc = 32 sc.

**RND 5:** Inc, work (sc in each of next 2 sc, inc) 3 times; sc in each of next 3 sc, inc; work (sc in each of next 2 sc, inc) 4 times; sc in each of next 3 sc, inc, sc in each of last 2 sc = 42 sc.

**RND 6:** Sc in each sc around.

**RND 7:** \* Work (sc in each of next 2 sc, inc) 3 times, sc in each of next 12 sc; rep from \* once more = 48 sc.

**RND 8:** Sc in next sc, work (inc, sc in each of next 2 sc) 5 times; sc in each of next 9 sc, work (inc, sc in each of next 2 sc) 5 times, sc in each of last 8 sc = 58 sc.

**RND 9:** \* Work (sc in each of next 4 sc, inc) 3 times, sc in each of next 14 sc; rep from \* once more = 64 sc.

**RND 10:** \* Work (sc in each of next 3 sc, inc) 5 times, sc in each of next 12 sc; rep from \* once more = 74 sc.

**RND 11:** Sc in each sc around.

**RND 12:** \* Inc, work (sc in each of next 4 sc, inc) twice; sc in each of next 2 sc, work 3 sc in next sc (*2 sts increased*); sc in each of next 2 sc, inc; work (sc in each of next 4 sc, inc) twice, sc in each of next 10 sc; rep from \* once more = 90 sc.

**RND 13:** Sc in each of next 17 sc, work 3 sc in next sc; sc in each of next 44 sc, work 3 sc in next sc; sc in each of rem 27 sc, join with a sl st in beg sc = 94 sc. Finish off, leaving approx 36" sewing length (*on one section only*).

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Work same as for Orange Potholder (*see page 14*).