

Cantaloupe Handle Cover

Materials:

J. & P. Coats "Knit-Cro-Sheen" Art. A.64, 1 ball each of No. 48 Hunter's Green, No. 43 Dk. Yellow and No. 17 Shaded Browns; or
 Clark's O.N.T. Mercerized Bedspread Cotton, Art. B504, colors of your own choice; or
 J. & P. Coats or Clark's O.N.T. Pearl Cotton, Art. A. or B.19, Size 5, 4 balls each of No. 48 Hunter's Green and No. 43 Dk. Yellow and 1 ball of No. 81 Dk. Brown
 Milwards Steel Crochet Hook No. 4
 Piece of felt for lining

Cantaloupe: Starting at one end with 1 strand each of Hunter's Green and Dk. Yellow, ch 13.

1st Row: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, * dc in next ch, sc in next ch. Repeat from * across. Ch 1, turn.

2nd Row: Make sc, dc and sc in first dc (2 sts increased), * dc in next sc, sc in next dc. Repeat from * across, ending with dc in last st. Ch 1, turn.

Repeat 2nd row until piece measure 2" from starting

chain, always ending with dc in last sc. Work without increasing until piece measures 4" from starting chain.

Next Row: Work off first 3 sts as 1 sc (2 sts decreased), * dc in next sc, sc in next dc. Repeat from * across, ending as before. Ch 1, turn. Repeat last row until there are 10 sts left on row. Ch 1, turn.

Next Row: Sc in first st, skip next st, sc in next 6 sts; skip next st, sc in last st. Break off. Make another piece the same way.

Stem (make 2): With Dk. Brown, ch 50. Slst in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 22 ch, (2 dc in each of the next 7 ch, dc in next 5 ch) twice; ch 3. Now, working in side of last dc make dc, hdc, sc, hdc, dc, hdc, and sc; in base of same dc make hdc and dc (base of stem). Break off.

Leaf (make 2): With Hunter's Green, ch 4.

1st Row: 5 dc in 4th ch from hook. Ch 3, turn.

2nd Row: Dc in first dc, 2 dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in top of starting chain. Ch 3, turn.

3rd – 4th Row: Dc in first dc, * dc in next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc. Repeat from * across, ending with dc in top of turning chain. Ch 3, turn.

5th Row: Dc in first dc, * dc in next 4 dc, 2 dc in next dc. Repeat from * across. Ch 3, turn.

6th Row: Skip first dc, dc in next dc, hdc in next dc, sc in each dc across to within last 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, dc in top of turning chain. Ch 3, turn.

7th – 8th Row: Dc in first dc, hdc in next dc, sc in each st across to within last 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 dc in top of turning chain. Ch 3, turn. Break off at end of 8th row. Mark off 11 sts on center of last row.

9th Row: Attach Green to first st marked, ch 3, dc in next 10 sts. Ch 3, turn.

10th Row: Skip first dc, dc in next dc, work off next 3 dc as 1 dc (2 dc decreased), dc in each dc across to within last 3 sts, dec 2 dc. Ch 3, turn.

11th Row: Skip first dc, dec 1 dc – *to dec 1 dc, work off 2 dc as 1 dc* – dc in next 2 dc, dec 1 dc. Ch 3, turn.

12th Row: Work off remaining sts as 1 dc. Break off.

Line both pieces of potholder with felt and sew together at top, joining 3" on one side and 2" on other side. Sew leaves in place. Sew base of stem to top of potholder and sew 2" of opposite end in place as illustrated. Sew loose pieces of stem together to form loop.