

# CHERRY DELICIOUS POTHOLDER

*a design for crochet by Kat Goldin*



## *Materials:*

- 50g Aran weight wool in required colours.
- 5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry Needle

## *Abbreviations:*

- ch: chain
- dc: double crochet
- slst: slip stitch
- yo: yarn over

Step by step instructions for chain, double crochet, double crochet 2 together and slip stitches are at the end of this pattern.

This pattern is for Beginners.

## *Tension:*

Make 16 sts and 16 rows in double crochet to measure 10x10cm using a 5mm hook.



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For crochet help and inspiration, see <http://www.slugsontherefrigerator.com>

*Base* (make 2 - 1 in red and one in blue):



Start with a slip knot. Make 21ch.

Row 1: Starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, 20dc. Turn.



Rows 2-20: 1ch, 20dc. Turn.

Break yarn.

## Cherries (make 2):



Make 4ch. Join into a loop with a slst.



Round 1: 1ch, working into the centre of the loop you made with the chain stitches, 6dc. You will be working around the chain. Join with a slst into the first dc. (6sts)



Round 2: 1ch, 2dc into each stitch around. Join with a slst into the first dc. (12sts)



Round 3: 1ch, \*1dc into the next stitch, 2dc into the next stitch; repeat from \* around. Join with a slst into the first dc. (18sts)

Break yarn.

## Stem (make 2):

Make 12ch. Break yarn, leaving an 8" tail for sewing.

## Leaf:



Make 2ch.

Row 1: Make 2dc in the 2nd chain from the hook, Turn. (2sts)

Row 2: 1ch, 2dc in each stitch across. Turn. (4sts)

Row 3: 1ch, 2dc in the first stitch, 2dc, 2dc in the last stitch. Turn. (6sts)

Row 4: 1ch, 6dc. Turn.



Row 5: 1ch, 1dc2tog, 2dc, 1dc2tog. Turn. (4sts)

Row 6: 1ch, 2dc2tog. Turn. (2sts)

Row 7: 1ch, 1dc2tog. Turn. Break yarn, leaving an 8" tail for sewing.



Using photo as a guide, sew the cherries, stem and leaf in place.

Place the red square underneath the blue square, wrong sides together. This section is worked into both the blue and the red squares and you will insert your hook through all four loops.



Reattach your blue yarn in the upper right corner of your potholder, leaving a 3" tail. Working into both the red and the blue square, with the blue square facing you, 20dc.

When you come to the corner, 3ch and turn your work so you can work down the side of the squares. Working into the end of each row, 20dc.

When you come to the next corner, 3ch and turn your work so you can work across the bottom row. Working into the unworked side of your chain, 20dc.

When you come to the next corner, 3ch and turn your work so you can the remaining side. Working into the end of each row, 20dc. Join with a slst into the first dc.

Loop:

make 8 chain slst back into the first dc of the sides. Break yarn and tie off the 2 tails tightly. Use your crochet hook to bring the tails inside your work.

## Chain (Ch)

1. Start with a slip knot, leaving at least a 3 inch tail. Place your hook through the loop and tighten until it's around the hook, but not too tight.



2. Long end of yarn over the hook and pull a loop through the existing loop on your hook.



3. Repeat until completed desired number of chains.

## Slip Stitch (SlSt)

1. Starting with one loop on your hook, insert your hook into where you want to join.  
2. Yarn over.



3. Pull the yarn through all of the loops on your hook.



4. Repeat as required.

## Double Crochet (DC)

1. Insert your hook into the stitch, space or chain you want it to be attached to



2. Yarn over and pull through . You will have 2 loops on your hook.



3. Yarn over again and pull through both loops on hook. This makes one double crochet stitch. Repeat as many times as required.

## Double Crochet 2 Together (dc2tog):



Insert your hook into the first stitch to decrease. Yarn over and pull through. Insert your hook into the next stitch. Yarn over and pull through. (3 loops on hook)



Yarn over and pull through all loops on your hook. 1 stitch decreased.