

## Fruit Bowl

### Crochet a mini bowl, then fill it up with tasty treats

Known as nature's candy, sometimes only a juicy apple or pear will do – and best of all, they're good for you. Heather Gibbs has whipped up a cute little fruit bowl groaning with delicious fruit, which also includes a banana, lemon and scrummy peaches – almost good enough to eat!

#### Essential Kit

Yarn: Pink, Dark Brown, Yellow, Green

Crochet hook, 3.75mm

Stitch markers

Yarn needle

Toy stuffing

#### FRUIT BOWL

Using 3.75mm hook and Dark Brown make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. 12 sts

**Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 18 sts

**Rnd 3:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 24 sts

**Rnd 4:** (3dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 30 sts

**Rnd 5:** (4dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 36 sts

**Rnd 6:** working in back loops only 2dc, 2dc in next st, (5dc, 2dc in next st) to last three sts, 1dc in each st to end. 42 sts

**Rnd 7:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 8:** (6dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 48 sts

**Rnds 9-10:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, weave in ends

#### PEAR

Using 3.75mm hook and Green make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1-2:** rep Rnds 1-2 of Fruit Bowl. 18 sts

**Rnds 3-5:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 6:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. 12 sts

**Rnds 7-8:** 1dc in each st to end

**Note:** stuff as you work

**Rnd 9:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

**Rnd 10:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

Fasten off, using tail sew hole closed

#### APPLE

Using 3.75mm hook and Green make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

**Rnd 1:** 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts

**Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

**Rnd 3:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 20 sts

**Rnds 4-5:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 6:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. 15 sts

**Note:** stuff as you work

**Rnd 7:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts

**Rnd 8:** (dc2tog) to end. Five sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## PEACH

Make two

Using 3.75mm hook and Pink make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

**Rnds 1-2:** rep Rnds 1-2 of Apple. 15 sts

**Rnds 3-6:** 1dc in each st to end

**Note:** stuff as you work

**Rnd 7:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts

**Rnd 8:** (dc2tog) to end. Five sts

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## LEMON

Using 3.75mm hook and Yellow make a magic ring, work 5dc into ring. Five sts

**Rnd 1:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 2:** 2dc in each st to end. Ten sts

**Rnd 3:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 15 sts

**Rnds 4-6:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 7:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Ten sts

**Note:** stuff as you work

**Rnd 9:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 10:** (dc2tog) to end. Five sts

**Rnd 11:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, using tail sew hole closed

## BANANA

Using 3.75mm hook and Yellow make a magic ring, work 6dc into ring. Six sts

**Rnds 1-2:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 3:** (1dc, 2dc in next st) to end. Nine sts

**Rnds 4-6:** 1dc in each st

**Rnd 7:** (2dc, 2dc in next st) to end. 12 sts

**Rnds 8-10:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 11:** (2dc, dc2tog) to end. Nine sts

**Rnds 12-14:** 1dc in each st to end

**Rnd 15:** (1dc, dc2tog) to end. Six sts

**Rnds 16-17:** 1dc in each st to end

Fasten off, leaving a long tail

## TO MAKE UP

**Pear:** \* using 3.75mm hook and Dark Brown make 4ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, one sl st in each ch to end, fasten off. Attach stalk to top. Using Dark Brown embroider stamen on base \*\*. **Apple:** using fastened-off tail sew hole closed then thread through centre of Apple. Pull up and tighten to create indent at top. Secure and fasten off. Work as for Pear from \* to \*\*. **Peach:** using fastened-off tail sew hole closed then wrap tail around Peach, pull up and tighten. Secure and fasten off. \* Using 3.75mm hook and Dark Brown make 3ch, one sl st in second ch from hook, one sl st in next ch, fasten off. Attach stalk to top \*\*. **Banana:** using fastened-off tail sew hole closed then thread through centre of Banana. Pull up and tighten to create a curve. Secure and fasten off. Work as for Peach from \* to \*\*

**Using a stitch marker:** Sections are worked without joining in continuous rnds; place the stitch marker in the top of the first st to mark start of rnd

