

Apples and Pears

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Finished Toy Size:

Apples: Approximately 3" / 8 cm small (single strand yarn) and 3.5" / 9 cm large (double strand yarn) in diameter.

Pears: Approximately 3.5" / 9 cm small (single strand yarn) and 4.5" / 11.5 cm large (double strand yarn) in diameter.

Yarn:

Option 1:

Cascade 220 Superwash (100% Superwash Wool; 220 yards / 200 meters per 100g / 3.5oz)
1 skein each # 809 Really Red (red apples), #821 Daffodil (yellow pears or apples), # 802 Green Apple (green apples or pears), # 870 Straw (brown pears), # 1912 Yakima Heather (stem)

Option 2:

Cascade 220 Superwash Quatro (100% Superwash Wool; 220 yards / 200 meters per 100g / 3.5oz)
1 skein each # 1933 Chilli Pepper (red apples), # 1932 Butterscotch (yellow pears or apples), #1930 Green Tea (green apples or pears)

Yardage:

Apples: 18 - 20 yards / 17 – 18 meters (if using the double yarn double the yardage)

Pears: 20 - 25 yards / 18 – 23 meters (if using the double yarn double the yardage)

Stem: 4 yards / 3.6 meters

Recommended Needle Size:

Double Pointed Needles (DPN) US #5/3.75mm (set of 5) for single strand of yarn, and Double Pointed Needles (DPN) US #7/4.5mm (set of 5) for double strand of yarn, or your preferred needles for knitting in the round.

Notions: Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker, polyester fiberfill (1 small bag)

Abbreviations:

SSK - Slip stitch, slip stitch and knit the two stitches together, this decreases two stitches to one stitch.

KFB - Knit in front and back of the same stitch, this creates two stitches from one stitch.

R - Rounds

DPN – Double Pointed Needles

I-cord - The sts are knitted from one needle to a second needle, do not turn the needle with sts around, just push the sts to the beginning of the needle and knit again. This technique makes a tube.

Gauge:

20 sts & 27 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch

INSTRUCTIONS:

Apples:

With single or double held yarn and three double pointed needles cast on 6 sts (2 sts per needle)

Place a stitch marker on the first st, and begin working in the round.

R 1: Knit around (6 sts total)

R 2: KFB all around, 4 sts per needle (12 sts total)

R 3: Knit around (12 sts total)

R 4: KFB all around, 8 sts per needle (24 sts total)

R 5: Knit around (24 sts total)

R 6: *KFB, Knit 3; repeat from * around, 10 sts per needle (30 sts total)

R 7 - 10: Knit around (30 sts total)

R 11: *KFB, Knit 4; repeat from * around, 12 sts per needle (36 sts total)

R 12 - 17: Knit around (36 sts total)

R 18: *SSK, Knit 4; repeat from * around, 10 sts per needle (30 sts total)

R 19 - 21: Knit around (30 sts total)

Thread the tail of yarn from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Stitch through all of the cast on stitches, pull up tight to close the hole, and stitch to secure. Begin to stuff the apple with fiberfill.

R 22: *SSK, Knit 3; repeat from * around, 8 sts per needle (24 sts total)

R 23: Knit around (24 sts total)

R 24: SSK all around (12 sts total)

R 25: Knit around (12 sts total)

R 26: SSK all around (6 sts total)

Finish stuffing. Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

Stem: With the brown yarn and double pointed needle cast on 4 sts, I-cord the brown yarn approximately ½" / 1.5 cm (for small apples) or 1" / 2.5 cm (for large apples), cut a long tail and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on the needle to secure, stitch the I-cord on top of the apple. Weave the end of the yarn to the inside and trim.

Pears:

With single or double held yarn and three double pointed needles cast on 6 sts (2 sts per needle)

Place a stitch marker on the first st, and begin working in the round.

R 1: Knit around (6 sts total)

R 2: KFB all around, 4 sts per needle (12 sts total)

R 3: Knit around (12 sts total)

R 4: KFB all around, 8 sts per needle (24 sts total)
R 5: Knit around (24 sts total)
R 6: *KFB, Knit 3; repeat from * around, 10 sts per needle (30 sts total)
R 7 - 9: Knit around (30 sts total)
R 10: *KFB, Knit 4; repeat from * around, 12 sts per needle (36 sts total)
R 11 - 18: Knit around (36 sts total)
R 19: *SSK, Knit 4; repeat from * around, 10 sts per needle (30 sts total)
R 20 - 22: Knit around (30 sts total)
R 23: *SSK, Knit 3; repeat from * around, 8 sts per needle (24 sts total)
R 24 - 26: Knit around (24 sts total)
R 27: *SSK, Knit 2; repeat from * around, 6 sts per needle (18 sts total)
R 28 - 30: Knit around (18 sts total)
R 31: SSK all around (9 sts total)
R 32: Knit around (9 sts total)
R 33: SSK 4x, K1 (5 sts total)

Finish stuffing. Cut the yarn, leaving long tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

Stem: With the brown yarn and double pointed needle cast on 4 sts, I-cord the brown yarn approximately ½” / 1.5 cm (for small pears) or 1” / 2.5 cm (for large pears), cut a long tail and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on the needle to secure, stitch the I-cord on top of the pear. Weave the end of the yarn to the inside and trim.



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