Pattern
COTTON QUICK UNI
Watermelon

Difficulty level:

Needles:

2,5 – 3,5

Quality:
Cotton Quick uni from Gründl
100 % Cotton (mercerised, gassed, combed)
50 g / 125 m

1 x   1 x   1 x   1 x

Size:
Melon slice: 10 cm x 5 cm
Melon half: Ø 9,5 cm

Usage:
approx. 30 g in col. 114 (fern green),
approx. 20 g in col. 120 (cherry),
approx. 10 g in col. 140 (light olive),
approx. 5 g in col. 101 (cream),
small amounts in col. 122 (chocolate),
polyester filling material

Pattern:
Dc in spiral rnds: the dc are worked cont over the beg of the rnds. Mark the first st in each rnd with a contrast piece of yarn or a stitch marker. When changing colours use the new col to pull the last loop through.
Dc in RS and WS rows:
Each row of dc begins with 1tch as replacement for the first dc and ends with 1 dc in the tch of the previous row.

Tension:
The circle meas 6,5 cm after working 8 rnds in dc.

Instructions:
Melon slice:
Using col. cherry, make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds. Mark the beg of each rnd with marker.
Rnd 2: double every st (= 2 dcs into one st) (= 12 sts)
Rnd 3: double every 2nd st (= 18 sts)
Rnd 4: double every 3rd st (= 24 sts)
Rnd 5: double every 4th st (= 30 sts)
Rnd 6: double every 5th st (= 36 sts)
Rnd 7: double every 6th st (= 42 sts)
Rnd 8: double every 7th st (= 48 sts)
Rnd 9: double every 8th st (= 54 sts)
Rnd 10: (work in col. cream) double every 9th st (= 60 sts)
Rnd 11: (work in col. fern green) double every 10th st (= 66 sts)
Using col. chocolate, stich seeds onto the red pulp (as shown in photo).
For the rind using col. fern green, cast on 2ch and work dc in rows. Inc 5 times in every row double the 2nd st (= 2 dcs into one st) (= 7 sts). Then work 8,5 cm (= 18 rows) without incs. Then for the decs in every foll row dc2tog over the second to last and last st in each row until only 2 sts remain. The length of the rind should meas the same as the outer edge of the half circle.

Fold the circle in half and place the rind in between. Pin together and then crochet tog with 1 rnd of dc in col. fern green. Approx. 3 cm before the end of the rnd insert filling material into the melon slice. Finish crocheting tog.
Tip: to accent the edge of the melon slice, using col. cherry, make a few sts slightly below the edge along one side sewing it to the opposite side. When making these sts mirror the dc sts to make the new sts invisible.
Weave in ends securely.

Melon half:
Start with the circle and work the rnds 1 - 11 as given for the melon slice. Then end the melon using col. fern green working dcs in spiral rnds.
Rnd 12: 66bpdc (work dcs wrapping the st around each dc of the previous rnd from behind). This creates a nice edge.
Rnds 13 - 17: dc rnds without decs.
Rnd 18: dc2tog every 10th and 11th st (= 60 sts)
Using a piece of cardboard, cut out a Ø 9,5 cm circle and place in the melon so the circle stays flat after stuffing.
Rnd 19: dc2tog every 9th and 10th st (= 54 sts)
Rnd 20: dc2tog every 8th and 9th st (= 48 sts)
Rnd 21: dc2tog every 7th and 8th st (= 42 sts)
Rnd 22: dc2tog every 6th and 7th st (= 36 sts)
Rnd 23: dc2tog every 5th and 6th st (= 30 sts)
Rnd 24: dc2tog every 4th and 5th st (= 24 sts)
Start inserting filling into the melon.
Rnd 25: dc2tog every 3rd and 4th st (= 18 sts)
Rnd 26: dc2tog every 2nd and 3rd st (= 12 sts)
Continue to add more filling material.
Rnd 26: dc2tog to end of rnd (= 6 sts)
Cut yarn and pull through last st. Close opening. Weave in ends securely.

Abbreviations:
approx. = approximate(ly)
beg = begin(ning)
bpdc = back post double crochet
ch = chain
col = colour(s)
cont = continue (continuously)
dc = double crochet
dec(s) = decrease(s)
inc = increase
meas = measure(d)
prev = previous
rnd(s) = round(s)
RS = right side
sl st = slip stitch

st(s) = stitch(es)
tch = turning chain
tr = treble
WS = wrong side