

Pear

Little
Conkers



About this Pear

These look great piled together in a bowl, either on their own or with other fruit. They make lovely natural toys for children. These also look great on a Christmas tree or strung on some fruity bunting!

There is no back or front to this pear, and no visible seam. Designed to be as realistic as possible, it looks great from all around.

Materials & Tools

For a pear 5.5cm in diameter you will need Double Knitting (DK) weight yarn in approximately the following quantities:

Main colour:	24m
Brown:	1.2m

See 'Yarn Choice' for more detail on types of yarn to choose. (You can add some leaves from the apple pattern if you like!)

You will need a **3.5mm crochet hook** or the size you need to form a nice, fairly tight fabric with your chosen yarn.

You will need a small amount **stuffing material** for your pear. This is difficult to measure, but one 5.5cm diameter apple needs approximately as much stuffing you can pack very tightly into a ½ cup measure. See 'Stuffing Choice' for more details on stuffing options.

You will also need a **blunt-ended yarn or tapestry needle** and some **good sharp scissors**.

Size and Tension

Concentrate on working an even, dense fabric, so that the stitches don't 'gape' and show the stuffing. This might mean using a hook a size smaller than you usually would for the yarn weight you choose - this tends to be more reliable than just trying to 'work tightly' as I find this can vary depending on how tense/relaxed, hot/cold you are feeling!

Working with a 3.5mm hook to produce a compact, dense crochet fabric with DK yarn, your fruit will be around 5.5cm in diameter. But you can easily make larger fruit by using Aran yarn or chunky yarn, or by holding two strands of yarn together, and choosing a larger hook as appropriate. The pattern remains the same.

Whatever you end up using, don't forget to write down the hook and yarn combination that works for you!



Pattern notes

This pattern uses UK crochet terms (a US version is also available).

The pattern uses the following stitches with their standard abbreviations:

sl st	slip stitch
dc	double crochet
dc2tog	double crochet decrease

In addition to the standard crochet abbreviations above, I also like to use the following to reduce the wordiness of the pattern for clarity:

inc	double crochet increase: work two dc into the given stitch.
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Note that when counting stitches, an inc still counts as two stitches.

Unless otherwise stated, all stitches are worked into both loops of the stitch below.

This pattern also contains the 'magic' **adjustable ring method** of beginning working in the round. If you are not familiar with this method, don't panic! Its purpose is to ensure there is no hole at the centre of a piece worked in the round. I taught myself only a couple of years ago by looking at online tutorials and there are many good quality internet videos available, so do give it a try. However if you prefer, you can work the following instead with good results: ch 2 and work 6 dc into second ch from hook.



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