

Taffy Apples Crochet Pattern

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Materials

- 4-ply Acrylic yarn:
 - Cream (*stick*)
 - Golden Brown (*caramel*)
 - Red & Light Green (*apples*)
 - Dark brown (*chocolate coating & drizzle*)
 - White (*white chocolate drizzle*)
 - Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Violet & Light Red (*cereal*)
- Crochet hook: 3.75 mm
- Safety pin as stitch marker
- Embroidery floss: Light Gold, ex. DMC # 676 (*nuts*)
- Large needle for yarn, small needle for floss
- Polyester stuffing
- Scissors
- Glue gun & glue stick or craft glue

Abbreviations

- ch – chain
- sc – single crochet
- sc2tog – single crochet 2 sc stitches in the previous round together
- sl st – slip stitch
- sts – stitches

***Size (apple only): approximately 2.5-3 inches tall

STICK

- *Color: Cream*

Ch 2

Rnd 1: 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook (5)

Rnd 2: sc around in back loops only (5)

Rnds 3-14: sc around, stuffing it as you go. Use the non-working end of your crochet hook (or a thin rod) to help insert the stuffing. Sl st in next sc and fasten off. Leave a tail for sewing.



COATED APPLE

Colors:

- *Light Green for the part of the apple showing through*
 - *Golden Brown for caramel coating*
- ***If you want your apple to be totally covered in caramel, use golden brown all throughout.*

Start from top going down. With **light green**, Ch 2

Rnd 1: 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook (5)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each sc (10)

Rnd 3: (sc, 2 sc in next) 5 times (15)

Rnds 4-5: sc around (15)

With **golden brown**,

Rnd 6: (sc in each of next 2, 2 sc in next) 5 times (20)

Rnd 7: (sc in each of next 3, 2 sc in next) 5 times (25)

Rnd 8: (sc in each of next 4, 2 sc in next) 5 times (30)

Rnd 9: (sc in each of next 5, 2 sc in next) 5 times (35)

Rnd 10: (sc in each of next 6, 2 sc in next) 5 times (40)

Sew the stick to the top part of the unfinished apple.

Rnds 11-12: sc around (40)

Rnd 13: (sc in each of next 6, sc2tog) 5 times (35)

Rnds 14-15: sc around (35)

Rnd 16: (sc in each of next 5, sc2tog) 5 times (30)

Rnds 17-22: sc around (30)



Stick & unfinished apple



After Round 10 of apple, sew the stick in place.

Rnd 23: (sc in each of next 3, sc2tog) 6 times (24). Stuff as you go.

Rnd 24: (sc, sc2tog) 8 times (16)

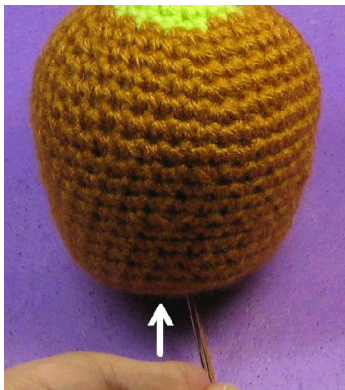
Rnd 25: (sc2tog) 8 times (8)

Rnd 26: (sc2tog) 4 times (4). Sl st in next sc and fasten off.

Leave a long tail (approximately 15-18 inches) If you find holes at the bottom of your work, cover the holes by using the yarn tail & a yarn needle and passing the tail through the sts of the last few rounds. We will also be using the yarn tail to make an indentation at the center of the apple to make the stick appear like it is really inserted into the apple (instructions are below).

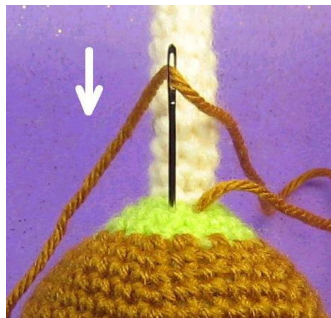


How to Sink the Stick into the Apple



1. From the bottom of the apple, and using a large needle, pass yarn tail through the center of the apple, inserting it from the bottom going **UP**, near the stick.

(If your needle is a bit short, gently pinch the apple as you insert the needle)



2. Bring the needle back **DOWN** to the bottom by inserting it through a different spot, thus making a **stitch**.

The 2 pictures on the right show the stitch we have just created.



Closer view of the stitch on top of the apple

3. Gently pull the needle down. A part of the apple will **"sink"**.

Repeat the above steps 3 times (or more), creating the stitches in different areas on top of the apple, and pulling down gently until the top part appears sunken. You can adjust the shape with your hands. Once you are satisfied with the appearance, you can tie a knot or two after the last pull to prevent it from unraveling.

VARIATIONS:

- **Chocolate-covered red apple** (picture on the right)

Apple:

Use Red for Rnds 1-9

Dark brown for Rnds 10-26

- **Candy apple:** Use Red all throughout the apple for the syrup coating.



CEREAL TOPPINGS

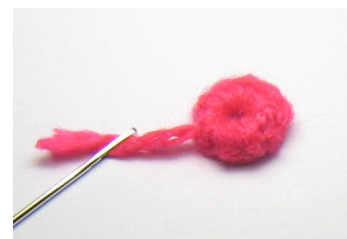
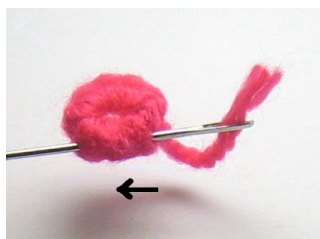
- *Colors: Light Red, Orange, Yellow, Green, Blue, Violet*
- For 1 apple: Make about 20-24 cereals in different colors (Or as many as you like)

Ch 6. Form a ring by making a sl st in the 1st ch.

Make 8 sc into the ring. Sl st in next sc & fasten off.

Since we will be **gluing** the cereals to the apple, I chose to cut a **short tail**. Weave it into the work (as seen below). If you'd rather sew each than glue, please leave enough length of yarn tail.

- To make it easier, I make many cereals first. When I have a lot, that's the only time I weave in the tail of each: Position the needle through a number of sc stitches. Slip in the short tail into the needle hole. Pull needle through and cut the excess yarn.



- Glue the cereals to the apple using craft glue or glue gun & glue stick.
- **Because of these small parts, this item may not be safe for small children.**

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CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE

- Yarn: *White (white chocolate) or Dark Brown (chocolate)*



Using yarn and a large needle, make long stitches from the top going down (or from the body of the apple going up) You can vary the length of the drizzles.

NUTS

- Embroidery floss (*light gold*)



Embroider nuts using floss and a small needle.



Thank You Very Much!

Questions about this pattern are very welcome – please do not hesitate to write: stripeyblue@gmail.com

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