

Cherry stitch

This is a stitch for working on top-down items such as garments. It can give a lovely textured edging to sweaters and cardigans.

Suggested yarn: any yarn with any weight, though it is best to use a yarn with some cotton content for good stitch definition.

Note: this pattern is written for a flat piece, but it can easily be worked in the round without turning.



Chain a multiple of 4 + 5 stitches.

Row 1: Tr in every stitch (wrong side). Turn piece.

Row 2: (right side) join green yarn. ch1, dc in first stitch, ch1. dc, then [ch4, skip 3 stitches, dc] until last 3 stitches. Ch2, dc. Bind off green yarn, do not turn.

Row 3: (right side) Pick up white yarn, ch1, dc in first stitch, dc1 over 1 chsp. Ch2, skip green dc and first chain, dc into 2 stitches in row 1 at end of 4chsp] repeat until last 4 stitches. skip green dc and first chain, dc into two last stitches. Turn piece.

Row 4: (wrong side) Tr into every stitch.

Row 5: (right side) join green yarn. Dc into first stitch, ch1, spike dc into skipped green dc of row 2, ch2, spike dc into same skipped green dc of row 2 as previous, [ch2, spike dc into next green dc of row 2, ch2, spike dc into same dc of row 2] until last 2 stitches. Ch1, dc into last stitch. Bind off green yarn, do not turn.

Row 6: (right side) join red yarn. Dc into first stitch, ch1, 3dc popcorn into first spike stitch, [ch2, 3dc popcorn into next spike stitch] work until last 2 stitches. Ch1, dc in last stitch. Bind of red yarn, do not turn.

Row 7: (right side) pick up white yarn. Ch1, dc into first stitch, tr into row 4 over red and green chsps. Skip red popcorn stitch, 2tr into stitch of row 4 that is in the middle between the two popcorns, over the red and green 2chsp. [Skip next popcorn stitch, tr 2 into 2 stitches of row 4 between popcorns, skip next popcorn stitch, 2tr into stitch that is in the middle between the 2 popcorns] repeat until last 3 stitches, skip next popcorn stitch, Tr into row 4 over red and green chsp, dc in last stitch. Turn.

Row 8: Tr into every stich (Wrong side).

Repeat rows 2-8 to get rows of cherries.