

Red Apple

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



Reference art for construction guidance. Colors/pose may vary slightly from your finished piece.

Red Apple — Knitting Pattern

A designer sphere that uses integrated tension pulls to create the iconic indented top and bottom sockets of a real apple, preventing it from looking like a plain ball.

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Knit abbreviations: k = knit · p = purl · kfb = knit into front and back of st (inc 1) · k2tog = knit 2 together (dec 1) · CO = cast on · BO = bind off · dpns = double-pointed needles · pm = place marker · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es) · RS/WS = right side / wrong side

Materials

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn. Color A (Apple Red or Emerald Green, 30g), Color B (Stem/Brown, 5g), and Color C (Leaf/Green, 5g).

Needles: US 4 (3.5 mm) DPNs.

Notions: Tapestry needle, fiberfill stuffing.

Gauge

Worked at a relaxed toy-knit tension in worsted weight yarn. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed prop -- adjust stuffing firmness and needle size slightly to taste; a firmer fabric holds shape best.

Instructions

The Apple Body (Color A)

Cast on 6 sts using Color A on DPNs. Join in the round.

Rnd 1: [Kfb] in every st around (12 sts).

Rnd 2: [K1, Kfb] around (18 sts).

Rnd 3: [K2, Kfb] around (24 sts).

Rnd 4: [K3, Kfb] around (30 sts).

Rnds 5–18: Knit all sts (14 rnds even to build the tall body).

Rnd 19 (Decrease): [K3, K2tog] around (24 sts).

Rnd 20 (Decrease): [K2, K2tog] around (18 sts).

Stuffing: Pack the apple extremely firmly with fiberfill. It needs to be very stiff so the shaping step works.

Rnd 21 (Decrease): [K1, K2tog] around (12 sts).

Rnd 22: [K2tog] around (6 sts).

Cut yarn, leaving a long 16-inch (40 cm) tail. Thread through remaining 6 sts and pull tight.

The Magic Apple Sculpting (The Indents)

1. Thread that long 16-inch tail onto a heavy tapestry needle.
2. Push the needle straight down through the center of the top opening (Rnd 22) all the way through the stuffed core of the apple, exiting out through the exact center of the bottom cast-on ring.
3. Pull the yarn firmly. You will see the top and bottom of the sphere collapse inward, creating the realistic dip of an apple.

4. Take a small stitch at the bottom to lock the tension, then push the needle back up to the top, pull tight again, and knot securely. Do not cut the tail yet; we will anchor the stem here.

Stem & Leaf (Colors B & C — Worked Flat)

Stem: Using Color B, cast on 3 sts. Knit 6 rows of standard flat I-cord. Bind off.

Leaf: Using Color C, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1 (RS): K1, Y0, K1, Y0, K1 (5 sts).

Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.

Row 3: SSK, K1, K2tog (3 sts).

Row 4: P3tog. Fasten off.

Assembly

Sew the leaf to the top of the stem. Use the remaining red apple tail to sew the base of the brown stem securely into the top indented socket of the apple.