



CORN AND GRAPE PANHOLDERS

Use a No. 4 steel hook and mercerized, fast color, stringweight thread. For the pair you will need about 46 yards of purple, 65 yards of yellow, and 28 yards of green thread (8 yards for corn, 20 yards for grapeleaf).

For corn ear, with yellow, ch 18, sl st in 1st st of ch to form ring. Ch 2, sc in each st around ring, sl st to 1st st of 2-ch. Ch 2, work scs in scs around ring, adding an extra sc (2 scs in 1) in every other st until there are 29 sts around ring. Make 9 rnds of scs beginning each rnd with ch 2, and closing rnd with sl st in 1st st of 2-ch. Keep 29 sts in each rnd. You are now ready to make the kernels of popcorn (pc) st. To do this, make 5 dc into the same st. Remove the hook, insert it in 1st dc of group, draw loop of last dc through it tight and make a ch st.

Kernels: Row 1: ch 3 (this counts as 1st dc), dc in next st, * pc in next st, dc in each of next 2 sts. Repeat from * ending with 2 dcs. There will be 9 pc sts in row. Turn at end of this row to leave ear open to slip over handle. Row 2: ch 2, turn, sk 1 dc, sc in next dc, * sk 1-ch used to tighten pc st, sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 dcs. Repeat from * across row, last sc in 3-ch at end of previous row (29 scs in row counting the 2-ch at beginning as *

sc). Make 6 such pc and sc rows. Then begin to narrow by decreasing at ends. To decrease, skip 2 sts instead of 1 at end of row. Keep pc sts directly over each other as has been done. 7th pc row: begin row with 1 dc, pc st (9 pc sts in row). 8th pc row: begin row with pc st (9 pc sts in row). 9th pc row: begin row with 2 dcs, pc st, 7 pc sts in row). 10th pc row: begin row with 1 dc, pc st (7 pc sts in row). 11th pc row: begin row with pc st (7 pc sts in row). 12th pc row: begin row with 2 dc, pc st (5 pc sts in row). 13th pc row: begin row with pc st (5 pc sts in row). 14th pc row: begin row with 2 dc, pc st (3 pc sts in row). Work 1 more row of scs, draw thread end through last st, fold end of ear so edges meet and middle pc st is centered at back. Seam across end and for 1/2" up opening with thread end, or sl st together.

Leaves: With green, ch 17, sk 1 st of ch, sc in every remaining st, sl st ends together to form loop for hanger, work around end in sc, continue to work around increasing by working 2 scs in 1, until there are 20 sts in rnd. Join to top of ear with another rnd of scs. Work 5 leaves in sc. * Working over 4 sts of last rnd of scs, work back and forth for 7 or 8 rows, decreasing 1 st every other row until leaf is a point,

draw thread end through. Repeat from * 4 times.

Grapes: With purple, ch 3, sl st in 1st st to form ring, 7 scs in ring. Continue to work scs around and around, adding scs to keep work flat. In the 2nd rnd make 2 scs in each sc; in 3rd rnd 2 scs in 1st st, sc in next st. As work moves out from center continue to increase the number of sts between increases. Work 4 rnds, sl st in next sc, fasten off. Weave thread end into back of work. Make 19 such grapes. Grapes may be joined at points of contact (see illustration) with sl st as the last rnd is being worked, or, with thread used for crocheting and working from back, join grapes by whipping together. Run thread across back of grapes to next joining point. Join 4 grapes to form row across top, fit 5 grapes in place for 2nd row, 4 for 3rd row, 3 for 4th, 2 for 5th, and 1 at tip.

Leaf: With green, ch 17, sk 1 st, sc in every remaining st of ch, sl st ends together to form loop for hanger. Without breaking thread, ch 17 (for center rib of leaf, sk 1st st, sc in remaining st of ch and in base of loop (17 scs). Side now up is right side of work. In following rows insert hook under either front or back loops of scs of previous rows only, so other loops will form "ribs" on right side. Usually the 1st st after the turning ch is skipped, but do not do so in working this leaf unless so instructed.

Row 2: ch 2, turn, sk 2 scs, sc in every remaining sc and 1-ch at end (15 scs). Rows 3 and 4: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 14 scs in 14 scs. Row 5: ch 2, turn, 13 scs in 13 scs. Rows 6 and 7: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 13 scs in 13 scs. Row 8: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 6 scs in 6 scs, sl st in next st.

Row 9: turn, sk sl st, sl st in 1st sc, 4 scs in 4 scs. Rows 10, 11, 12, 13: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 11 scs in next 11 sts. Row 14: ch 2, turn, 5 scs in 5 scs, sl st in next st. Row 15: turn, sk sl st, 5 scs in 5 scs. Row 16: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 11 scs in next 11 sts. Row 17: ch 2, turn, 9 scs in 9 scs. Row 18: ch 2, turn, 10 scs in 10 scs. Rows 19 and 20: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 10 scs in 10 scs. Row 21: ch 2, turn, 8 scs in 8 scs. Rows 22, 23, 24: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 8 scs in 8 scs.

Row 25: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 5 scs in 5 scs. Row 26: ch 2, turn, sk 1 sc, 2 scs in 2 scs, sl st in next st, fasten off. For other half of leaf, attach thread at end of 17-ch which is center of leaf, at the lower edge (opposite end from hanger loop) of leaf. Repeat Rows 1 to 27, fasten off. Sew leaf in place at top of cluster of grapes. For additional weight, the panholders may be lined if desired with flannel, or several layers of material.