



Strawberry earrings

What could be better than a couple of strawberry earrings for midsummer?
Or why not make many and compile into a necklace?

Materials

Crochet hook Boye nr 10.
Thin cotton thread suitable for the size of the hook in the colors red, yellow, white, green and ecru or beige.
2 metal earring hooks.

Abbreviations US

ch = chain	lp = loop
sl st = slip stitch	tog = together
sc = single crochet (UK double crochet=dc)	st = stitch
hdc = half double crochet (UK half treble crochet=htr)	nxt = next
dc = double crochet (UK treble crochet=tr)	skip = UK miss
tr = treble crochet (UK double treble crochet=dtr)	



Tip: Crochet over any loose ends whenever possible so you don't have to weave in ends later!

Leaf:

Row 1: Ch 2, 3 sc in the 2nd st from the hook. Turn.
Row 2: (Ch 3, 1 dc, 1 picot, 1 dc, ch 2 1 sl st) in the 1st st, (1 sl st, ch 2, 1 dc, 1 picot, 1 dc, ch 2, 1 sl st) in the 2nd st, (1 sl st, ch 2, 1 dc, 1 picot, 1 dc, ch 3, 1 sl st) in the 3rd st.

Make 1 sc in the first sc made on row 1. This is to position the thread in the middle of the leaf.

Ch 12. This is the stem of the leaf. Cut the thread, fold and fasten on the 5th ch made, leaving a stem of ch 4, and a loop of ch 8.

Flower:

Round 1: With yellow thread: 6 sc in a magic loop.
Round 2: With white thread: 1 sc in the first st, ch 4, 1 sc in the same st. (1 sl st in the next st, ch 4, 1 sl st in the same st), repeat five times = six white petals.

Cut the thread and pull it to the backside of the flower.
Sew the flower onto the top of the stem of the leaf, in the 5th ch made. Cut and fasten off.

Strawberry:

Round 1: With red thread: 6 sc in a magic loop = 6.
Round 2: 6 sc in each st around = 6.
Round 3: (1 sc, 2 sc in each st) around = 9.
Round 4: (2 sc, 2 sc in each st) around = 12.
Round 5-6: 1 sc in each st around = 12.
Round 7: (3 sc, 2 sc in each st) around = 15.

Fill the tip of the strawberry with cotton. I like when the earring has a little weight, so I put a steel ball in the middle, but you can also use a glass bead or something else that has a little weight.

Round 8: (2 sc, 2 sc tog) 4 times = 12.
Round 9: (2 sc tog) around = 6.
Pull the thread through the rest of the st, close and fasten off.

With beige thread: Embroider small seeds on the strawberry.

With green: Embroider small leaves on top of the strawberry as in the picture below. Pull the green thread out on top and do Ch 4, which will be a little stem. Cut the thread and sew it onto the 5th ch on the stem of the leaf.

Attach the earring hook in the loop.

Happy Midsummer!

