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Materials

To crochet this sweet strawberry stitch tube top blouse, you will need:

- **2.5 mm crochet hook**, or a hook suitable for your chosen yarn
- **White or neutral yarn** for the main blouse
- **Pink or red yarn** for the strawberries
- **Green yarn** for the strawberry leaves
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

A lightweight **acrylic, cotton, or cotton-blend yarn** works beautifully for a fashion doll blouse. The strawberry stitch can also be adapted for larger projects—cotton yarn works especially well for dishcloths and bags, while acrylic yarn is a lovely choice for blankets and decorative crochet pieces.

Pattern Foundation

The strawberry stitch begins with a foundation chain worked in a **multiple of 4 + 3 extra chains** for the turning corner.

For this tutorial:

Chain 35.

This creates the foundation and spacing needed to arrange the raised strawberry clusters across the blouse. Because fashion dolls can vary slightly in body shape and measurements, wrap your foundation chain around your doll before continuing. Adjust the number of chains if necessary while keeping the stitch multiple in mind.

Row 1 – Creating the Foundation

- 1 Begin with your white or neutral base yarn and **chain 35**.
- 2 Skip the first **3 chains from the hook**.
- 3 Insert your hook into the **4th chain from the hook** and work **1 double crochet**.
- 4 Continue crocheting **1 double crochet into each chain across** until you reach the end of the foundation chain.
- 5 **Chain 3** at the end of the row. These chains form the turning chain for the next row.
- 6 Turn your work.

You should now have a simple row of double crochet stitches ready for adding the colorful strawberries.

Row 2 – Crocheting the First Strawberry Row

This is the decorative row where the little pink strawberries and green leafy tops begin to appear against the white background.

Begin With the Base Color

- 1 Using the white yarn, work **3 double crochets**.
- 2 When working the **third double crochet**, do not completely finish the stitch.
- 3 Before completing that stitch, introduce the **pink or red yarn** by looping it onto your hook and drawing it through to join the new color.

Form the Pink Strawberry

- 1 Using the pink/red yarn, work **8 double crochets into the same stitch**.

All eight double crochets are worked into one location, creating a full shell that will become the rounded body of the strawberry.

Shape the Green Strawberry Top

- 1 Take your **green yarn** and draw it through the **first and last loops of the pink shell**. Gently bring these points together so that the wide shell begins taking on its strawberry shape.
- 2 With the green yarn, draw up **8 loops between the 8 pink double crochet stitches**.
- 3 Once you have the eight green loops, draw a loop of green yarn **through all 8 loops together**.
- 4 Gently tighten the yarn. This gathers the top of the pink shell and creates the little green leafy section of the strawberry.

Return to the White Yarn

- 1 Reattach the **white yarn** by looping it through the green loop currently on your hook.
- 2 Continue with the base of the blouse by working **6 double crochets**, making **1 double crochet in each stitch across**.

Repeating the Strawberry Stitch

Continue adding strawberries across the row using the same technique.

- 1 On the **third or final double crochet before beginning the next strawberry**, introduce your pink/red yarn before completing the stitch.
- 2 Work **8 pink/red double crochets into the same stitch** to create the strawberry shell.
- 3 Bring in the green yarn and draw it through the **first and last loops of the pink shell**.
- 4 Draw up **8 green loops between the pink shell stitches**.
- 5 Pull one green loop through all **8 loops** and gently tighten to create the leafy strawberry top.
- 6 Reattach the **white yarn**.

- 7 Work **6 double crochets across** before beginning your next strawberry.

Continue repeating this sequence until you reach the end of the row.

Finish with **chain 3**, then turn your work.

Row 3 – Plain Double Crochet Row

The third row creates a simple background above the strawberries while helping the blouse maintain its structure.

- 1 Using your white or neutral yarn, crochet **1 double crochet in every stitch across the row**.
- 2 Keep your tension fairly even so the blouse remains flexible enough to fit comfortably around the doll.
- 3 At the end of the row, fasten off if your blouse has reached the height you want.

For a slightly taller tube top, you can add another plain double crochet row or continue alternating decorative and plain rows as desired.

Fitting the Tube Top to Your Doll

Before permanently closing the blouse, wrap the finished crochet piece around your fashion doll's torso.

Position the blouse where you would like it to sit and gently pull the two back edges together. The fit should be comfortably snug without stretching the crochet stitches excessively.

Use pins or stitch markers to temporarily hold the two sides together while you check the fit.

Closing the Back of the Bodice

Once you are happy with the fit:

- 1 Keep the blouse positioned so the two back edges meet neatly.
- 2 Thread a **yarn needle** with matching yarn.
- 3 Remove the blouse from the doll while keeping track of the desired joining position.
- 4 Use the yarn needle to **stitch the two back edges of the blouse together**, creating a neat center-back seam.
- 5 Secure the yarn firmly.
- 6 **Fasten off and weave in all remaining yarn ends** on the inside of the blouse.

Turn the blouse right side out, gently shape the strawberry stitches with your fingers, and slip it onto your doll. Your **Crochet Strawberry Stitch Tube Top Blouse** is complete!