

## Free crochet pattern for a banana – Karla's banana



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### Why is it called Karla's Fruit – Karla's Banana?

The designer needed to create lots of toy food for the second birthday of her niece, Karla. However,



she thought that an ordinary banana was a bit too "boring", which is the normal way to crochet any toy food. She decided to make a pattern that would allow for more play and fun. The result was this great banana, where the peel can be opened in 3 parts and the banana can be taken out. With this design, it seems more realistic.

The pattern is named after the designer's niece, which is why it is called Karla's fruit – Karla's banana.

### **You need the following:**

- [Crochet hook size 2.5](#)
- [Stuffing](#)
- [Tapestry needle for assembly](#)
- [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 172 Nature](#)
- [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 179 Yellow](#)
- [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 160 Bright Green](#)
- [Infinity Hearts Rose 8/4 Yarn Unicolour 228 Dark Brown](#)

### **Abbreviations**

dc – double crochet

ch – chain stitch

sl st – slip stitch

Dec – decreasing (2 stitches together)

Inc – increasing (2 stitches in one)

Unless anything else is specified, use double crochet - dc.

### **Method:**

#### **Banana**

Use hook 2.5 - Colour: Nature

1 r. Magic ring with 6 dc (6)



2 r. Inc. in all stitches (12)

3 r. 1 dc, Inc, 2 dc, dc 1 dc, Inc, 2 dc, Inc, 1 dc, Inc (17)

4 r. 1 dc, Inc, 3 dc, Inc, 2 dc, Inc, 3 dc, Inc, 2 dc, Inc, 1 dc (22)

5 r. 2 dc, Inc, 5 dc, Inc, 4 dc, Inc, 5 dc, Inc, 2 dc (26)

6 r. 4 dc, Inc, 7 dc, Inc, 8 dc, Inc, 4 dc (29)

7-40 r. dc in each stitch around (34 rounds)

41 r. 4 dc, dec, 8 dc, dec, 7 dc, dec, 4 dc (26)

42 r. 2 dc, dec, 5 dc, dec, 4 dc, dec, 5 dc, dec, 2 dc (22)

Insert the stuffing into the banana before the opening becomes too narrow. Stuff it well and press it down - then smooth it out once you bind off.

43 r. 1 dc, dec, 2 dc, dec, 3 dc, dec, 2 dc, dec, 3 dc, dec, 1 dc (17)

44 r. Dec, 1 dc, dec, 2 dc, dec, 1 dc, dec, 2 dc, dec, 1 dc (12)

45 r. 6 dec (6)

Fasten off, weave it through the 6 stitches, bind off by pulling on the yarn and fasten it securely.

## **Peel**

Use hook 2.5 - Colours: brown, bright green, yellow

Start with the brown colour

1 r. Magic ring with 6 (6)

2 r. dc in each stitch around (6)

Change to green colour.

3 r. Inc. in each stitches (12)

Change to the yellow colour



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4 r. 1 dc, inc, 2 dc, inc, 1 dc, inc, 2 dc, inc, 1 dc, inc (17)

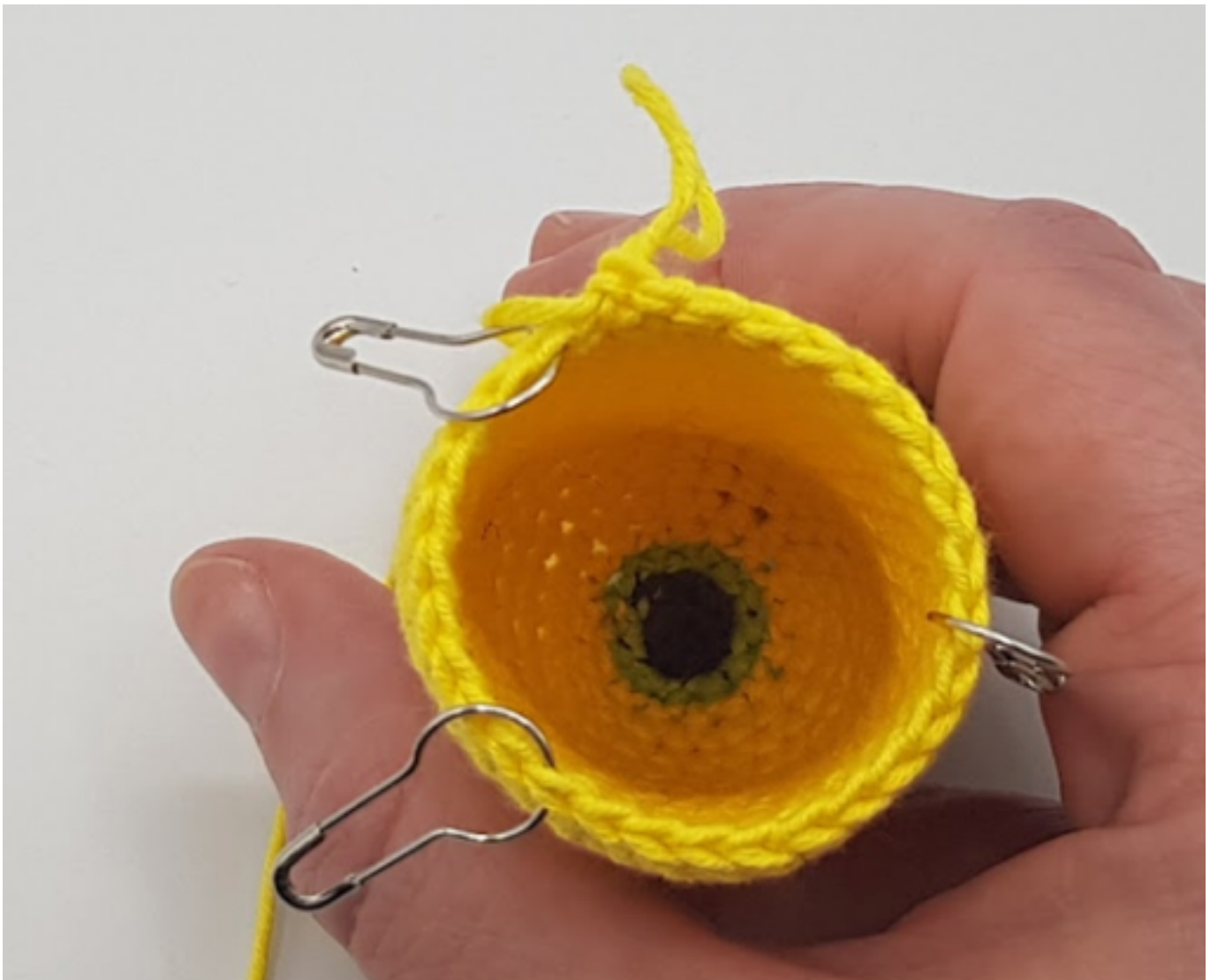
5 r. 2 dc, inc, 2 dc, inc, 1 dc, inc, 2 dc, inc, 2 dc, inc, 1 dc, inc, 1 dc (23)

6 r. 3 dc inc, 5 dc, inc, 5 dc, inc, 5 dc, inc, 1 dc (27)

7 r. 4 dc, inc, 6 dc, inc, 6 dc, inc, 6 dc, inc, 1 dc (31)

8-30 r. dc across (23 rounds)

To make "leaves", the 31 stitches are divided into 10, 10 and 11. Crochet in rows of 10 (11) stitches back and forth, reversed with 1 ch.



The first "leaf" is made by continuing for the next 10 stitches and going back.

For the next two "leaves", work the yarn fixed with one sl st in the last stitch of the previous leaf.



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For the last "leaf", work a sl st in the 1st stitch in the leaf next to it.

### **The two "leaves" with 10 stitches**

Turn every row with 1 ch.

31-45 r. dc across (10) (15 rows)

46 r. dec, 6 dc, dec (8)

47 r. dc across (8)

48 r. dec, 4 dc, dec (6)

Switch to green colour in the last stitch so that the end/closing is green.

49 r. dec, 2 dc, dec (4)

50 r. dc across (4)

Finish with 10 ch – bind off with sl st at opposite ends and secure the yarn.

**The one “leaf” with 11 stitches**

31-45 r. dc across (11) (15 rows)

46 r. dec, 7 dc, dec (9)

47 r. dc across (9)

48 r. dec, 5 dc, dec (7)

Switch to green colour of the last stitch to make the stem green.

49-51 r. dc (7) (3 rows)

52 r. Join the 7 stitches with one sl st (outward) to form a ring and crochet in a spiral

53 r. inc, 1 dc, inc, 1 dc, inc, 2 dc (10)

54-60 r. dc (10) (7 rows)





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Change the colour for the last stitch so that the end of the stalk becomes brown - remember to tie the tails from the colour change after a few stitches, binding off completely after a few rounds.

61-62 r. dc in each stitch around (10) (2 rounds)

63 r. 5 dec (5)

Fasten off, weave the yarn through each of the 5 stitches, bind off by pulling on the yarn – secure the tails well. Do this several times so that the end of the stem is firm.

Add some filling in the stem and close it with the tails from the colour change (yellow > green) before securing the yarn.

Secure the other yarn tails to complete the banana.

The completed banana measures 17 cm from bottom to the end of the stem.



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