

## BILBERRY SPONGE

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**Finished size:** 13 cm in diameter

**Yarn:** 50 g Blue (07) and 50 g Green (04) Java hemp yarn (100 % hemp, 50 g = appr. 100 m).

**Hook:** nr 2,5 (US C/2)

**Popcorn:** 5 dc into same st, pull out hook, thread hook through 1<sup>st</sup> dc and loop you pulled hook out of, pick up yarn on hook, pull through the 2 loops = dc:s form a ball shape on right side of work. NB: At beginning of row, always replace 1<sup>st</sup> dc of popcorn with ch 3 = ch 3 + 4 dc = 1 popcorn.

**Instructions:** Crochet two identical round pieces with blue yarn.

**Row 1:** Make a magic loop (= twist yarn around finger, take hook through loop, pick up yarn and pull through loop, pick up yarn on hook, pull through loop on hook). Crochet 6 popcorns to the loop as follows: Ch 3, 4 dc (=1<sup>st</sup> popcorn), ch 2, \*1 popcorn, ch2\*, repeat \*-\* x5, slst into middle of 1<sup>st</sup> popcorn = 6 popcorn.

**Row 2:** With slst, move into ch-loop, ch 3, dc 4 (= 1<sup>st</sup> popcorn), ch 2, 1 popcorn, ch 2, \*1 popcorn, ch 2, 1 popcorn to next ch-loop, ch 2\*, repeat \*-\* x5, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> popcorn.

**Row 3:** Crochet the same as row 2.

**Row 4:** With slst, move into ch-loop, ch 3 + 4 dc (= 1<sup>st</sup> popcorn), ch 1, \*1 popcorn, ch 1, 1 popcorn to next ch-loop, ch 1, 1 popcorn to next ch-loop, ch 1\*, repeat \*-\* to end of row, slst to 1<sup>st</sup> popcorn.

**Row 5:** 1 popcorn to each ch-loop, ch 2 between popcorns. Cut and finish off yarn. Crochet second piece the same way, do not cut yarn.

**Loop for hanging:** Ch 8 with Green.

**Row 1:** 1 sc to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch, 7 sc, ch 1 for turning.

**Row 2:** 7 sc, ch 1 for turning. Repeat row 2 until loop measures 28 rows.

**Sprig:** Crochet a sprig with two small leaves with green. Ch 8.

**Row 1:** 3 dc to 4<sup>th</sup> ch (not counting the one on hook), 3 dc, 7 dc to last ch. Continue to other side of chain: 3 dc, 3 dc to same ch as the first 3 dcs, slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch. Continue without cutting yarn.

**Row 2:** ch 45, 3 dc to 4<sup>th</sup> ch, 3 dc, 3 dc to same ch. Fasten this half of the leaf with slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from last dc, continue to other side of chain: 3 dc to same ch as previous 3 dc, 3 dc, 3 dc to same ch as the first 3 dc, slst to 3<sup>rd</sup> ch.

**Finishing:** Crochet the round pieces together with sc with wrong sides facing each other. Fasten the hanging loop on one side of sponge. Cut and finish off yarn. Tie the sprig onto the loop.



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