Cherry Drawstring Bag Tea Cozy

Abbreviations:
• ch = chain
• st = stitch
• sl st = slip stitch
• sc = single crochet
• hdc = half double crochet
• dc = double crochet
• rnd(s) = round(s)
• dec = decrease

Things You Will Need:
• Worsted weight yarn, 3 ozs. gray and hunter green and burgundy (small amounts)
• K and G crochet hooks
• Sewing needle and thread
• Stuffing
• Scissors

Body (Make 2):

Using a K crochet hook and two strands held together of gray worsted weight yarn, ch 25.
Row 1: Turn, ch 3. Dc in each st across.
Row 2-?: Repeat Row 1 until the height of the rows equal the width of the tea pot from under the spout to under the handle. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Attaching Body Sides:

Step 1: Thread a yarn needle with matching gray yarn. Position one body on the front of your pot and one on the back. Note: The row ends are at the top and the bottom. Mark where the sides come together below the spout. Whip stitch the sides of the body together from the base to the mark.
Step 2: Mark the sides above the spout. Whip stitch from the mark to the top.
Step 3: Bring the sides together above the handle. Mark above the handle. Whip stitch from the mark to the top. Do not stitch the sides together below the handle. Weave in the ends.
Step 4: Turn the cozy right side out. The whip stitched seams will now be inside.
Step 5: Sew a 1/2-inch red button to the bottom-front corner, under the handle. Place the cozy on the tea pot and insert the button through a stitch on the bottom-back corner to fasten.

Drawstring:
Using a G crochet hook and hunter green yarn, ch 75.

**Row 1 (It is the only row.):** Turn, Ch 1 in the second ch from the hook and in each ch across. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Starting at the center front of the cozy, weave the drawstring around, five stitches from the top. Cinch the top closed and tie the ends in a bow.

**Cherries (Make 2):**
Using a G crochet hook and burgundy yarn, form a magic ring. Except for Rnd 1, do not ch up before each rnd. Work in continuous rnds. Do not join after each rnd.

**Rnd 1:** Ch 1, 6 sc in the ring. Sl st to beginning ch. (6 sc)

**Rnd 2:** 2 sc in each st. (12 sc)

**Rnd 3:** *Sc in the first st, 2 sc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. (18 sc)

**Rnd 4:** Sc in each st around.

**Rnd 5:** *Sc in the next st, hdc in the next two sts, dc in the next three, hdc in the next two, sc in the next.* Repeat from * to * one time.

**Rnd 6:** *Sc in the first st, sc dec in the next st. Repeat from * to * around. (12 sts)

Fill with stuffing.

**Rnd 7:** Sc dec around. (6 sc) Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing. Thread the yarn needle. Sew a running stitch through the sts at the opening. Cinch to close. Knot and weave in the end.

**Finishing:**
Using burgundy yarn and the yarn needle, sew the cherries to the ends of the drawstring. Weave in the ends.