

So Croch'

PATTERN

Sunflower

Crochet decoration



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★ MATERIAL NEEDED ★

♥ Cotton yarn, 3 different colors: yellow, green and brown.

I used Happy Cotton from DMC, 100% cotton, 20g – 43m (0.70oz. – 47yds): Lemon yellow, 788 or Mustard yellow, 794 – 4.6oz. (13g); Olive green, 780 or Malachite green, 781 – 0.53oz. (15g); Chocolate, 777 – 0.35oz. (10g)

♥ Hook size 2.25mm (US size B-1)

♥ Toy stuffing

♥ Yarn needle

♥ Stitch markers

♥ Scissors

♥ Flat jewelry pliers (for twisting the wire)

♥ Aluminum wire, 2 mm diameter, gauge 12 – 13.8in. (35cm)

♥ Earthenware pot – 2in. (5cm) in diameter (inside measurement, at the top of the pot)

★ BEFORE STARTING ★

♥ This pattern is written using the US crochet terminology.

♥ Your flower will be about 10.2in. high (26cm) if you use the same yarn and hooks. However, you can use the yarn of your choice, adapting the hooks and the size of the pot.

♥ Be sure to always use a smaller hook size than the one shown on the ball, so that the stitches are not too far apart, you can't see the stuffing inside, and the flower is stiff enough.

♥ Some parts are crocheted in continuous rounds (without closing with a slip stitch). Remember to mark the first stitch of each round so you don't get lost. Other parts are crocheted in rounds closed by a slip stitch. Leaves are crocheted in a U shape around the starting chain.

★ ABBREVIATIONS ★

BLO = back loop only

ch = chain

dec = invisible decrease

dc = double crochet

dtr = double treble

FLO = front loop only

hdc = half double crochet

inc = increase

rd = round

sc = single crochet

slst = slip stitch

st = stitch

tr = treble

() x 6 = repeat 6 times what is in parentheses

(6 st) = number of stitches for each round

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HEART OF THE FLOWER



Part 1

With brown yarn. Crochet in close rounds.

Rd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring ; 1 slst in the 1st st of the rd to close it (6 st).

Rd 2: ch 1 ; 6 inc. ; 1 slst to close (12 st).

Rd 3: ch 1 ; (1 sc, 1 inc.) x 6 ; 1 slst to close (18 st).

Rd 4: ch 1 ; (1 sc, 1 inc., 1 sc) x 6 ; 1 slst to close (24 st).

Rd 5: ch 1 ; (3 sc, 1 inc.) x 6 ; 1 slst to close (30 st).

Rd 6: ch 1 ; (2 sc, 1 inc., 2 sc) x 6 ; 1 slst to close (36 st).

Rd 7: ch 1 ; 36 sc **BLO** ; do not close the rd with 1 slst (36 st).

Cut the yarn leaving 4in. (10cm) of length.

Finish invisibly, to replace the slst that was not done: with a yarn needle, pass the yarn under the 2 loops of the 1st st of the rd, from the back to the front (Photo 1), then pass the yarn between the 2 loops of the last st of rd 7 (Photo 2). Make a knot on the back and cut.

Mark the back loop of the last st of rd 7 (green marker) and the front loop of the 1st st of rd 7 (red marker) (Photo 3).



Part 2

With green yarn. Crochet in close rounds.

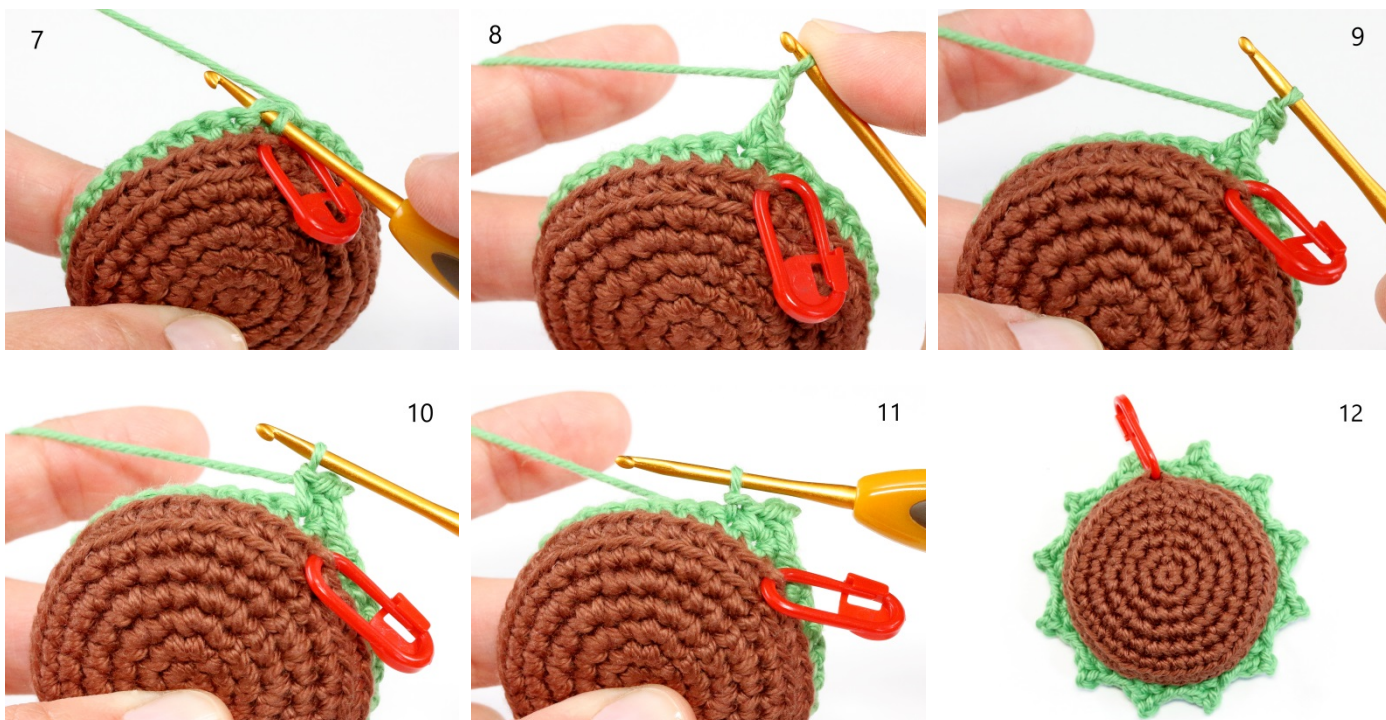
Rds 1 to 6: Repeat instructions from part 1.

Rd 7: ch 1 ; crochet the 2 parts together: place them back to back, insert the hook under the 2 loops of the 1st st of the green part, and in the **back loop** of the brown part marked previously with the green marker (Photo 4), and make 1 sc; continue all around making 35 sc more, still crocheting in the 2 loops of the green part, and in the back loop of the brown part. Before making the last stitches, lightly stuff the heart; 1 slst to close the rd (Photos 5 et 6) (36 st).



Rd 8: Turn the work to crochet in the last st of the previous rd (Photo 7); *1 slst, 1 sc, ch 2 (Photo 8), 1 slst in the 2nd ch from the hook (Photo 9), 1 sc in the same st of rd 7 (Photo 10), 1 slst in the next st (Photo 11)*. Repeat the part between ** 11 more times (12 sts).

Finish invisibly, then weave in the yarn into the heart, and cut.



PETALS



Back round

With yellow yarn.

Insert the hook in the st previously marked with the red marker, on the brown part of the heart (Photo 13). Pull the yarn keeping 6in. (15cm) of length at the beginning.

The petals of the back round are crocheted in the front loops of rd 7 on the brown part.

Rd 1: *Ch 6 (Photos 14 and 16); crochet in the upper loops of the chain, starting in the 2nd st from the hook: 1 sc, 3 hdc, 1 sc; 1 slst in the next st on the brown part (Picture 15), another 1 slst in the next st.*

Repeat the part between ** 17 more times, to form 18 half petals (Photo 17). After the 18th half petal, make only 1 slst, not 2.





Rd 2: *in the lower loops of the chain made at rd 1: 1 sc (Photo 18), 3 hdc, 1 sc (Photo 19); ch 2, 1 slst in the 2nd st from the chain (Photo 20); 5 slst a little loose in the st made at rd 1 (Photo 21) to go down along the 1st half of the petal; 1 slst in the brown loop at the bottom of the petal (Photo 22).*

Note: Be careful not to overtighten the slst when coming down on the 1st half of the petals. If you have trouble making them loose enough, you can use a larger size hook (2.5mm or US size C-2).

Repeat the part between ** 17 more times, to form the 18 petals (Photo 23).



You have two options at this stage of the pattern:

1. Make only this round of petals (the front round is a bit more tricky to crochet if you are a beginner). In this case, cut the yarn leaving 8in. (20cm) of length after the last st of the back round, and fasten off.
2. Make the 2nd round of petals (front turn). In this case, continue crocheting with the same thread of yarn, according to the instructions below. To crochet this front round more easily, pin the petals of the back round to the green part of the flower heart as you go along. And take your time!

Front round

This 2nd round of petals is crocheted into the **front loops** of rd 6 of the brown part, which have been left visible. To start rd 3 at the right place, start by making 1 slst in the loop placed just in front of the last st of the previous rd (Photo 24).

This st becomes the 1st st of the rd 3, from which we will make the 1st chain (Photo 25). The front loop in which you will crochet next is the one placed just after the slst that closes the rd.

Rds 3 and 4: Repeat the instructions of rds 1 and 2, in order to crochet 18 new petals (Photo 26).

Cut the yarn leaving 8in. (20cm) of length, and fasten off.



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If the petals do not stay flat and tend to curve, block the work before sewing the flower. To do this, lay the petals flat on an ironing board (with the front of the flower facing up), and pin the tips of the 18 petals of the back round in the desired position, using non-rusting pins. Then pin the 18 petals of the front round (Photo 27). Then use an iron, and run it for 1 to 2 minutes at 2in. (5cm) above the flower, on steam mode (if you don't have an iron, spray the pinned petals). Then let the flower dry completely before removing the pins.



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GROUND & STEM



Ground – part 1

With brown yarn. Crochet in continuous rounds.

Rd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (6 st).

Tighten the magic ring, leaving room to insert the aluminum wire in the center.

Rd 2: 6 inc. **BLO** (12 st).

Mark the front loop of the last st of rd 1. Do not cut the yarn at the beginning.

Rd 3: (1 sc, 1 inc.) x 6 (18 st).

Rd 4: (1 sc, 1 inc., 1 sc) x 6 (24 st).

Rd 5: (3 sc, 1 inc.) x 6 (30 st).

Rd 6: (2 sc, 1 inc., 2 sc) x 6 (36 st).

Rd 7: (11 sc, 1 inc.) x 3 (39 st).

Rd 8: 39 sc (39 st).

Rd 9: (11 sc, 1 dec) x 3 (36 st).

Rd 10: (5 sc, 1 dec, 5 sc) x 3 (33 st).

Rd 11: (9 sc, 1 dec) x 3 (30 st).

Rd 12: (4 sc, 1 dec, 4 sc) x 3 (27 st).

At this point, leave the yarn on hold and crochet the stem before crocheting the end of the ground (Photo 28).



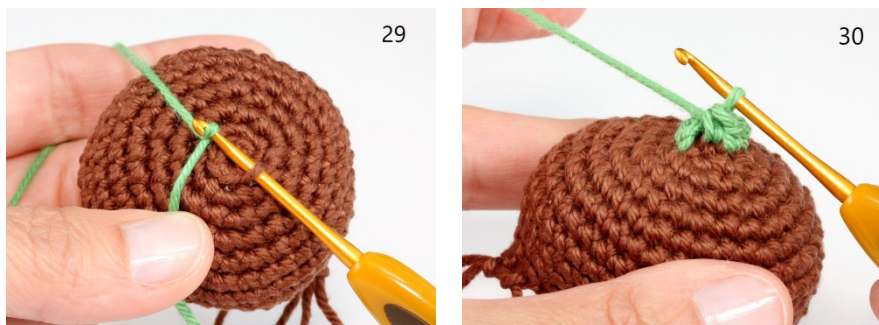
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Stem

With green yarn. Crochet in continuous rounds.

Pull the yarn through the st previously marked, keeping 4in. (10cm) of length at the start (Photo 29).

Rd 1: ch 1, 1 sc in the same st, 5 sc in the front loops of the 1st rd of the ground (Photo 30) (6 st).



Rd 2: 4 sc, 1 dec (5 st).

Weave in the yarn left at the beginning into the ground and tie it inside with the end of the brown yarn.

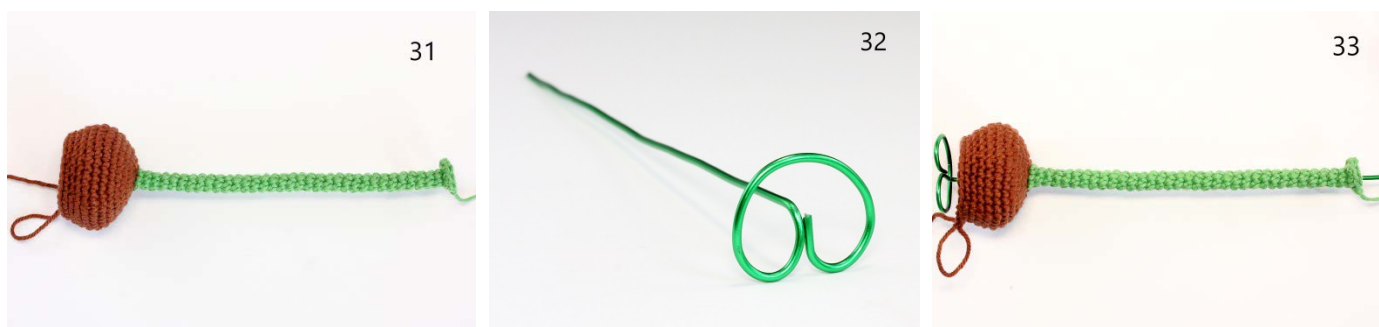
Rds 3 to 35: 5 sc (5 st).

Rd 36: 2 sc, 1 inc., 2 sc (6 st).

Rd 37: 6 inc. **FLO** (12 st).

Rd 38: 1 slst, do not crochet the other st of the rd (12 st).

Cut the yarn leaving 12in. (30cm) of length. (Photo 31)



Cut a 13.8in. (35cm) length of aluminum wire. Using pliers, twist one end as shown in photo 32. Then insert this wire into the stem, so that the twisted part is inside the ground (Photo 33).

Ground – part 2

Finish crocheting the ground with the yarn left on hold.

Rd 13: (7 sc, 1 dec) x 3 (24 st).

Rd 14: (1 sc, 1 dec, 1 sc) x 6 (18 st).

Start stuffing the ground fairly firmly, pressing the twisted part of the aluminum wire tightly to the top.

Rd 15: (1 sc, 1 dec) x 6 (12 st).

Finish stuffing the ground, making sure it fits the earthen pot.

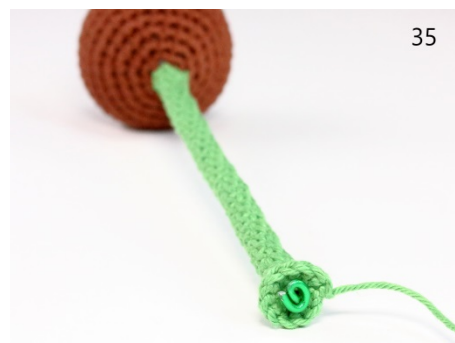
Rd 16: 6 dec (6 st).

Fasten off (Photo 34).



Note : If you crochet looser than I do or use a different yarn and hook, it is possible that the ground will be slightly too wide for the pot. In that case, skip the instructions of rd 7, crochet 36 sc in rds 8 and 9, then continue following the instructions from rd 10.

Finally, stretch the crocheted stem so that the stitches are neither packed nor overstretched. With the pliers, pinch the wire just at the exit of the stem, and bend it at 90°. Twist the end of the wire as shown in photo 35, and cut off the excess.



LEAVES X4



With green yarn.

Ch 15, keeping 6in. (15cm) of yarn at the beginning; starting at the 2nd st from the hook, make : 2 slst, 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 3 tr, 5 dtr, 1 tr, ch 3, 1 slst again in the last st of the chain (Photo 36), ch 3 (Photo 37), 1 tr again in the last st of the chain (Photo 38); then moving up the other side of the chain, starting with the next st, make: 5 dtr, 3 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, 1 sc, 2 slst.

Move back down the leaf, making surface stitches in the middle, in the starting chain :

Ch 1, then insert the hook into the 1st st of the chain (Photo 39), between the 2 slst made on either side, and make 1 slst. Continue by crocheting into each st of the chain to make 13 more slst, and finish with 1 ch. (Photo 40)

Cut the yarn leaving 8in. (20cm) of length.

If the leaves tend to curve, do not hesitate to block them as well before sewing, as explained above for the petals.





Sew the leaves on both sides of the stem, in the position you want, one after the other. To do this, make a sewing stitch at the level of the last ch of the leaf, and another sewing stitch in the stitch at the right and at the left of this one (Photo 41). Weave in the yarn in the stem several times before cutting. Weave in the other end and cut.



Sew the stem to the flower with the yarn kept at the end. Sew the 12 stitches of the last round of the stem with the 12 stitches of the 2nd rd of the green part of the flower heart. With a yarn needle, begin by passing the yarn in 1 st between rd 2 and 3 of the heart (Photo 42). Then pass the yarn in the next st of the last rd of the stem, from the inside to the outside (Photo 43). Adjust the tension of the yarn.

Repeat these instructions until you have sewn all the stitches, making sure to adjust the tension of the yarn at each stitch. Weave in the yarn several times in the heart of the flower, and cut.



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