African flower half hexagon

US terms



Finished size
Each half is about 5¾ in (15 cm) along its straight edge and 2¾ in (7 cm) deep

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows, with 2 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: plum, row 1	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, row 2	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, row 3	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, row 4	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: teal, row 5	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

After Row 3 the half flower measures about 3 7/8 in (9.8 cm) along its straight edge. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Notes

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

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- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Every row is worked with the right side facing: do not turn. Fasten off at the end of each row and begin the next one at the right-hand end, where that row began.
- The first st of a row is the chain that began it: join the new color in its 3rd ch in Rows 2, 3 and 4 and in the first sc in Row 5. The last st of a row is its last dc, tr or sc.
- In Row 2 the ch-1 spaces are the gaps between two petals, and the ch-2 spaces are where the petals grow. The ch-1 spaces are passed over in Row 3 and are used again in Row 4.
- In Row 4 every spike sc is worked in front of Row 3: put the hook down between two petals into the ch-1 sp of Row 2 that lies straight below and draw the loop up to the height of the row. The three spikes go into the three ch-1 spaces of Row 2 in order. In Row 5 a spike sc is a st like the others.
- Each of the three outer sides has 9 sts between two corners: a tr, 7 dc and a tr. The two end corners have the edge tr as well, which lies along the straight edge. A whole hexagon to match has 6 petals of 7 dc, 6 spikes and, in its last round, (tr, ch 1, tr) in the middle st of every petal with 7 dc between: in rounds, 12 dc and 6 ch-1 sps, then 24 dc, 6 ch-2 sps and 6 ch-1 sps, then 42 dc, then 42 sc and 6 spike sc, then 42 dc, 12 tr and 6 ch-1 sps.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along the straight edge: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 dc, 4 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

spike sc (Spike single crochet): Insert the hook in the place named, one or more rounds below, yarn over and pull up a long loop level with the round you are working, yarn over and pull through 2 loops.

Half hexagon: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, plum; B, pink; C, coral; D, cream; E, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**2 dc in ring, ch 1**] 3 times**, dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. (8 dc, 4 ch-1 sps)

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 5 (counts as dc and ch-2), 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, [(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] twice, 2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 2, dc in last st	(14 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 3 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 3**	Join C with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, [7 dc in next ch-2 sp] twice, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, dc in last st	(22 dc)
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Row 4**	Join D with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, spike sc in next ch-1 sp of Row 2, [sc in next 7 sts, spike sc in next ch-1 sp of Row 2] twice, sc in next 4 sts	(22 sc, 3 spike sc)
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Row 5**	Join E with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as tr), tr in same st, dc in next 7 sts, [(tr, ch 1, tr) in next st, dc in next 7 sts] twice, 2 tr in last st	(8 tr, 21 dc, 2 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin each half to shape on a flat surface, its straight edge straight and the three outer sides of one length, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Straight edge, on each half: hold it with the right side facing you and the straight edge at the top. Join E with a sl st around the edge tr of Row 5 at the right-hand end. To work over an edge stitch, insert the hook in the space beside it, so that the whole stitch, or the chain that stands for it, is inside the new one. Ch 1, which does not count as a stitch, and work toward the left: 3 sc over the edge st of Row 5, 1 sc over that of Row 4, 2 sc over each of those of Rows 3, 2 and 1, 1 sc in the ring, 2 sc over each of those of Rows 1, 2 and 3, 1 sc over Row 4 and 3 sc over Row 5 (21 sc). Fasten off.
- Where the halves go: in a blanket of hexagons that each stand on a point, every second row is shorter by one hexagon. Put one half at each end of those rows, the straight edge toward the outside; the second half is turned half round, so that the two face each other.
- To join a half to a whole hexagon: lay them with right sides together and, with E, slip stitch through both top loops of both, from the corner of one side to the next: 1 slip stitch in the corner ch-1 space of both, 1 in each of the 9 sts of the side and 1 in the next corner ch-1 space of both. At an end corner of the half take its edge st instead of a chain space. Fasten off. Each side takes about 18 in (45 cm) of E.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces.

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