Aster flower

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gold, rounds 1 and 2	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: periwinkle, round 3	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the aster measures about 1 in (2.5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or 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 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the first petal or point began in.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch and sc is double crochet.

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, periwinkle.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any st, **[**ch 7, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, sl st in next ch, sl st in next st**] 16 times**	**(64 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the flower to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 rounds; 88 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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