Black-eyed Susan

US terms



Finished size

Each flower is about 4¼ in (11 cm) across from tip to tip; the tall one is about 9 in (23 cm) tall with its stem and the short one about 7¼ in (18 cm)

Skill

Intermediate

Worked in rows and rounds, with 7 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

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

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: dark chocolate, rounds 1 and 2 of the flowers	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: burnt orange, round 3 of the flowers	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: golden yellow, round 4 of the flowers	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: meadow green, the long stem, the short stem and the leaves	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 35 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), 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

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the flower measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.

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- 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 or a row 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.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The ch 2 at the start of Rnd 1 is not worked into again: leave it behind the first bobble. Push every mini bobble out to the right side as you finish it. In Rnd 2 work in the ch-1 sps only and pass over the bobbles, which stand up in front as the eye.
- Rnd 3 makes 13 loops of ch 13; the last one ends at the first sc, where the round is joined. In Rnd 4 work all 17 stitches of a petal into its loop, over the chains, and pass over every sc of Rnd 3: the petals stand side by side. Spread the stitches along the loop until the single sc in the middle lies at its far end: it is the notch. The stitches cover the chains, and the two sides of the loop are the two sides of the petal, with a slit between them that the orange line closes (see FINISHING).
- Stems: the side that faces you in row 1 is the right side. The slip knot of the foundation chain, with the tail, is at the upper end. Leaf: the plain end is where the round begins and ends, with the tail for sewing; the tip is the other end, with the (sc, hdc, sc), where the slip knot of the foundation chain is. Wait to close the round until you have worked down both sides: the last sc goes in the chain that holds the first sc.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured from the top of the tall flower to the end of its stem: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 11¾ in (30 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 15 in (38 cm).

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 6 times: work what is inside 6 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(6 mini bobble, 6 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

mini bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops; push it to the right side.

Flower: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, dark chocolate; B, burnt orange; C, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), **[**mini bobble in ring, ch 1**] 6 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first mini bobble to join	(6 mini bobble, 6 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, 2 sc in each of next 5 ch-1 sps, sl st in first sc to join	(13 sc)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 13, **[**sc in next st, ch 13**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(13 sc, 13 ch-13 sps)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in first ch-13 sp, ch 1, (5 sc, 2 hdc, dc, sc, dc, 2 hdc, 5 sc) in same sp, **[**(5 sc, 2 hdc, dc, sc, dc, 2 hdc, 5 sc) in next ch-13 sp**] 12 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(143 sc, 52 hdc, 26 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Long stem

Yarn D, meadow green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 31.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 29 chs	(30 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Short stem

Yarn D, meadow green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 21 chs	(22 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Leaf: make 3

Yarn D, meadow green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 13.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 6 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, (sc, hdc, sc) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 6 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join (6 sc, 7 hdc, 12 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, the petals straight and evenly spread with the two sides of each touching, the leaves drawn to a point; spray them with water and let them dry. Keep the eyes raised: do not press them flat.
- Orange lines: a line of backstitch lies over the slit in the middle of every petal and closes it. For each flower cut four 45 in (114 cm) lengths of B (in a thicker yarn, longer in proportion). With the yarn needle and two of them held together work seven petals, and with the other two the last six. Lay the flower right side up. Begin at the orange round and work straight out along the slit, the two strands side by side: four stitches, each ¼ in (0.6 cm) long, so that the line is 1 in (2.5 cm) long. Bring the needle up each time on one side of the slit and put it down on the other side, each time between two stitches of the petal, just beyond the covered chain, so that the chain is caught; never go through the slit itself. Draw the yarn up until the two edges touch. After each line run the needle back through the stitches at the back of the petal to the orange round, and begin the next line in the petal beside it, until all thirteen petals have one.
- Lay each flower right side up with one petal pointing straight up. Every place is measured from the magic ring of its own flower. Long stem, for the tall flower: lay the end with the tail behind the flower, under the dark eye, 3/8 in (1 cm) straight below the ring, right side up, and bring the stem down in a soft curve: its middle line passes 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) below and ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right and 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm) below the ring, and its other end lies 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the right and 6 7/8 in (17.5 cm) below the ring. Short stem, for the short flower: the end with the tail under the eye, 3/8 in (1 cm) straight below the ring, right side up; its middle line passes 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 2 in (5.1 cm) below and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the left and 3½ in (8.9 cm) below the ring, and its other end lies 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the left and 5 1/8 in (13 cm) below the ring. With its tail sew each stem to the back of the eye, of the orange round and of the petals that lie on it.
- Leaves: the plain end of a leaf lies on its stem, right side up, and the leaf points out and up from it. Tall flower, left leaf: its plain end 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the right and 5 in (12.5 cm) below its magic ring, its tip 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) to the left and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) below the ring. Tall flower, right leaf: its plain end ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the right and 6¼ in (16 cm) below its magic ring, its tip 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) to the right and 4 5/8 in (11.5 cm) below the ring. Short flower, its one leaf, at the right: its plain end 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the left and 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm) below its magic ring, its tip 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) to the right and 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) below the ring. Sew each leaf to the stem with its tail, all along the part that lies on it.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces.

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