Bobble center flower

US terms



Finished size
About 5 in (13 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 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: chestnut, rounds 1 and 3	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: honey gold, round 2	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: tangerine, round 4	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: leaf green, round 5	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pale green, round 6	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the flower measures about 2¼ in (6 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Notes

- 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.

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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 unless the line names the next one.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- Where a line names an earlier round, fold what has been worked since toward you and work into the stitches of that round behind it.
- 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 2 is not worked into again: leave it behind the first bobble.
- A bobble is made with the right side facing, so it bulges to the back at first: push every bobble out to the right side as you finish it, before you work the next ch. Where a later round works into a bobble, work into the top of it, under the same two loops as in any other stitch.
- The petals of Rnd 4 are worked in the front loops of Rnd 3: a petal takes two sc, and the sc between two petals takes a sl st. The sl st that joins C is the first of those sl sts; work it in the front loop too.
- The leaves of Rnd 5 are worked in the back loops of Rnd 3, behind the petals. A leaf takes three sc: the middle one is an sc that holds a sl st of Rnd 4, so that the tip of the leaf, its 3 dtr, comes between two petals. The 3rd sc of Rnd 3, where D is joined, is the second sc of the first petal, so the first leaf takes the 3rd, 4th and 5th sc and the last leaf takes the last sc of Rnd 3 and its first two; work the sl st that joins D in the back loop too.
- Rnd 6 goes round the leaves, behind the petals. The two hdc where leaves meet each take a sl st; the sl st that joins E is the one in the first hdc. The (hdc, dc, hdc) is worked in the middle one of the 3 dtr and makes the point.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm).

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), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple 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.

[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 5 times, all in the same place (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops.

Yarns in order of use: A, chestnut; B, honey gold; C, tangerine; D, leaf green; E, pale green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 2 (does not count as a st), bobble in same st, ch 1, **[**bobble in next st, ch 1**] 7 times**, sl st in first bobble to join	(8 bobbles, 8 ch-1 sps)

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Join A with sl st in any bobble, ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**sc in next bobble, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in first sc, working in front loops only, (dc, tr, 2 dtr) in next st, (2 dtr, tr, dc) in next st, **[**sl st in next st, (dc, tr, 2 dtr) in next st, (2 dtr, tr, dc) in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	(16 dc, 16 tr, 32 dtr)

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join D with sl st in 3rd sc of Rnd 3, working in back loops only, ch 1, (hdc, dc, tr) in same sc of Rnd 3, 3 dtr in next sc of Rnd 3, (tr, dc, hdc) in next sc of Rnd 3, > **[**(hdc, dc, tr) in next sc of Rnd 3, 3 dtr in next sc of Rnd 3, > (tr, dc, hdc) in next sc of Rnd 3**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(16 hdc, 16 dc, 16 tr, 24 dtr)

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join E with sl st in first hdc, sc in next 3 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, sl st in next st, > **[**sl st in next st, sc in next 3 sts, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next 3 sts, > sl st in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	(48 sc, 16 hdc, 8 dc)
☐ **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: 6 rounds; 12 ends to weave in.

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