Buttercup flower

US terms



Finished size
About 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across

Skill
Beginner
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: lime green, round 1	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: buttercup yellow, rounds 2 and 3	**about 5 yd (5 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
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 buttercup 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.
- 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 1½ in (4 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, lime green; B, buttercup yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 5 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in same st, (ch 2, 3 dc) in same st, (3 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st, **[**(sl st, ch 2, 3 dc) in next st, (3 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	**(30 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: 3 rounds; 45 stitches; 4 ends to weave in.

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