Flowers and leaves spray

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) along each side of the corner; each flower is about 2½ in (6 cm) across, each leaf about 2¼ in (6 cm) long

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 12 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 6 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: honey gold, round 1 of the flowers	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, round 2 of the flowers	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, round 3 of the flowers and round 1 of the buds	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, some of the flowers	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: sage green, the leaves and round 2 of the buds	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: moss green, the stems	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

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.

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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

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

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

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 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.
- 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Flower: in Rnd 3 each petal takes 4 sts of Rnd 2. Two hdc side by side are the dip between two petals. The petals are full and may ripple until the flower is blocked.
- Leaf: the slip knot of the foundation chain is at the tip. The round goes up one side of the chain, round the tip and down the other side; its last sc is worked in the chain that holds its first sc. It begins and ends at the base.
- Bud: the slip knot of the foundation chain is at the round end. Rnd 1 begins at the tip, goes down one side of the chain, round the end with the 7 dc and up the other side; its last sc is worked in the chain that holds its first sc. Row 2 is the green cup round that end, worked with the same side facing: it takes the 3rd to the 11th of the 13 dc, and the rest of the edge stays peach.
- The side that faces you in Rnd 1 is the right side of the leaf and of the bud.
- For a pair of corners make a second spray and lay it as the mirror image of the first: read left where a line says right, and right where it says left. The flowers, leaves, buds and stems of the second spray are worked, and their veins and lines sewn, exactly as for the first, right side up: only the places where they lie are mirrored.
- 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.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along each side: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 6 in (15 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 9 in (23 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11½ in (29 cm).

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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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Flower: make 3

Make 1 in C and 2 in D. The lines say C; for the flowers in D, read D in its place.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 10 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 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	**(20 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 1, (hdc, dc) in same st, (dc, tr) in next st, (tr, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, **[**(hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, tr) in next st, (tr, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(10 hdc, 20 dc, 10 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 5

Yarn E, sage green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 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 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 5 hdc, 6 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bud: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, peach; E, sage green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 3 chs, 7 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 2 hdc, 13 dc)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Row 2**	Join E with sl st in 3rd dc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, leave the rest unworked	**(13 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Stem: make 2

Yarn F, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 12 chs	**(13 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the flowers, leaves and buds flat, right side up, the petals round and even, the tips of the leaves and buds drawn to a point; spray them with water and let them dry.
- Veins: with the yarn needle and F, sew a line of backstitch on the right side of each leaf, along the foundation chain, from the base to ½ in (1.3 cm) below the tip. Buds: lay each bud with its tip up. With B, sew two lines of backstitch on the right side, the one the mirror image of the other, so that they make the outline of a small inner petal: both begin in the same place in the middle, ¼ in (0.6 cm) below the tip; the one bows out ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left of the middle and the other ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right, and both end in the middle of the bud, where the peach meets the green cup. With E, sew five straight stitches, spread like a fan, for the sepals: all begin side by side at the middle of the green cup, where it meets the peach. The middle one goes straight toward the tip and is ½ in (1.3 cm) long; those on either side of it end ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the left and to the right of its end, and the outer two 3/8 in (1 cm) to the left and to the right of its end and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) lower.
- Lay out the spray on a flat surface, all the pieces right side up. Every place is measured from the magic ring of the peach flower, which is the corner. First the two cream flowers: the ring of one 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to the right of it and 3/8 in (1 cm) above it, the ring of the other 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) above it and 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right of it. Turn the peach flower so that two petals that lie side by side point straight at the rings of the two cream flowers, with the dip between them halfway between the cream flowers. Turn each cream flower so that one of its petals points straight at the ring of the peach flower. The petals that point at each other overlap by about 3/8 in (1 cm), and the peach ones lie on top.
- Leaves: the base end of each lies under a flower, so near the ring that it is hidden whether a petal or a dip lies over it. Lay the base in its place, and let the tip show which way the leaf points. The first leaf has its base ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right of the ring and ½ in (1.3 cm) above it and points out between the two cream flowers, its sides under their petals, its tip 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to the right and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) above. The second has its base ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right and 3/8 in (1 cm) below, its tip 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to the right and 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) below. The third has its base 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) to the right and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below, its tip 4 5/8 in (11.7 cm) to the right and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) below. The fourth and the fifth are the mirror images of the second and the third: measure up where those go to the right, and to the left where those go down.
- Buds and stems: one stem begins under the ring of the cream flower at the right and runs out to the right and then up in a bend; a bud lies on its end, the green cup over the last ¼ in (0.6 cm) of the stem. The middle of the outer edge of the cup is 4 in (10.2 cm) to the right of the ring of the peach flower and 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) above it, and the tip of the bud 5 in (12.7 cm) to the right and 2¾ in (7 cm) above. The other stem and bud are its mirror image: they begin under the upper cream flower, and the figures to the right and above change places.
- Pin everything. With their tails sew the pieces to one another wherever one lies on another: the stems to the backs of the cream flowers, the buds to the stems, the leaves to the backs of the flowers, and the peach flower to the cream ones, with small stitches that take up only the back strands of what lies on top. To sew the spray to a blanket, a bag or a cushion, pin it on and work small stitches with the yarn of each piece round its edge.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 12 pieces; 381 stitches (70 in each flower, 17 in each leaf, 30 in each bud, 13 in each stem).

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