Flat and flower buttons

US terms



Finished size

The small flat button about 1 in (2.5 cm) across, the large flat one 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm), the scalloped one 1½ in (3.8 cm), the daisy 1½ in (3.8 cm), and the heart and the star 1½ in (3.8 cm) across at the widest

Skill

Easy

Worked in rounds, with 6 pieces and color changes.

Yarn

Fine (2), 7 colors

Hook

3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: cherry red, rounds 1 and 2 of the heart	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, round 3 of the scalloped and round 3 of the heart	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lemon yellow, round 1 of the daisy and the star	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: mint green, the small flat	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: sky blue, rounds 1 and 2 of the large flat	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: lilac, rounds 1 and 2 of the scalloped	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: cream, round 3 of the large flat and round 2 of the daisy	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a spray bottle and stiff card, only if you want to keep the buttons together on a card.

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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

21 stitches and 22 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 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 unless the line names the next one.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The two ch-1 sps of Rnd 1 are the two holes of a button. In Rnd 2 work the stitches named for a hole into the space under its chain, so that the hole stays open.
- Small flat, large flat and scalloped: in Rnd 1 the first hole lies after the fourth sc and the second one before the joining slip stitch.
- Scalloped, Rnd 3: the first 3 hdc go into the st after the one where B was joined, so that a scallop and a slip stitch take turns round the 16 sts of Rnd 2. The last slip stitch goes into the slip stitch that joined B.
- Daisy: one petal goes into each sc and one into each hole, 10 in all. The last slip stitch of Rnd 2 goes into the slip stitch that joined G. The holes stay open under the petals.
- Heart: the first sc of Rnd 1 and of Rnd 2 is the dip at the top, and the dc of the (sc, dc, sc) in Rnd 2 is the point. In Rnd 3 the slip stitch that joins B is the dip, the first sc goes into the hdc after it, and the hdc of the (sc, hdc, sc) is the point. Star: each point takes two places of Rnd 1, with the ch-1 sp as its tip.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured across the largest button: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 1 in (2.5 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 1¾ in (4.5 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 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, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Small flat

Yarn D, mint green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Large flat

Yarns in order of use: E, sky blue; G, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off E.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join G with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(20 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Scalloped

Yarns in order of use: F, lilac; B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off F.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any st, 3 hdc in next st, **[**sl st in next st, 3 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Daisy

Yarns in order of use: C, lemon yellow; G, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join G with sl st in first sc, (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, sl st) in same st, (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, sl st) in each of next 3 sts, (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, sl st) in next ch-1 sp, (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, sl st) in each of next 4 sts, (sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 3, sl st) in next ch-1 sp, sl st in first sl st to join	**(20 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Heart

Yarns in order of use: A, cherry red; B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 2 sc in ring, ch 1, 3 sc in ring, ch 1, sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, 2 dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next st, (sc, dc, sc) in next st, 2 sc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next ch-1 sp, (2 dc, hdc) in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(7 sc, 4 hdc, 7 dc)**
Fasten off A.		
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first sc, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next 4 sts, (sc, hdc, sc) in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, sl st in first sl st to join	**(24 sc, 1 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Star

Yarn C, lemon yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in ring, ch 1, 4 sc in ring, ch 1, sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 2 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, (sc, dc) in same st, ch 1, (dc, sc) in next st, (sc, dc) in next st, ch 1, (dc, sc) in next ch-1 sp, **[**(sc, dc) in next st, ch 1, (dc, sc) in next st**] 2 times**, (sc, dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (dc, sc) in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 dc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the buttons flat, right side up, the points of the star and of the heart drawn out, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Weave all the ends into the back and trim them. Push the point of the yarn needle through each hole to open it.
- To sew a button on, use 18 in (46 cm) of yarn in a clear contrast: cherry red for the small flat and the large flat button, cream for the scalloped one and the heart, lilac for the daisy and sky blue for the star. Hold the button with the two holes side by side. Come up through one hole from the fabric, go across the middle of the button and down through the other hole, and repeat until three stitches lie side by side. For a thick fabric leave these stitches loose, lift the button and wind the yarn 4 times round them underneath before you fasten off.
- For a card, cut a piece of stiff card 5 in by 3½ in (12.7 cm by 8.9 cm), lay the buttons on it in two rows of three and sew each one through the card in the same way.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 pieces; 221 stitches (24 in the small flat, 44 in the large flat, 48 in the scalloped, 28 in the daisy, 49 in the heart, 28 in the star).

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