# Flower lei

US terms



Finished size
**The loop is about 41¼ in (105 cm) round, measured along the green strip, and each blossom about 2¼ in (6 cm) wide**

Skill
**Easy**
Worked in rows and rounds, with 37 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
**Medium (4), 4 colors**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

Gauge
**14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: golden yellow, round 1 of the blossoms | **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: ivory white, round 2 of the blossoms | **about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: blush pink, the sewn details | **about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: palm green, the loop | **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate** |

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.

## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

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| **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) |
| **rem** | remaining |
| **st** | stitch |
| **rnd** | round |
| **RS** | right side |


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## Gauge

**14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Each blossom has five petals; a petal is the 8 stitches worked into 2 stitches of round 1, its tip between the two tr. The first half of the first petal is worked in the stitch B was joined in.
- The tail of round 2 is for sewing; weave in the others before you sew.
- For another length, make the strip 24 stitches longer or shorter for every 6¾ in (17 cm) wanted, and make 6 blossoms more or fewer, 4 of them with B and 2 with C. The colors then still run in threes all round, in the inner row and in the outer row.
- The side of the green strip that faced you in row 1 is its right side.
- For a graduation, work the petals in two school colors, 18 blossoms in the first and 18 in the second. The first color makes the whole inner row and the second the whole outer row.
- 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 the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 27½ in (70 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 32 in (81 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 52¼ in (133 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 row 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.

### Loop

**Yarn D, palm green.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With D, ch 145. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across | **(144 sc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing. | |


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### Blossom: make 36

**Yarns in order of use: A, golden yellow; B, ivory white.**

Make 24 with B and 12 with C for round 2. Round 1 is always A. The lines give the blossom with B.

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| ☐ **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, (sc, hdc, dc, tr) in same st,<br>(tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next st,<br>**[**(sc, hdc, dc, tr) in next st, (tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next st**] 4 times**,<br>sl st in first sc to join | **(10 sc, 10 hdc, 10 dc, 10 tr)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. | |

## Finishing

- Block: pin the blossoms to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the green strip flat with the tops of its sc all on the outside and shape it to a loop without twisting it. With its tail, sew the two short ends together edge to edge. The loop has 144 sc; the edge with the tops of the sc is the outer edge, the edge with the foundation chain the inner edge.
- Lay the loop down with its right side up. The blossoms lie along it by turns on its inner and its outer side, one for every 4 sc, all right sides up. The inner ones run white, white, pink, six times in all; the outer ones run pink, white, white, six times in all.
- Beginning at the seam, sew the 18 inner blossoms first, one for every 8 sc. The middle of each lies 3/8 in (1 cm) in from the inner edge, level with the line between the 2nd and 3rd of its 8 sc, and any petal may point outward. Go round from one blossom to the next: where two of them meet, the petals of the new one lie on top of the petals of the one already sewn down. Leave the petals of the 1st blossom that lie beside the 18th unsewn until the 18th is on, then lay them on top of the 18th. With the tail of a blossom, sew the petals that lie on the loop to the loop: at the edge of the golden heart, and once at each place where the edge of a petal crosses the loop.
- Then sew the 18 outer blossoms, over the edges of the inner ones. The middle of each lies 3/8 in (1 cm) out from the outer edge, level with the line between the 6th and 7th of the same 8 sc, halfway between two inner blossoms. The outer ones lie on top of the inner ones and side by side with one another. Sew them down in the same way, taking in the petals below them.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 37 pieces; 1,944 stitches (144 in the loop, 50 in each blossom).

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