Hibiscus flower

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 2 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: crimson, rounds 1 and 2 of the hibiscus	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral orange, round 3 of the hibiscus	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, the stamen	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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 2 the hibiscus measures about 1¼ in (3 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 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, and chains that are not named there, are counted in the stamen alone.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 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, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Hibiscus

Yarns in order of use: A, crimson; B, coral orange.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 3 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(15 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any st, (ch 3, 2 tr) in same st, 5 dtr in next st, (2 tr, ch 3, sl st) in next st, **[**(sl st, ch 3, 2 tr) in next st, 5 dtr in next st, (2 tr, ch 3, sl st) in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	**(20 tr, 25 dtr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Stamen

Yarn C, yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 5 chs, (sl st, ch 3, sl st, ch 3, sl st) in next ch	**(9 sl sts, 2 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Both tails of the stamen are at its tip, where the two loops are. Run the long one along the back to the plain end, sew the plain end to the middle of the flower and leave the tip free.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 74 stitches (65 in the hibiscus, 9 in the stamen); 6 ends to weave in.

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