Hydrangea applique

US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) wide and about 4 in (10 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 14 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Light (3), 4 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: lemon, round 1 of the florets	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: hydrangea blue, the petals of six florets	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lilac, the petals of the other six florets	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, the leaves	**about 8 yd (7 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)
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

Special stitches

picot (Picot): Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made. It leaves 1 picot for the next row.

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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 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and its picots; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The picot is the tip of a leaf; the other end, where the leaf begins and ends, is its plain end.
- 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 5 in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9¾ in (25 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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Floret: make 12

Yarns in order of use: A, lemon; B, hydrangea blue.

Make 6 with petals in B and 6 with petals in C; every center is in A. The lines say B; read C in its place.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 4 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(4 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, (ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, sl st) in same st, **[**(sl st, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sl st to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Leaf: make 2

Yarn D, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 13.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 4 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, picot, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 4 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch **(4 sc, 4 hdc, 8 dc, 8 tr, 1 picot)**
☐ **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.
- Lay eight florets in a ring, right sides up, blue and lilac in turn, the middle of each 1¼ in (3 cm) from the middle of the ring. Lay the other four over the middle of the ring, blue and lilac in turn, so that no gap is left. The florets overlap; sew them together where they do.
- Sew the leaves behind the lower half of the florets, one to the left and one to the right, 1 1/8 in (3 cm) of the plain end of each hidden and its tip pointing outward and down a little.
- To sew the hydrangea to your project, pin it where it is to go and sew round its edges with lengths of B, C and D, under the outermost strands of the stitches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 14 pieces; 240 stitches (16 in each floret, 24 in each leaf); 58 ends to weave in.

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