Layered poinsettia

US terms



Finished size
About 5¼ in (13 cm) wide and about 6 in (15 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: Christmas red, rounds 1 to 3	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: deep red, rounds 4 to 6	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest green, rounds 7 and 8	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: gold, the sewn details	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

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

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the poinsettia measures about ¾ in (2 cm) across.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

- 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.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- Where a line names an earlier round, fold what has been worked since toward you and work into the stitches of that round behind it.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the first petal or point began in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The picot of every bract and leaf stands on its tallest stitch, the dtr, and makes the tip.
- Rnds 2 and 5 are worked in front loops; Rnds 4 and 7 in back loops, the sl st that joins the new color too. Wherever a round is worked in one loop of a round, the other loop of every stitch, and both loops of every stitch that is skipped, stay free behind the bracts.
- Rnds 3 and 6 begin with the ch-sp that follows the first sc, and every sl st between two bracts goes into the sc between their two ch-sps, both loops of it. The last sl st of the round goes into the first sc; the round is not joined again.
- Rnd 4 goes into the back loops of all 12 sc of Rnd 1, the last 2 sc into the first sc of Rnd 1. The 2nd sc of Rnd 1 is the first one that Rnd 2 skipped, so each of the six single sc of Rnd 4 stands behind the middle of a front bract, and the six ch-5 sps of Rnd 5 lie behind the gaps between them.
- Rnd 7 goes into the back loops of Rnd 4: the first sc into the first of a pair worked in one stitch, the second into its other one, and the skipped sc is the single one between two pairs; the last one skipped is the first sc of Rnd 4. So each ch-6 sp lies behind the middle of a front bract.
- At the start of Rnd 8, sl st in the 2nd sc of Rnd 7 and then in the ch-6 sp.
- 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.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm).

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **dtr** double treble crochet (UK triple treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.

sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 sc in next sc: both in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sc**: one in each. **ch-4 sp**: the gap under four chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(12 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Yarns in order of use: A, Christmas red; B, deep red; C, forest green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 12 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Working in front loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 4, sk next st, **[**sc in next st, ch 4, sk next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-4 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, tr, dtr, picot, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp, sl st in next sc**] 6 times** (12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 12 tr, 6 dtr, 6 picots)	
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in 2nd sc of Rnd 1, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next sc of Rnd 1, **[**sc in next sc of Rnd 1, 2 sc in next sc of Rnd 1**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Working in front loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, sk next 2 sts, **[**sc in next st, ch 5, sk next 2 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dtr, picot, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-5 sp, sl st in next sc**] 6 times** (12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 24 tr, 6 dtr, 6 picots)	
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join C with sl st in 2nd sc of Rnd 4, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next sc of Rnd 4, ch 6, sk next sc of Rnd 4, **[**sc in next 2 sc of Rnd 4, ch 6, sk next sc of Rnd 4**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join (12 sc, 6 ch-6 sps)	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-6 sp, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dtr, picot, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in same sp, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, 2 tr, dtr, picot, 2 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-6 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 24 tr, 6 dtr, 6 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.

Finishing

- Block: pin the tips of the six leaves and the six deep red bracts out on a flat surface, right side up, the leaves first; spray the flower with water, lift the tips of the red bracts with your fingers so that they stand up, and let it dry.
- With D used double, work seven large French knots for the center, each wrapped three times: one over the magic ring and six evenly round it, ¼ in (0.6 cm) from its middle.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 rounds; 240 stitches.

Found a mistake in this pattern? Tell us at flossfield.com, under Make a request.

For your own crochet, gifts and handmade pieces you sell. Do not resell or share this PDF or copies of it.