Orchid

US terms



Finished size
Each open flower is about 3 in (8 cm) across its petals; the whole spray is about 7½ in (19 cm) wide and about 6¾ in (17 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 20 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Fine (2), 5 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: soft white, the sepals, rows 3 and 4 of the petals and the columns	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orchid pink, rows 1 and 2 of the petals and the buds	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: magenta, round 2 of the lips	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: golden yellow, round 1 of the lips	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, the leaves, the stem and the bud stalk	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

Before you start

- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Sepals, buds and leaves: each is worked down one side of its chain, round the last ch and back along the other side; the last sc goes in the chain that holds the first sc. The tip of a sepal is the tr; the tip of a leaf is the end with the (sc, hdc, sc). The round end of a bud is the end with the 7 dc, and its tip is where the round begins and ends.

Gauge

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

A stem is a chain with slip stitches worked back along it: 26 of its stitches measure about 4 in (10 cm).

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.

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Instructions

US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **sl st** slip stitch, **dtr** double treble crochet (UK trtr), **st** stitch.

2 dc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Dc in next 2 sts: one in each.

( ) in one place: all of it there. (2 sc, 2 hdc, 12 dc, 1 tr): the round now has that many; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Sepal: make 6

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 8.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 4 chs, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 4 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(2 sc, 2 hdc, 12 dc, 1 tr)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Petal: make 4

☐ **Start**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 5 dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in each of next 5 sts	(11 dc)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 5 times**	(16 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in first st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st	(2 sc, 6 hdc, 12 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Lip: make 2

☐ **Start**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Round 2**	Join C with sl st in first sc, ch 1, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in same st, sl st in next st, (sc, hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, tr, dtr, tr, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in next st, (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc, 6 hdc, 8 dc, 2 tr, 1 dtr)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Column: make 2

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **Start**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bud: make 2

Yarn B, orchid pink.

☐ **Start**	With B, ch 6.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, 7 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(2 sc, 2 hdc, 11 dc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	With E, ch 14.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 5 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, hdc, sc) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 5 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 5 hdc, 8 dc, 10 tr)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Stem

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	With E, ch 65.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 63 chs	(64 sl sts)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bud stalk

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Start**	With E, ch 12.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 10 chs	(11 sl sts)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the petals right side up, about 2 in (5 cm) wide and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from the ring to the edge, the sepals, the leaves and the buds with their tips drawn to a point, and the lips with the longest st straight down. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Make two flowers. Lay three sepals right side up with their plain ends together in the middle, one tip pointing straight up, one halfway between left and straight down, and one halfway between right and straight down. Lay a petal on them at the left and one at the right, right side up, each with its magic ring 1/8 in (0.5 cm) from the middle and the middle of its curved edge pointing straight out to the side. Run the tail of each petal along the back of its straight side to its ring. Sew the sepals and the petals together in the middle with their tails, up to 3/8 in (1 cm) out, so that the edges stay free.
- Lip: lay it on the flower right side up, the dtr pointing straight down, its magic ring ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the middle of the flower, and sew it on with its tail round the edge of the yellow circle. Column: sew it on right side up, its magic ring ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the middle, its lower edge on the top of the lip, with its tail round its edge.
- Lay out the spray, every piece right side up. Every place is measured from the lower end of the stem. The stem goes up from there, its tail at the lower end, in an arch: it passes 3/8 in (1 cm) to the left and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) above, 7/8 in (2 cm) to the right and 4 5/8 in (11.5 cm) above and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) to the right and 5 in (12.5 cm) above, and ends 4 3/8 in (11 cm) to the right and 3 1/8 in (8 cm) above. The middle of the left flower lies on it 1/8 in (0.5 cm) to the left and 3¼ in (8.5 cm) above, the tip of its upper sepal ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the left and 4 7/8 in (12.5 cm) above; the middle of the right flower lies 2½ in (6.5 cm) to the right and 4½ in (11.5 cm) above, the tip of its upper sepal 2¾ in (7 cm) to the right and 6¼ in (16 cm) above. Where a petal of one flower touches the other, the right flower lies on top. Sew the flowers to the stem with what is left of the tails of the sepals.
- Buds: one hangs on the end of the stem, its round end over the last ¼ in (0.5 cm) of it and its tip 4 5/8 in (11.5 cm) to the right and 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm) above. The bud stalk carries the other: it begins behind the stem, 3¾ in (9.5 cm) to the right and 4 3/8 in (11 cm) above, and ends 3½ in (9 cm) to the right and 2 7/8 in (7.5 cm) above; the round end of the bud lies over the last ¼ in (0.5 cm) of it, and its tip is 3 3/8 in (8.5 cm) to the right and 1¾ in (4.5 cm) above. The stem and the bud stalk are each about a stitch longer than their ways: let what is left over lie under the buds. Sew the bud stalk to the back of the stem with its tail. Run the tail of each bud along its back to the round end, and sew the buds to the stalk and to the stem with it.
- Leaves: lay the plain ends of both under the foot of the stem, one leaf with its tip 2 3/8 in (6 cm) to the left and 1 1/8 in (3 cm) above, the other with its tip 2 5/8 in (6.5 cm) to the right and 5/8 in (1.5 cm) above. Sew the leaves to each other with their tails, and the foot of the stem to the leaves with the tail of the stem.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 20 pieces; 547 stitches (17 in each sepal, 53 in each petal, 31 in each lip, 6 in each column, 15 in each bud, 27 in each leaf, 64 in the stem, 11 in the bud stalk).

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.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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.
- 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.

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- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Petal: a fan worked back and forth in rows from a magic ring; do not join the ends of a row. The ch 3 of a row counts as its first dc and stands on the first st of the row below (the st worked last before you turned); the last sts of rows 2 and 3 go in the top of the turning chain of the row before. Row 4: the ch 1 does not count; after you turn, the first sl st goes in the dc that was worked last in row 3, and the last sl st in the top of the turning chain of row 3. The right side faces you in rows 1 and 3. The ring is the foot of the petal.
- Stem and bud stalk: the side that faces you in row 1 is the right side. The slip knot of the foundation chain, with the tail, is at the lower end of the stem and at the upper end of the bud stalk.
- Lip: the dtr is its lowest point. The two (sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc) are its side lobes. The round begins in the first sc of Round 1, with the side lobe at the left; the last sl st before the round is joined goes in the last sc of Round 1, which is the top of the lip.
- 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 whole spray the longest way: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 8¾ in (22 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 11¼ in (29 cm).

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