Pikake bud lei

US terms



Finished size
Each strand is about 44 in (112 cm) round before it is twisted with the others, and the twisted lei about 41 in (104 cm) round

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 12 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

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: ivory, the strands and round 2 of the blossoms	**about 110 yd (101 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the cuff and the leaves	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: golden yellow, round 1 of the blossoms	**about 4 yd (4 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.

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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Special stitches

tr cluster (Treble cluster): [yarn over twice, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, (yarn over and pull through 2 loops) twice] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 tr cluster for the next row or round.

Gauge

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

In a strand, 4 buds and the chains between them measure about 4 in (10 cm), from the base of one bud to the base of the 4th bud after it.

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.

Before you start

- 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.
- 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.
- 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; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Each strand is worked from bud to bud: the ch 5 is one chain between two buds and the 4 chains that stand beside the next bud, and the tr cluster worked in the first of those 5 chains is the bud. The 5th ch from hook is always the first of the 5 chains just made. The 4 chains at the side of a bud show beside it.
- For longer or shorter strands, work 4 buds more or fewer in each of the four for every 4 in (10 cm).
- In the cuff the right side faces you in row 1 and in every odd-numbered row.
- Each blossom has five petals; a petal is the 7 stitches worked into 1 stitch of round 1, and its tip is the tr in their middle. The first petal is worked in the stitch A was joined in. Let the petals cup a little; do not pull the stitches tight.
- A leaf is one round worked along both sides of its chain. Its base is the end where the round begins and is joined; its tip is the hdc at the other end. The side that faces you as you work the round is its right side.
- 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 round the twisted lei: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 27¼ in (69 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).

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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.

Strand: make 4

Yarn A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	1 tr cluster in 5th ch from hook, **[**ch 5, 1 tr cluster in 5th ch from hook**] 43 times**	**(44 tr cluster)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cuff

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 18: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Blossom: make 3

Yarns in order of use: C, golden yellow; A, ivory.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 5 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(5 sc)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Join A with sl st in any st, ch 1, (sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in same st, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next st**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(10 sc, 10 hdc, 10 dc, 5 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 4

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 13.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next 2 chs, (sc, hdc, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc, 7 hdc, 10 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the leaves and the blossoms to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the four strands side by side, straight and not twisted, with their beginnings level, and pin the four beginnings to a pillow or a board. Hold the four ends together and twist them, always the same way, until the strands have gone round one another 6 whole times from end to end and lie like a rope; the twist makes the lei about 3 in (7.6 cm) shorter.
- Bring the rope round to a ring without letting the twist go. After 6 whole turns every strand comes back to its own beginning: with its tail, sew the top of the last bud of each strand to the first chain of the same strand. Spread the twist evenly and lay the ring flat, the four seams together at the bottom.
- Wrap the cuff once round all four strands over the seams, right side out, so that the middle of its 4-stitch width, which is about 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm), lies over the seams. At the back, with its tail, sew the foundation chain to the last row edge to edge, and take two stitches through every strand, so that the cuff stays where it is.
- Lay the lei flat with the cuff at the bottom. The rope is about 1½ to 2 in (4 to 5 cm) wide beside the cuff; its middle line, which runs round the lei halfway between the inner and the outer side, crosses the front of the cuff at its middle. All the distances below are measured along that line from the middle of the cuff.
- Leaves: sew these on first, right sides up, two to the left and two to the right. The bases of the two on one side lie together on the middle line, 3 in (7.6 cm) from the middle of the cuff; both point away from the cuff and along the rope, one toward its inner side and the other toward its outer side, so that their tips are 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) apart. Where the two overlap, the leaf toward the inner side lies on top. Sew each leaf with its tail to the buds and chains that lie under it, beginning at its base and going as far as it lies on the rope; a tip that stands past the side of the rope stays free.
- Blossoms: sew the three on in a row, right sides up: the magic ring of the first on the middle of the cuff, the ring of each of the other two on the middle line 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) to the left and to the right of it, so that the outer two cover the bases of the leaves and the buds of the rope show between one blossom and the next. Turn every blossom so that one petal points straight toward the inner side of the lei. Sew each down with its tail, round the golden heart and at the tip of every petal that has the cuff, a bud or a leaf under it, to whichever of them lies there; a petal that stands past the side of the rope stays free.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 12 pieces.

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