Poinsettia flower

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ in (11 cm) wide and about 5 in (13 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with 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: gold, round 1	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: Christmas red, round 2	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: holly green, round 3	**about 9 yd (8 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)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip
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 1 the poinsettia measures about 1 in (2.5 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 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 unless the line names the next one.
- 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.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¼ in (16 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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.

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, Christmas red; C, holly green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 12 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first sc, working in front loops only, **[**ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sk next st, sl st in next st**] 6 times**	**(6 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 12 tr)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first sc of Rnd 1, working in back loops only, sl st in next sc of Rnd 1, **[**ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sk next sc of Rnd 1, sl st in next sc of Rnd 1**] 6 times**	**(6 sc, 12 hdc, 18 dc, 12 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the flower to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 rounds; 102 stitches; 6 ends to weave in.

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