Popcorn flower

US terms



Finished size
About 4¾ in (12 cm) across

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.

You will need

Yarn A: sun yellow, round 1	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream white, round 2	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: raspberry, round 3	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: turquoise, round 4	**about 9 yd (8 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)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Special stitches

popcorn: Work 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it through the top of the first of the 5 dc from front to back, pick up the loop again and pull it through. A popcorn is one stitch: where a later round works into it, work into its top, which is the loop pulled through the first dc, and not into the tops of its other dc. It leaves 1 popcorn for the next round.

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 2 the flower measures about 2 in (5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The ch 2 at the start of Rnds 1 and 3 is not worked into again: leave it behind the first popcorn. Leave the magic ring open until Rnd 1 is joined, then pull it closed.
- Each petal of Rnd 4 is nine stitches in one ch-2 sp, with the dtr in its middle. In Rnd 4 the petals and the sl sts between them are worked in the ch-2 sps only: pass over every popcorn of Rnd 3. Two popcorns of Rnd 3 stand at the foot of each petal, one on each side.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: 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).

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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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, sun yellow; B, cream white; C, raspberry; D, turquoise.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), **[**popcorn in ring, ch 1**] 6 times**, sl st in first popcorn to join **(6 popcorns, 6 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any popcorn, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**2 sc in next popcorn, 2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(24 sc)**
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 2 (does not count as a st), popcorn in same st, ch 2, sk next st, **[**popcorn in next st, ch 2, sk next st**] 11 times**, sl st in first popcorn to join **(12 popcorns, 12 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off C.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, (hdc, dc, 2 tr, dtr, 2 tr, dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sl st in next ch-2 sp, (hdc, dc, 2 tr, dtr, 2 tr, dc, hdc) in next ch-2 sp**] 5 times**, sl st in first sl st to join **(12 hdc, 12 dc, 24 tr, 6 dtr)**
☐ **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: 4 rounds; 8 ends to weave in.

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