Poppy brooch

US terms



Finished size
The flower about 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) across, the whole brooch about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) wide and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 11 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: crimson, the outer petals	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: scarlet, the inner petals and round 3 of the bud	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage green, round 1 of the center	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, round 2 of the center	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, rounds 1 and 2 of the bud, the leaf, the flower stem and the bud stem	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 15 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, a brooch pin 1¼ in (3.2 cm) long, a scrap of black or red felt, sewing thread and a sewing needle, pins, a spray bottle, a small brush and fabric stiffener (or white glue thinned with as much water).

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.

Gauge

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

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

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.

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- 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 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.
- 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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Petals: the ch 3 that begins row 2 or row 3 stands on the first st after the turn, and same st is that st.
- Petals: each is a fan worked back and forth in rows from a magic ring; do not join the ends of a row. The right side faces you in row 1 and in row 3. The ring is the foot of the petal and the last row its edge. The petals have more stitches than lie quite flat, so that they ruffle.
- In the last row of a petal the turning chain of the row before counts as its last st: work the last sl st in the top of it. In rows 2 and 3 the last dc or the last 2 dc go there.
- Bud: Rnd 3 is the red tip of the petals, worked only along the 7 hdc of Rnd 2; it is not joined. The tr is its point.
- Leaf: it begins and ends at its plain end; the (sc, ch 1, sc), worked half way round, is its tip, and each (hdc, dc, ch 1, hdc) is a lobe with the ch-1 sp as its point. The last sc goes into the chain that holds the first sc.
- 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.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured over the whole brooch the longest way: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 2¾ in (7 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 6½ in (17 cm).

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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), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in each of next 5 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(6 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Outer petal: make 3

Yarn A, crimson.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, 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), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 5 sts	(12 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st**] 5 times**, dc in next st	(18 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in next st, sc in next st, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sc in next st, sl st in next st	(2 sc, 21 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Inner petal: make 3

Yarn B, scarlet.

☐ **Foundation**	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), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 5 sts	(12 dc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sl st in next st, sc in next st, **[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st**] 4 times**, sc in next st, sl st in next st	(2 sc, 12 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Center

Yarns in order of use: C, sage green; D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** Fasten off C.	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join D with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Bud

Yarns in order of use: E, leaf green; B, scarlet.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, 2 sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st, 3 hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, sl st in first sc to join Fasten off E.	(10 sc, 7 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in first hdc, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st, leave the rest unworked	(2 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc, 1 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**(hdc, dc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch, sl st in next ch**] 3 times**, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, **[**sl st in next ch, (hdc, dc, ch 1, hdc) in next ch**] 3 times**, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 12 hdc, 6 dc, 7 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Flower stem

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 16.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 14 chs	(15 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Bud stem

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 14.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 12 chs	(13 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the petals right side up, the outer ones about 2¼ in (5.7 cm) wide and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from the ring to the edge, the inner ones about 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) from the ring to the edge, the bud about ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) long, the green part reaching 3/8 in (1 cm) above its magic ring and the red tip 1 in (2.5 cm) below it, the leaf with its points drawn out, and the two stems bent as they are to lie (see Stems, below). Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Every place is measured from the middle of the flower. Outer layer: lay the three outer petals right side up with their magic rings side by side in the middle, one petal pointing straight up, one down to the left and one down to the right. The straight edges of neighbors overlap by about 1/8 in (0.3 cm). Sew the petals together along these edges and at the rings with their tails.
- Inner layer: lay the three inner petals on the outer ones, right side up, their magic rings together in the middle and each petal over the place where two outer petals meet: one straight down, one up to the left and one up to the right. With their tails sew them to the outer layer within ½ in (1.3 cm) of the middle, so that the edges stay free.
- Center: sew the center on the inner petals, right side up, its magic ring on the middle of the flower, all round its edge with its tail. Stamens: with D sew 12 straight stitches outward from under the edge of the black round, evenly all round like the hours of a clock, each ¼ in (0.6 cm) long, and work a French knot on the outer end of each, with the yarn single and two wraps; all twelve are alike. With D sew four straight stitches, each 3/8 in (1 cm) long, across the green middle, so that they cross one another on the magic ring like a star of eight points.
- Stems: each is a row of slip stitches, the flower stem about 2 3/8 in (6 cm) long and the bud stem about 2 in (5.1 cm) long. The 10 in (25 cm) tail of a stem is at its upper end. Lay the flower right side up and slide the stems under it. Flower stem: lay the upper end behind the flower, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) below. Bow the stem to the left, so that its middle lies 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) below, and lay its lower end 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right and 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) below. Bud stem: lay the upper end behind the flower, ½ in (1.3 cm) to the left and ½ in (1.3 cm) below. Let the stem run out to the left and bend it over and down, so that its middle lies 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the left and ½ in (1.3 cm) below and its lower end, pointing straight down, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) to the left and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) below. Pin both. With its 10 in (25 cm) tail sew each stem to the backs of the outer petals all along the part that lies behind them, from its upper end to the edge of the petal, with stitches that do not show on the front.
- Bud: lay it right side up over the lower end of its stem, the magic ring 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) to the left and 1½ in (3.8 cm) below, the red tip straight down, so that the last ¼ in (0.6 cm) of the stem lies under the green, and sew the bud to the stem with its 10 in (25 cm) tail. Sepals: with E, the yarn double, sew three straight stitches on the red, side by side, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) apart, each from the edge of the green straight down: the middle one 3/8 in (1 cm) long, the other two ¼ in (0.6 cm) long. Leaf: lay its plain end behind the flower stem, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 2 in (5.1 cm) below, its tip 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the right and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) below; sew the plain end to the back of the stem with its tail.
- Back: cut a circle of felt 1¾ in (4.4 cm) across. Sew the brooch pin across it, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above its middle, with sewing thread through the holes of the pin. Lay the felt on the back of the flower, the pin outside, its middle on the middle of the flower, and sew it on all round with stitches that do not show on the front.
- Stiffen, last of all, after the ends are woven in: pin the brooch face down on paper with both stems lying as before, seen from the back. Brush the stiffener on the backs of the stems, the bud and the leaf only and let it dry before you take out the pins; it holds the bends of the stems.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 11 pieces; 383 stitches (59 in each outer petal, 32 in each inner petal, 24 in the center, 36 in the bud, 22 in the leaf, 15 in the flower stem, 13 in the bud stem).

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