Puff stitch flower

US terms



Finished size
The large flower is about 3¼ in (8 cm) across and each small flower about 2½ in (6 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 3 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 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: sunny yellow, round 1 of the large flower and round 1 of the small flowers	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: raspberry, round 2 of the large flower	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose pink, round 3 of the large flower	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: periwinkle, round 2 of the small flowers	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: coral, some of the pieces	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cream, round 4 of the large flower and round 3 of the small flowers	**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.

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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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop to the height of a double crochet] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops, ch 1 to close; the closing chain is part of the puff and is not counted. It leaves 1 puff for the next round.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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.

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.
- 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 2 and 3 of the large flower, and of Rnd 2 of the small flower, is not worked into again: leave it behind the first puff.
- Where a round is joined in a puff, or a stitch is worked in one, use the closing chain at its top. Each loop of a puff is drawn up to the height of a double crochet, about ½ in (1.3 cm) at the gauge above: keep the puffs loose and all alike, for they are the petals.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across the large flower (a small flower is about three quarters as wide): fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 2¼ in (6 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 2½ in (6 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 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 and sc is double crochet.

Large flower

Yarns in order of use: A, sunny yellow; B, raspberry; C, rose pink; F, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 2 (does not count as a st), puff in same st, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 2**] 7 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(8 puffs, 8 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 2 (does not count as a st), (puff, ch 1, puff) in same sp, ch 2, **[**(puff, ch 1, puff) in next ch-2 sp, ch 2**] 7 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(16 puffs, 8 ch-1 sps, 8 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join F with sl st in first puff, ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next puff, sl st in next ch-2 sp, **[**2 sc in next puff, sc in next ch-1 sp, 2 sc in next puff, sl st in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(40 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Small flower: make 2

Make 1 in each of D and E. The lines say D; use the color of the flower you are making.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join D with sl st in any st, ch 2 (does not count as a st), puff in same st, ch 2, **[**puff in next st, ch 2**] 7 times**, sl st in first puff to join	**(8 puffs, 8 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join F with sl st in any puff, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, **[**3 sc in next puff, sl st in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- The large flower and the two small flowers are three separate pieces. To sew one to a hat, a bag or a cushion, lay it down right side up and work small stitches with F all round, through the edge of the flower and what lies under it, two stitches at each scallop and one at each dip.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces.

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