Flower headband

US terms



Finished size
About 19¾ in (50 cm) round and 3½ in (9 cm) wide, with a flower about 4 in (10 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 4 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: oatmeal, the band	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: ochre, rounds 1 and 2 of the flower	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: blush, round 3 of the flower	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, rounds 4 and 5 of the flower	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: dusty rose, rounds 6 and 7 of the flower	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: sage, the leaves	**about 7 yd (6 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)
rem	remaining
sp	space

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st stitch
rnd round
RS right side
back loop only under the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you
front loop only under the one loop of the stitch that is nearer to you

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Gauge

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

In the ribbed half double crochet of the band, 14 stitches measure 4 in (10 cm) across and 10½ rows measure 4 in (10 cm).

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 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The band is worked sideways: its rows run across the headband, from one long edge to the other. Working in back loops only makes the ribs. Its two sides look alike; call either one the right side.
- Other lengths: work 48 rows in all for a band about 18¼ in (46 cm) round, or 56 rows in all for a band about 21¼ in (54 cm) round. Every 4 rows add or take about 1½ in (3.8 cm). The band stretches.
- Flower, Rnd 3 is worked in the front loops of Rnd 2, the joining sl st too. Each petal stands in one sc and is held down by a sl st in the next sc. The round ends with the sl st in the 12th sc, beside the first petal; it is not joined.
- Flower, Rnds 4 and 6 are worked in the back loops of Rnd 2, the joining sl st too. Rnd 4 goes into the 6 sc that hold the petals of Rnd 3, and Rnd 6 into the 6 sc left between them; the last chain of each passes over the one sc that is left before the join. So the petals of Rnd 5 lie behind the gaps of Rnd 3, and those of Rnd 7 behind the gaps of Rnd 5.

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- Leaf: the picot is the tip. The stem end is the other end, where the round began.
- 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 ring: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 13¼ in (34 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 15¼ in (39 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 25 in (64 cm).

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, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Band

Yarn A, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in each rem ch across	**(12 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 52**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, hdc in each st across	**(12 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 52: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Flower

Yarns in order of use: B, ochre; C, blush; D, rose; E, dusty rose.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in first sc, working in front loops only, ch 3 (counts as dc), 5 dc in same st, sl st in next st, **[**6 dc in next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**	**(36 dc)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in first sc of Rnd 2, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 4, **[**sk next sc of Rnd 2, sc in next sc of Rnd 2, ch 4**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 6 ch-4 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, 3 tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-4 sp**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 18 tr)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join E with sl st in 2nd sc of Rnd 2, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in same st, ch 5, **[**sk next sc of Rnd 2, sc in next sc of Rnd 2, ch 5**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 6 ch-5 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**(sc, hdc, dc, tr, 3 dtr, tr, dc, hdc, sc) in next ch-5 sp**] 6 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(12 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 12 tr, 18 dtr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.

Leaf: make 2

Yarn F, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 10.
☐ **Rnd 1**	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, sc in next ch, (sc, picot, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join **(6 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc, 4 tr, 1 picot)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: lay the band flat without pulling the ribs apart and pin the petals of the flower and the two leaves to shape on a flat surface, right sides up. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Band: bring the foundation chain and the last row together, right side outside, so that the band is a ring, and with the tail of the band sew each of the 12 sts of the last row to the chain opposite it. This is the seam.
- Lay the band flat and doubled, with the seam in the middle of the layer underneath. Mark the middle of the upper layer: it is halfway between the two long edges and halfway between the two folds. Lay the flower on it, right side up, with its magic ring halfway between the long edges and 1 in (2.5 cm) to the left of the mark, and pin it.
- Slide the two leaves, right side up, under the back petals of the flower at its right: the tip of one lies 3½ in (8.9 cm) to the right of the magic ring of the flower and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) higher than it, the tip of the other as far to the right and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) lower. About 1¼ in (3.2 cm) of the stem end of each is hidden under the petals, and the two stem ends nearly meet. Sew each leaf to the upper layer with its tail, along the foundation chain in its middle.
- Sew the flower to the upper layer with its tail, all round through the feet of the 6 back petals, close to the middle, and leave the petals free. Sew through the upper layer only.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 pieces; 846 stitches (624 in the band, 186 in the flower, 18 in each leaf).

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