Tiny rolled thread roses

US terms



Finished size
Full rose about 1½ in (4 cm) wide, half open rose 1 in (2.5 cm), rosebud ½ in (1.5 cm), all without the points of the calyx; the posy about 4½ in (11.5 cm) wide

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows, with the stitches named

Yarn
Lace (0), 4 colors

Hook
1.5 mm (US steel 8)

Gauge
38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: crimson, main color	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, color B	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: ivory, color C	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: moss green, color D	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 1.5 mm (US steel 8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a sewing needle that takes the thread, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 of this size at this gauge.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
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)
st	stitch
sk	skip (UK miss)
beg	beginning
rnd	round

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Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

38 stitches to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

Check it on row 1 of the half open rose: its 37 dc measure about 4 in (10 cm). If yours is longer, use a smaller hook; if it is shorter, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail to close it. Ch 4 joined into a ring with a sl st does as well.
- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- A beginning chain counts as the stitch in brackets after it. A ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Petals stand in a row along one long strip; the strip is rolled up into a rose. The first petals of row 2 are the middle of the rose, the last ones the outside.
- In row 2 the sc and the groups of dc or tr go in the stitches of row 1; the first sc ("same st") goes in the last dc of row 1, the stitch you have just made, and the last sc goes in the top of the skipped chs.
- Calyx: the first sc of rnd 2 goes in the first sc of rnd 1. Leaf: rnd 1 goes all the way round the chain, with the right side facing you; its last sc goes in the same ch as its first.

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 and tr is double treble.

Full rose: make 3

Yarn A, crimson.

Make one with A, one with B and one with C.

The line below names A; for the others read B or C.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 73.	
☐ **Row 1**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as dc), dc in each of next 69 chs	**(71 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next dc, 5 dc in next dc, sk next dc, sc in next dc**] 4 times**, **[**sk next 2 dc, 7 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 4 times**, **[**sk next 2 dc, 9 tr in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 5 times**	**(48 dc, 45 tr, 14 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Leave a tail of 24 in (60 cm) to sew with.	

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Half open rose: make 3

Yarn A, crimson.

Make one with A, one with B and one with C.

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☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 39.	
☐ **Row 1**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as dc), dc in each of next 35 chs	**(37 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next dc, 5 dc in next dc, sk next dc, sc in next dc**] 3 times**, **[**sk next 2 dc, 7 dc in next dc, sk next 2 dc, sc in next dc**] 4 times**	**(43 dc, 8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Leave a tail of 24 in (60 cm) to sew with.	

Rosebud: make 3

Yarn A, crimson.

Make one with A, one with B and one with C.

The line below names A; for the others read B or C.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1**	Dc in 4th ch from hook (skipped 3 chs count as dc), dc in each of next 15 chs	**(17 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, **[**sk next dc, 5 dc in next dc, sk next dc, sc in next dc**] 4 times**	**(20 dc, 5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off. Leave a tail of 24 in (60 cm) to sew with.	

Calyx: make 9

Yarn D, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With D, ch 1, 10 sc in ring, join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc) in next sc, **[**sc in next sc, (hdc, dc, picot, dc, hdc) in next sc**] 4 times**, join with sl st in first sc	**(10 hdc, 10 dc, 5 sc, 5 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Leaf: make 21

Yarn D, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 9.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With D, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in each of next 2 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, (sc, picot, sc) in last ch, working along opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in each of next 2 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, join with sl st in first sc	**(4 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc, 4 tr, 1 picot)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Posy base

Yarn D, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	With D, ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, **[**2 dc in next dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 2 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 3 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 3 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(60 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 4 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 4 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(72 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in each of next 5 dc, **[**2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 5 dc**] 11 times**, join with sl st in top of beg ch-3	**(84 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Roll a rose. Hold the strip with the petals away from you and the side of row 2 that faced you as you worked it toward you. Begin at the end with the first petal of row 2. Roll the strip up tightly from there, that side inside, the chain edge level at the bottom, until the last petal lies on the outside.

2. The tail hangs at the end of row 2, on the outside of the roll. Run it down along the skipped 3 chs that are the first dc of row 1 to the chain edge. Sew with it through all the turns of the chain edge, straight across the middle and back, turning the rose a little each time: 8 times across for a full rose, 6 for a half open rose, 4 for a rosebud. Leave the tail hanging.

3. Shape the petals with your fingers. Full rose: bend the 5 petals of tr flat outward, the 4 petals of 7 dc half outward, leave the 4 petals of 5 dc upright. Half open rose: bend the 4 petals of 7 dc half outward. Rosebud: leave all the petals upright.

4. Set each rose in a calyx: the bottom of the rose on the right side of the calyx, middle on middle. With 10 in (25 cm) of D take 5 stitches through the calyx and the chain edge of the rose, one at each sc between two points. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

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5. Leaves. Lay the base right side up, the join of rnd 7 at the top, and count the 84 dc of rnd 7 from the join, the way you worked: the beginning ch-3 is dc 1. Slip the stem end of a leaf (its first sc) under dc 1, 5, 9 and so on to 81, 21 leaves in all, right side up, pointing straight out, each one sc under the base. With 10 in (25 cm) of D for each, sew it to the dc with 4 stitches. Fasten off at the back.

6. Full roses: set the middle of each on the middle of rnd 4 of the base, the crimson one in line with dc 1 of rnd 7, the blush one in line with dc 29, the ivory one in line with dc 57. Where two of them meet, their outer petals overlap: lay the blush petals over the crimson, the ivory over the blush and the crimson over the ivory.

7. Half open roses: set the middle of each on the tops of rnd 5, between two full roses: the ivory one in line with dc 71, the crimson one with dc 15, the blush one with dc 43. They stand close: let the outer petals of the two full roses beside each lie under it.

8. Rosebuds: set the middle of each on the edge of the base, the tops of rnd 7, between a full and a half open rose: the blush one in line with dc 78, the ivory one with dc 22, the crimson one with dc 50. Where the petals of the full rose beside it reach that far, let them lie under the rosebud.

9. Sew each rose down with its tail: 6 stitches down through the calyx and the base and up again, in a ring, through rnd 1 of the calyx close inside its points; under a rosebud go through the base and the leaves that lie there. Fasten off at the back of the base and draw the end inside.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends that are left.
- The posy can be sewn to a box lid, a cushion or a pin back, or the roses used one by one on their calyxes.

In all: 13 pieces.

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