Sunflower earrings

US terms



Finished size
About 1¼ in (3 cm) across each, without the ear wire

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 2 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Lace (0), 2 colors

Hook
1.75 mm

Gauge
34 stitches and 36 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: brown, rounds 1 and 2 **about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: golden yellow, round 3 **about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Fiber: cotton crochet thread, size 10
Hook: 1.75 mm. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, fabric stiffener, 2 ear wires with loops, 2 small jump rings and small pliers.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

34 stitches and 36 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.

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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.
- In a round of petals or points the last slip stitch falls in the stitch the round began in.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and the chains at the sides of a petal or along a point, are not counted.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: 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); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 3¼ in (8 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 and hdc is half treble.

Sunflower: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, brown; B, golden yellow.

☐ **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)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any st, **[**ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in next st**] 12 times**	**(24 sc, 12 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends with the yarn needle; nothing is sewn. Pin the sunflowers flat on a covered board, brush them with fabric stiffener as its label says and let them dry.
- With the pliers, twist open a jump ring. Put it through the tip of one petal, hang the loop of an ear wire on it and close it. Do the same for the other earring.

In all: 2 pieces; 112 stitches; 8 ends to weave in.

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