Sunflower hexagon

US terms



Finished size
About 6 in (15 cm) from one flat side to the opposite one

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 2 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: chocolate brown, rounds 1 and 2	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sunflower gold, rounds 3 and 4	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sky blue, rounds 5 to 7	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: leaf green, round 8	**about 6 yd (5 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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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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.

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.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the hexagon measures about 2 in (5 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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 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 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.
- 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, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- Rnd 4 makes the petals in the front loops of Rnd 3. Rnd 5 is worked in the back loops of Rnd 3, behind the petals, beginning in the first sc of that round; the slip stitch that joins sky blue goes in its back loop too. After that, the petals lie on the blue and are never worked into.
- A side of the finished hexagon has 11 sc between two ch-1 sps.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured from one flat side to the opposite one: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 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, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, chocolate brown; B, sunflower gold; C, sky blue; D, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 12 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join **(12 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), (puff, ch 1) in each st around, sl st in first puff to join **(12 puffs, 12 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, 2 sc in same sp, **[**2 sc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, working in front loops only, (sc, dc, tr, picot) in same st, (tr, dc, sc) in next st, **[**(sc, dc, tr, picot) in next st, (tr, dc, sc) in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(24 sc, 24 dc, 24 tr, 12 picots)**
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in first sc of Rnd 3, working in back loops only, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in next sc of Rnd 3, **[**dc in next sc of Rnd 3, 2 dc in next sc of Rnd 3**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(36 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(48 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 4 (counts as tr), (ch 1, tr) in same st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, **[**(tr, ch 1, tr) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join **(12 tr, 6 ch-1 sps, 12 dc, 12 hdc, 18 sc)**
	Fasten off C.
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join D with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in same sp, sc in next 9 sts, **[**(sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 9 sts**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(66 sc, 6 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the hexagon to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- To join two hexagons, lay them side by side, right sides up, with two sides edge to edge. With a length of leaf green and the yarn needle, sew the two corner ch-1 sps together, then whip stitch along the side: for each stitch take the needle up through the back loop of a sc on one hexagon and down through the back loop of the sc opposite it on the other. Sew all 11 pairs of sc and then the two corner ch-1 sps at the far end.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 rounds.

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