Sweet pea flowers

US terms



Finished size
Each flower is about 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) across; the whole spray is about 6½ in (17 cm) wide and about 7¾ in (20 cm) tall

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 22 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Fine (2), 6 colors

Hook
3.25 mm (US D-3)

Gauge
21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: pink, the upper petals and the wingss	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, some of the pieces	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, the keels	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: rose, some of the wings	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: violet, some of the wings	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: fresh green, the cups, the leaves, the stem and the flower stalks	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 350 yd (320 m).

Hook: 3.25 mm (US D-3), 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.

Gauge

21 stitches and 22 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

A stem is a chain with slip stitches worked back along it: 26 of its stitches measure about 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.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.

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- 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.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Upper petal, wings and cup: each is worked from a magic ring, the upper petal and the wings in rows and the cup in one row; do not join the ends of a row. Pull the ring closed when row 1 is done. A ch 3 or ch 2 at the start of a row counts as its first st and stands on the first st of the row below. A ch 1 does not count: after it the first st, or the first group, goes in the first st of the row below, the last one that was worked. The last st of a row, or its last group, goes in the top of the ch 3 at the start of the row before. The ring is the foot of the piece. Use either side of the upper petal and of the wings as the right side; the right side of the cup is the side that faces you in its one row.
- Upper petal: the sl st in row 4 is the notch, in the 8th of the 15 sts of row 3. Wings: the sl st in row 2 is the dip between the two wings, in the middle st of row 1.
- Keel and leaf: each is worked down one side of its chain, round the last ch and back along the other side; the last sc goes in the chain that holds the first sc. The round end of the keel is the end with the 5 hdc, and its point is where the round begins and ends. The tip of the leaf is the end with the (sc, hdc, sc), and its plain end is where the round begins and ends.
- Stem and flower stalks: the side that faces you in row 1 is the right side. The slip knot of the foundation chain, with the tail, is at the upper end of the stem and at the lower end of a flower stalk.
- 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 from the top flower to the end of the stem: lace yarn (0) and a 1.75 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 11¾ in (30 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in each of next 6 sts**: one in each.
( ): all of it goes into the one place.
(7 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Upper petal: make 4

Make 1 in each of A, B, C and D. The lines say A; use the color of the flower you are making.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 6 dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(7 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in each of next 6 sts	(13 dc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts	(15 dc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in first st, (hdc, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, tr) in next st, 2 tr in next st, (tr, dc) in next st, (hdc, sc) in next st, sl st in next st, (sc, hdc) in next st, (dc, tr) in next st, 2 tr in next st, (tr, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st	(4 sc, 4 hdc, 10 dc, 8 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Wings: make 4

Make 2 in A, 1 in D and 1 in E. The lines say A; use the color of the wings you are making.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(5 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, (sc, dc, tr) in first st, (2 tr, dc) in next st, sl st in next st, (dc, 2 tr) in next st, (tr, dc, sc) in next st	(2 sc, 4 dc, 6 tr)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Keel: make 4

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 5.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, 5 hdc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(2 sc, 9 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.	

Cup: make 4

Yarn F, fresh green.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (counts as hdc), 5 hdc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring.	(6 hdc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf: make 2

Yarn F, fresh green.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 10.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, hdc, sc) in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(4 sc, 5 hdc, 10 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Stem

Yarn F, fresh green.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 46.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 44 chs	(45 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Flower stalk: make 3

Yarn F, fresh green.

☐ **Foundation**	With F, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 16 chs	(17 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the upper petals about 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) wide and 1½ in (3.8 cm) from the ring straight up to the level of the tops of its two halves, with the notch in the middle of the top edge, the wings spread in the same way, the keels and leaves drawn to a point. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Make four flowers: a pink upper petal with rose wings, a lilac one with violet wings, a cream one with pink wings and a rose one with pink wings. Lay an upper petal down with its notch at the top and its magic ring at the bottom. Lay the wings on it, the dip at the top, with the two magic rings together, run their tail along the back to the ring, and sew them on with it round the ring and up the middle to the dip, so that the edges stay free. Lay a keel on the wings, its point up, its round end 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the rings, and sew it on all round with its tail. Turn the cup so that its curved edge is down, lay it under the petals with its magic ring under theirs, and sew its straight edge to the backs of the petals with its tail.
- Lay out the spray, every piece right side up. Every place is measured from the lower end of the stem. The stem goes up from there: it passes ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above, 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right and 2¾ in (7 cm) above and 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right and 4 1/8 in (10.5 cm) above, bends over to the right from a place ½ in (1.3 cm) to the right and 5 1/8 in (13 cm) above, passes 1 1/8 in (2.9 cm) to the right and 5½ in (14 cm) above, and ends with its tail under the cup of the rose flower, 1¾ in (4.4 cm) to the right and 6 in (15 cm) above. The stem is a stitch longer than this way and the flower stalks one to three stitches longer than theirs: let what is left over lie under the cups.
- Flower stalks: each flower stalk begins, with its tail, behind the stem and ends under the cup of its flower. The flower stalk of the pink flower begins ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) above, passes 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) above and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the left and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) above, and ends 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the left and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) above; that of the lilac flower begins 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right and 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) above, passes ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the right and 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) above and 1½ in (3.8 cm) to the right and 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) above, and ends 2 in (5.1 cm) to the right and 3 5/8 in (9.2 cm) above; that of the cream flower begins 3/8 in (1 cm) to the right and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) above, passes 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the left and 4 3/8 in (11 cm) above and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the left and 4¾ in (12 cm) above, and ends 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) to the left and 5 3/8 in (13.5 cm) above.

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- Flowers: lay each on its stalk or stem so that the end is 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below its magic rings, behind the cup, and turn it so that its notch is, for the pink flower, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) to the left and 4¼ in (11 cm) above; for the lilac flower, 2 3/8 in (6 cm) to the right and 4¾ in (12 cm) above; for the cream flower, 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) to the left and 6½ in (16.5 cm) above; for the rose flower, 2 in (5.1 cm) to the right and 7 1/8 in (18 cm) above. Sew the lower end of each stalk to the back of the stem with its tail. Run the tail of each upper petal along its back to the magic ring and sew the end of its stalk, or the end of the stem, to the cup and to the back of the petals with it; sew the rose cup to the stem with the tail of the stem as well.
- Leaves: lay each under the stem, right side up, so that its plain end is hidden. The left leaf has its plain end 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right and 1 in (2.5 cm) above and its tip 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) to the left and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) above; the right leaf has its plain end 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above and its tip 2 in (5.1 cm) to the right and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) above. Tendril: with F, ch 28, fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail at each end; the chain is about 4 3/8 in (11 cm) long. It begins behind the stem ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above, runs out to 2¾ in (7 cm) to the right and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) above, and there coils once back on itself, up and to the left, its end in the middle of the coil 2 3/8 in (6 cm) to the right and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) above. Sew the leaves and the tendril to the back of the stem with their tails, and with the tail at the other end of the tendril catch the coil to itself where it touches.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 22 pieces; 514 stitches (61 in each upper petal, 17 in each wings, 11 in each keel, 6 in each cup, 19 in each leaf, 45 in the stem, 17 in each flower stalk).

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