Zinnia flower

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (9 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 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: gold, rounds 1 to 3	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: hot coral, round 4	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: peach, round 5	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Special stitches

popcorn (Popcorn): Work 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it through the top of the first of the 5 dc from front to back, pick up the loop again and pull it through. A popcorn is one stitch: where a later round works into it, work into its top, which is the loop pulled through the first dc, and not into the tops of its other dc. It leaves 1 popcorn for the next row.

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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 zinnia measures about 1½ in (4 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 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The first sc of Rnd 3 is the one B was joined in; the 2nd is the next one, so that the petals of C lie between those of B.
- 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 2¾ in (7 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 4½ in (11 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, hot coral; C, peach.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), 6 popcorn in ring, sl st in first popcorn to join	**(6 popcorns)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Working in front loops only, join B with sl st in first sc, (ch 2, 2 dc) in same st, (2 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st, **[**(sl st, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, sl st) in next st**] 8 times**	**(36 dc)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Working in back loops only, join C with sl st in 2nd sc of Rnd 3, (ch 3, 2 tr) in same st, (2 tr, ch 3, sl st) in next sc of Rnd 3, **[**(sl st, ch 3, 2 tr) in next sc of Rnd 3, (2 tr, ch 3, sl st) in next sc of Rnd 3**] 8 times**	**(36 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the flower to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 rounds; 6 ends to weave in.

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