### **Crocheted Many-Layered Flower**

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#### Finished dimensions approximately 12" in diameter.

#### **MATERIALS**

Knitting worsted weight yarn. To make the flower as pictured, choose three colors of yarn: a leaf color and two flower colors. Each petal layer is made separately, so use as many different colors as you like.

Size J-10 (6mm) crochet hook

Yarn needle

#### ABBREVIATIONS AND HELPFUL HINTS

Instructions in parentheses () are repeated the number of times following the parentheses.

CH = chain

SC = single crochet

HDC = half double crochet

SL ST = slip stitch

RND = round

INC = increase (crochet 2 stitches in one stitch of previous row or round)

DEC = decrease (crochet 2 stitches in previous row or round together)

When working in rounds, it is helpful to mark the end of the round with a safety pin.

Round or Row Number	Instructions	Number of Stitches at end of row/round
FLOWER BASE	Start with flower color #1. Mark end of each round and continue to next round without turning.	
RND 1	CH 2. 6 SC in 2nd CH from hook.	6
RND 2	SC INC X 6	12
RND 3	(SC INC, SC) X 6	18
RND 4	(SC INC, SC X 2) X 6	24
RND 5	(SC INC, SC X 3) X 6	30
RND 6	(SC INC, SC X 4) X 6	36
RND 7	Change to leaf color. (SC INC, SC X 5) X 6. DO NOT CUT YARN.	42
LEAVES	You will make 6 around the flower base. CH 1, turn at end of each row.	
ROW 1	HDC X 7 along RND 7	7
ROW 2	HDC X 7	7
ROW 3	HDC INC, HDC X 5, HDC INC	9
ROW 4	HDC INC, HDC X 7, HDC INC	11

Round or Row		Number of Stitches at end
Number	Instructions	of row/round
ROWS 5-8	HCD even	11
ROW 9	HDC DEC, HDC 7, HDC DEC	9
ROW 8	HDC DEC, HDC 5, HDC DEC	7
ROW 9	HDC DEC, HDC 3, HDC DEC	5
ROW 10	HDC DEC, HDC 1, HDC DEC	3
ROW 11	HDC DEC across the 3 remaining STS, end.	
	Attach yarn at left base of leaf just completed, CH 1.	
	Repeat ROWS 1-11. Continue until 6 leaves are completed.	
	At end of 6th leaf, DO NOT CUT YARN.	
	In ends of all leaf rows, SL ST, CH 1, SL ST. Continue around all leaves. End.	
PETAL LAYER #1		
RND 1-6	Repeat RND 1-6 of flower base with flower color #1.	36
RND 7	SC, CH 3, SC in each ST around. End.	
PETAL LAYER #2		
RND 1-5	Repeat RND 1-5 of flower base with flower color #2.	30
RND 6	SC, CH 3, SC in each ST around. End.	

Round or Row		Number of
Number	Instructions	Stitches at end of row/round
Number	Instructions	or row/round
PETAL LAYER #3		
RND 1-4	Repeat RND 1-4 of flower base with flower color #2.	24
RND 5	SC, CH 3, SC in each ST around. End.	
PETAL LAYER #4		
RND 1-3	Repeat RND 1-3 of flower base with flower color #2.	18
RND 4	SC, CH 3, SC in each ST around. End.	
PETAL LAYER #5		
RND 1-2	Repeat RND 1-2 of flower base with flower color #2	12
RND 3	SC, CH 3, SC in each ST around. End.	
FLOWER CENTER	Work with flower color #1. Start with 18" tail.	
	CH 2. 6 SC in 2nd CH from hook.	6
	SC, CH 3, SC in each ST around. End.	
FLOWER ASSEMBLY	Insert tail of flower center in yarn needle. Thread it through the centers of all petal layers from smallest to largest, and through flower base.	

Round or Row Number	Instructions	Number of Stitches at end of row/round
	Pull tight and knot securely to base.	
	Make a few stitches around the base and invisibly through the two bottom petal layers to keep them from flopping if the flower is to be mounted vertically.	
	Weave in all ends.	