Daisy

An Amination pattern

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Before you start

This pattern contains the instructions to crochet a **daisy**. You'll be making the six petals and the two leaves first. You'll then start crocheting the daisy "body" and you'll single crochet the petals and leaves onto it as you go. **No sewing required!** Your finished item will be approximately 15cm (6in) in length, when worked with DK yarn and 3.5mm hook.

Gauge is not important in this project. You are advised to work on the back loops, unless otherwise mentioned.

Material list

Yarn weight: DK, Light worsted (8 ply)

- 15m (17yards) in YELLOW
- 30m (32yards) in WHITE
- 20m (22yards) in GREEN
- A tiny bit polyester stuffing
- 9mm black safety eyes (optional)

Tools you'll need

3.0-4.0mm crochet hook

Tapestry needle, scissors

Stitch markers

Skills required

This pattern is of intermediate difficulty. You'll need to know how to:

- Start your piece with a sloppy slip knot or a magic ring
- Single crochet (increase and decrease)
- Crochet on the back, front or both loops
- Attach pieces with single crochet (single crochet-attach)
- Finish off your piece with tail

Abbreviations

ch: chain

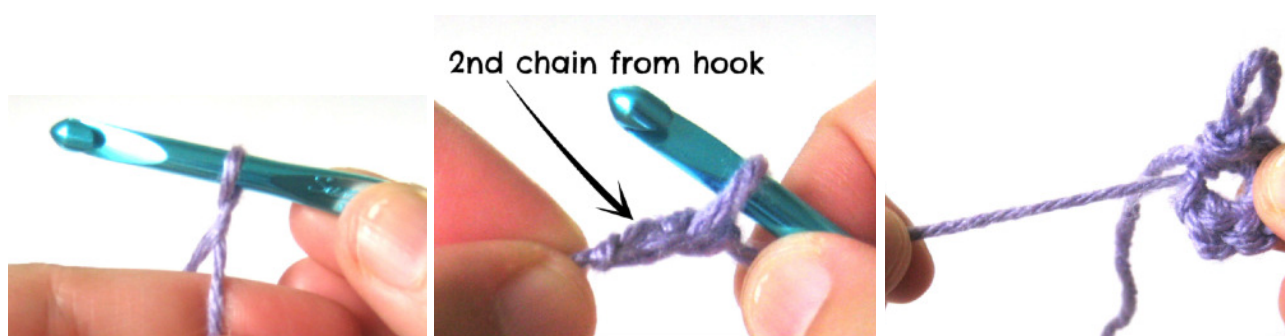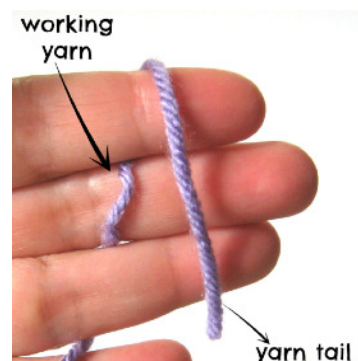**rnd(s):** round(s)

st: stitch(es)

sc: single crochet

sc2tog: single crochet 2 stitches together

How to "Ch 2, sc 6 in 2nd chain from hook"

The most popular ways to follow these instructions, while avoid leaving a big hole are the sloppy slip knot and the magic ring. This is how to perform the **sloppy slip knot**, which I find the easiest.

Place the yarn as shown in the picture on the right. Twist your hook around (don't make a slip knot, as you normally would in crochet). Chain 2 and locate the "2nd chain from hook". Insert your hook in that chain and perform the 6 single crochet stitches. Pull the tail and see this little hole disappear!

Blog post: http://aminationblog.tumblr.com/post/166400408886/sloppy-slip-knot

How to finish off (with tail or not)

In order to fasten off (with a tail or not), just cut the yarn when you're done crocheting, yarn over hook and pull the yarn through this last stitch. Pull gently to secure. If your piece is to be attached to another piece, you'll be instructed to "Fasten off with tail". The tail should be at least 10cm long, according to the size of the piece to be attached. Before attaching your piece, thread the tail with a tapestry needly and pull through the next loop, as shown below. The last stitch is not sticking out and is now ready to be attached!

Blog post: http://aminationblog.tumblr.com/post/166402627106/fasten-off-with-tail-or-not

How to "Sc next and 4th st tog" or "Close piece"

In order to close your piece (usually spherical pieces with 6 st on the last round) as smoothly as possible, you can:

(a) Single crochet the next and 4th stitches together (like any other decrease, *see green piece*) and pull knot to the inside or

(b) Fasten off with a tail, thread it and insert your tapestry needle in all of the last round front loops, one after the other. When you're done, pull the tail and the little hole will close-up (*see brown piece*). Pull knot to the inside.

Blog post: http://aminationblog.tumblr.com/post/117714170901/finishing-spherical-pieces

How to attach pieces

(a) **Whipstitch**: You can attach a crocheted piece on another crocheted, usually closed, piece, e.g. a wing or an eye onto the body by simply whipstitching (sewing) them together with a tapestry needle. You'll use the front loops of your closed piece to join the two pieces (way to go on crocheting through the back loops only!). You might find it helpful to use stitch markers or a scrap yarn to mark the area, onto which you'll be whipstitching your piece. When you're done sewing, pull knot to the inside.

(b) **Running stitch**: When you are attaching a piece, usually a flat one, to a crocheted piece where you have access at the wrong side, you might as well use the running stitch. When you're done sewing, secure the yarn tail on the wrong side.

(c) **Crochet-attach (sc-attach)**: Lay your flattened piece on the right side of your work in progress and align the stitches of those two pieces. Insert your hook into those 3 crochet stitches (both loops or back loops) and single crochet. When you're done crocheting, secure the yarn tail at the wrong side.

Blog posts: http://aminationblog.tumblr.com/post/117602505181/attaching-3d-pieces and http://aminationblog.tumblr.com/post/173383708606/crochet-attach-pieces-together

Daisy pattern

Petals

Make six petals

Crochet in WHITE

Ch 2

Rnd 1. sc 5 in 2nd chain from hook (5 st)

Rnd 2. [sc twice next st] * 5 times (10 st)

Rnd 3. [sc twice next st, sc next st] * 5 times (15 st)

Rnd 4. [sc twice next st, sc next 2 st] * 5 times (20 st)

Rnd 5. sc each st (20 st)

Rnd 6. [sc2tog, sc next 2 st] * 5 times (15 st)

Rnd 7. [sc2tog, sc next st] * 5 times (10 st)

Finish off

Leaf #1

Crochet in GREEN

Rnd 1. sc 6 in 2nd chain from hook (6 st)

Rnd 2. [sc twice next st, sc next st] * 3 times (9 st)

Rnd 3. [sc twice next st, sc next 2 st] * 3 times (12 st)

Rnd 4. [sc twice next st, sc next 3 st] * 3 times (15 st)

Rnd 5. [sc twice next st, sc next 4 st] * 3 times (18 st)

Rnd 6. [sc twice next st, sc next 5 st] * 3 times (21 st)

Rnd 7. [sc twice next st, sc next 6 st] * 3 times (24 st)

Rnd 8-12 (5 rnds). sc each st (24 st)

Rnd 13. [sc2tog, sc next 2 st] * 6 times (18 st)

Rnd 14. [sc2tog, sc next st] * 6 times (12 st)

Finish off

Leaf #2

Crochet in GREEN

Rnd 1. sc 6 in 2nd chain from hook (6 st)

Rnd 2. [sc twice next st, sc next st] * 3 times (9 st)

Rnd 3. [sc twice next st, sc next 2 st] * 3 times (12 st)

Rnd 4. [sc twice next st, sc next 3 st] * 3 times (15 st)

Rnd 5. [sc twice next st, sc next 4 st] * 3 times (18 st)

Rnd 6. [sc twice next st, sc next 5 st] * 3 times (21 st)

Rnd 7-9 (3 rnds). sc each st (21 st)

Rnd 10. [sc2tog, sc next 5 st] * 3 times (18 st)

Rnd 11. [sc2tog, sc next st] * 6 times (12 st)

Finish off

Body

Crochet in YELLOW

Rnd 1. sc 6 in 2nd chain from hook (6 st)

Rnd 2. [sc twice next st] * 6 times (12 st)

Rnd 3. [sc twice next st, sc next st] * 6 times (18 st)

Rnd 4. [sc twice next st, sc next 2 st] * 6 times (24 st)

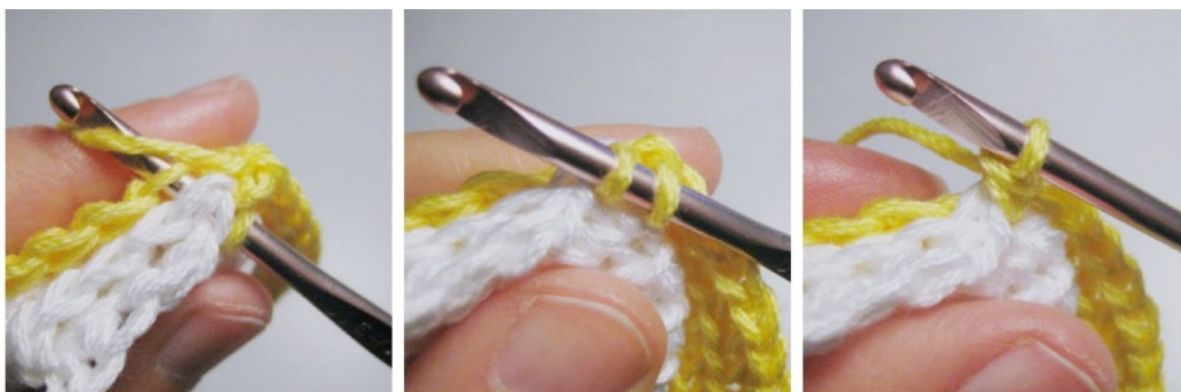**Rnd 5.** [sc twice next st, sc next 3 st] * 6 times (30 st)

Rnd 6. sc each st (30 st)

Rnd 7. [sc-attach the petal onto the body, i.e. 5 sc st] * 6 times (30 st), as shown below

Lay the first petal flat and on the "right" side of your piece. You can see 5 pair of sc stitches. Put your hook through both loops of the 1st pair of stitches (petal) AND through the back loop of the 1st stitch in round 7 of the body.

Yarn over the hook, pull out of all stitches and complete your 1st single crochet stitch.

Perform four more sc stitches and the first petal is attached! Continue with the rest of the petals, until all six petals are attached. Each petal will occupy 5 stitches of round 7.

You'll now attach the leaves the same way as the petals. Each leaf will occupy 6 stitches of round 8, as follows;

Rnd 8. sc next 3 st, sc-attach 1st leaf onto the daisy, sc-attach 2nd leaf onto the daisy, sc remaining 15 st (30 st)

Turn your work around and secure all yarn tails on the inside

If you are using safety eyes, place them now at rounds 3-4

Resume crocheting

Rnd 9. [sc2tog, sc next 3 st] * 6 times (24 st)

Rnd 10. [sc2tog, sc next 2 st] * 6 times (18 st)

Rnd 11. [sc2tog, sc next st] * 6 times (12 st)

Remove hook and shove in some stuffing

Resume crocheting

Rnd 12. sc2tog * 6 times (6 st)

Sc next and 4th st together (close piece)

Finish off, pull yarn tail inside

Your daisy is now off the hook!

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