

CROCHET FLOWER BROOCH

A quick-to-make accessory, using scraps of yarn

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UK/US Terminology

Beginner's
crochet



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YOU WILL NEED....

YARN....

You can use any thickness of yarn to make your flower, from 4ply/fingering through to aran/worsted weight. Depending on yarn being used, you will need approximately 8-15g per flower.

CROCHET HOOK....

For 4ply/fingering: 3.5mm hook

For sport weight: 4mm hook

For double knitting/light worsted weight: 4.5mm hook

For aran/worsted weight: 5mm hook

EXTRAS....

A wool/tapestry needle; a button, bead or felted ball; a brooch back; sewing needle and thread.

FINISHED SIZE....

Approximately 7.5-8cm across, using double knitting (light worsted) yarn and 4mm hook.

TENSION....

Is not critical for this project and finished size will depend on yarn being used.

STITCHES....

UKdc/USdc = UK double crochet/US single crochet: insert hook in next st, yrh and pull a loop through, yrh and pull through both loops.

UKtr/USdc = UK treble crochet/US double crochet: yrh, insert hook in next st, yrh and pull a loop through (3 loops on hook) yrh and pull through first 2 loops, yrh and pull through final 2 loops.

ABBREVIATIONS....

ch(s) = chain(s); **st(s)** = stitch(es); **UKdc/USsc** = UK double crochet/US single crochet; **UKtr/USdc** = UK treble crochet/US double crochet; **ss** = slip stitch; **RS** = right side; **WS** = wrong side; **yrh** = yarn around hook; * = indicates a repeat sequence: work instructions that follow * as many times as stated.

CONSTRUCTION....

Worked in rows then stitched into a flower shape. Button and brooch back are added to complete the flower brooch.

ADD TO RAVELRY....

My user name is Lynne Rowe and this project is called "Yarndale Flower Brooch".

FLOWER (WORKED IN ROWS)....

Note that the instructions are provided for both UK and US terms. The UK abbreviation is given first, followed by the US abbreviation.

With chosen yarn and hook, make 23ch, loosely.

Row 1: 1 UKdc (1 USsc) in second ch from hook, 2 UKdc (2 USsc) in each remaining ch to end. Turn. (43 UKdc/USsc).

Note: your crochet will naturally curl because you have worked 2dc(sc) into each ch.

Row 2: 1ch (does not count as a st), 1 UKdc (1 USsc) in first st, *3ch, miss next st, 1 UKdc (1 USsc) in next st; repeat from * to end. Turn. (21 x 3ch loops).

Row 3: Starting from the inside petal, 1ch (does not count as a st), now work all of the following into 3ch-loop:

1 UKdc (1 USsc), 5 UKtr (5 USdc), 1 UKdc (1 USsc)

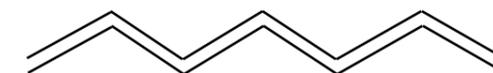
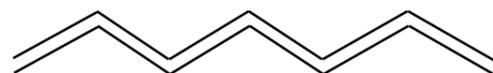
then repeat from * to * into each 3ch-loop to end, and when last petal is complete, cut yarn and fasten off leaving a long tail end. (21 petals).

MAKING UP....

Your flower will naturally curl which helps with the making up. Starting with the smaller inside petals, roll the petals into the natural curve, creating a flower shape and layering the petals as you roll. Try to keep the layers relatively loose.

The smaller petals will be layered around the centre and the slightly larger petals will be layered around the outside. When you're happy with the shape, thread the yarns ends onto a wool needle and stitch through the layers to secure them, working from the back. Weave yarn ends into WS and trim.

Add a bead to the centre and attach a brooch pin to the back of the flower, then pin to your favourite coat, jacket, cardigan or bag.



ABOUT THE BROOCH....

I designed this quick-to-make brooch when I used to organise day trips to Yarndale (in Skipton in the UK) each year. Yarndale is a fabulous yarn show held annually in Yorkshire and is the most popular of all yarn events. A group of us would make each person on the coach a flower to wear as we enjoyed the day, squishing yarn, chatting and laughing.

I hope you enjoy making your own flower brooch to wear or to pass on to a friend.



I'm passionate about sharing my knowledge and expertise to help you find and enjoy your inner creativity.

My easy-to-follow knitting and crochet patterns will help you build your confidence stitch-by-stitch. I hope you will feel really proud to show off your skills and be inspired to make beautiful things that you will love. Happy Knitting and crocheting, *Lynne x*

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