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Sunflower



These cute little sunflowers are not only a joy to whip up, but would look marvellous as embellishments to your craft projects, clothing and home.
They are quick to make, but intricate in design. Perfect for a spot of afternoon crochet.

Materials

Embroidery Floss
Crochet Hook (1.25mm)
Stitch Marker
Scissors
Darning Needle
Stuffing to fill your sunflower

Abbreviations

ch: Chain
sl st: Slip Stitch
sc: Single crochet (UK double crochet)
hdc: Half double crochet (UK half treble crochet)
dc: Double crochet (UK treble crochet)

From now on, all crochet stitch abbreviations are written in US terminology.

Yarn & Hook

Any type of yarn can be used for this project along with the yarn manufacturers recommendation of hook size.
We chose to make our sunflowers relatively small (measuring approximately 5cm in diameter) and therefore decided to use embroidery floss as our choice of yarn, along with a tiny 1.25 size crochet hook.

This project works best if you use three different shades of embroidery floss:

- A dark shade for the centre of the sunflower (We chose brown).
- Green for the leaves of the sunflower.
- A nice bright colour for the petals of the sunflower. (We chose to stay true to a traditional sunflower and picked yellows and oranges for our petal colour. Feel free to play around with other petal colours!)



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Sunflower Centre (Brown Yarn)

Make sure to use your stitch marker to indicate clearly where each round begins.
Round 1: Into a Magic Loop: 6 sc. Join with a sl st into the first sc of this round to form a circle (6 stitches)
Round 2: ch 1 (does not count as a sc). 2 sc into each of the 6 stitches from the previous round. Join with a sl st into the first sc of this round to form a circle (12 stitches)
Round 3: ch 1 (does not count as a sc).
2 sc into the first stitch, sc into next stitch repeat between * and * 5 times. Join with a sl st into the first sc of this round to form a circle (18 stitches)
Round 4: ch 1 (does not count as a sc).
*2 sc into the first stitch, sc into next 2 stitches *. Repeat between * and * 5 times. Join with a sl st into the first sc of this round to form a circle (24 stitches)
Round 5: ch 1 (does not count as a sc).
*2sc into the first stitch, sc into next 3 stitches *. Repeat between * and * 5 times. Join with a sl st into the first sc of this round to form a circle (30 stitches)
Round 6: ch 1 (does not count as a sc).
For this round we are going to be crocheting into the back loops of the stitches from the previous round.
sc into the back loop of each stitch from the previous round. Join with a sl st into the first sc of this round to form a circle (30 stitches)
Round 7: ch 1 (does not count as a sc).
sc into the back loops of the stitches from the previous round. (30 Stitches).
sl st into the first sc of this round to join and form a circle.
Fasten off and sew in all ends.

Back & Leaves (Green Yarn)

Round 1-5: With your green yarn repeat rounds 1-5 of the sunflower center section.
Round 6: ch 1 (does not count as a sc).
For this round we are going to be joining the back part (green part) of our sunflower to the centre part of our sunflower (brown part) using single crochets. Place the green and the brown parts back to back. Making sure to insert your hook through the stitches of both pieces, sc around the edge joining the two pieces together.



Before you completely connect both parts together, tuck in the centre tail from the green part and add some stuffing into the little pouch we are creating.



Continue to sc around until you have completed all 30 stitches. Join with a sl st into the first sc of this round (30 stitches).
Round 7: ch 1 (does not count as a sc)
Turn your work so the brown side is facing you.
*sl st into the first stitch.
Into the next stitch: (sc, ch2, then sl st into the 2nd chain from your hook, sc)
sl st into the next stitch* Repeat between * & *
9 more times.

Fasten off and sew in all ends.

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Petals (Your Own Colour Choice)

The petals are crocheted through the front loop stitches of the sunflower center. (The stitches that are left over from our previous rounds of only working through the back loops.)



With the brown part of your work facing towards you, work through the front loop stitches that are closest to the green green leaves, to make the outer layer of petals.

To begin; pull a loop of your petal coloured yarn through one of the front loop stitches.



Round 1: *sl st into the next stitch.
Into the next stitch: (sl st, ch2, dc, ch3, sl st into the 3rd chain from hook, dc, ch2, sl st)
sl st into the next stitch.*

Repeat between * and * 9 more times, so you have a total of 10 petals.



Round 2:



We are now going to crochet the inner circle of petals. It's the same procedure as the last round. Your first slip stitch will be one row below to the left of your last slip stitch. (See Picture Above)

*sl st into the first stitch.
Into the next stitch: sl st, ch2, dc, ch3 and sl st into the 3rd chain from your hook, dc, ch2, ss.
ss into the next stitch*

Repeat between * and * 9 more times.
You should have a total of 10 inner petals. Go ahead and fasten off, sew in all ends.





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