

Lily of the Valley Barrette or Pin

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Size: 3" long

Materials needed:

- Kreinik Blending Filament (one 50m spool each): 032 Pearl and 001 Silver
- Crochet cotton size 20: small amounts each white, light olive green and dark olive green
- Size 9 steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- 3-inch silver metal barrette or pinback
- Tapestry needle

Gauge: 12 dc = 1 inch

Flowers (make 9):

Note: Do not join rnds unless otherwise stated; mark first st of each rnd with safety pin or other small marker.

Rnd 1: With one strand white crochet cotton and one strand white Blending filament held tog, ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from hook. (6 sc)

Rnd 2: [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] rep around. (9 sc)

Rnds 3 & 4: Sc in each sc around; at the end of Rnd 4, join with a sl st in first sc. (9 sc)

Rnd 5: [ch 2, sl st in next sc] around, fasten off. (9 ch-2 sps)

Leaf:

Row 1: Beg at bottom of leaf, with light olive green crochet cotton and one strand silver Blending Filament held tog, ch 4, 3 dc in 4th ch from hook, turn. (4 dc, counting last 3 ch of beg ch-4 as first dc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc throughout), dc in first dc, dc in each dc across to last st, 2 dc in last st, turn. (6 dc)

Rows 3-7: Rep Row 2. (16 dc at end of Row 7)

Row 8: Ch 3, dc in each rem dc across, turn. (16 dc)

Row 9: Rep Row 2. (18 dc)

Rows 10 & 11: Rep Row 8. (18 dc)



Row 12: Ch 2, sk first dc, dc in each rem dc across to last 2 sts, dc dec, turn. (16 sts)

Row 13: Ch 3, dc in each rem st across, turn. (16 dc)

Rows 14-19: Rep Row 12. (4 sts at end of Row 18)

Row 20: ch 2, sk first dc, dc in next dc, dc dec, do not fasten off; ch 1, turn.

Edging:

Beg at tip of leaf, sc evenly sp around, working 3 sc in point at top of leaf and 5 sc in point at bottom, join with a sl st in first sc, fast off, leaving a short length for finishing. Using photo as a guide, turn tip of leaf down and to one side, tack in place with end left for finishing.

Stem:

Beg at bottom of stem, with dark olive green crochet cotton only, ch 45 for main stem, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each of next 18 chs, *ch 3 for offshoot, sl st in top of any flower, sk last ch made, sl st in each of next 2 chs of offshoot*, sl st in each of next 7 chs of main stem, rep from * to *, sl st in each of next 8 chs of main stem, rep from * to *, sl st in each of next 4 chs on main stem, rep from * to *, sl st in each of next 5 chs on main stem, rep from * to *, [sl st, ch 1, sl st] in last ch, turn; working in rem lps of foundation ch, sl st in each of next 3 chs on main stem, rep from * to *, sl st in each of next 10 chs on main stem, rep from * to *, sl st in each of next 3 chs on main stem, rep from * to *, sl st in each of next 5 chs on main stem, rep from * to *, sl st in each rem ch on main stem, fasten off.

Finishing:

With tapestry needle and length of dark green, letting bottom of stem extend approximately 1/4" below bottom of leaf, tack stem to center of leaf, rolling up ends of bottom of leaf and sewing together over bottom of stem.

Apply starch to leaf, stem and flowers with small paintbrush or sponge. Shape leaf, curling up edges slightly. Insert rounded end of crochet hook or other small round object into each flower to puff flower out. Let dry thoroughly..

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