October's Crocheted Flower:



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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE: 3-1/2 inches long x 1-1/2 inches wide

MATERIALS:

• Crochet cotton size 20: Small amounts each dark yellow (A) and dark green (B)

• Crochet cotton size 10: Small amount white (C)

• Kreinik Blending filament (50m per spool): 1 spool each #028 citron (BFA), #008 green (BFB) and #093 star mauve (BFC)

• Sizes 7 and 9 steel crochet hooks or sizes needed to obtain gauge

- Tapestry needle
- 3-inch long barrette
- 29 (1/8)-inch in diameter pearls
- 7 gold seed beads
- Sewing needle and sewing thread
- Starch

GAUGE:

Flower = 1-1/2 inches in diameter with smaller hook and A

Check gauge to save time.

PATTERN NOTE: Join rnds with a sl st unless otherwise stated.

PATTERN STITCH:

Beaded ch (bch): Slide bead up against hook; wrapping thread from front to back, ch 1 tightly to secure.

FLOWER:

Rnd 1 (RS): With smaller hook and one strand A and one strand BFA held tog, ch 2, 7 sc in second ch from hook, join in first sc. (7 sc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, ch 1, [sc in next sc, ch 1] rep around, join in first sc. (7 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 3: SI st in first sp, [ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sI st] in same sp, [sI st, ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, sI st] in each



rem sp around. Do not join. (7 petals) **Rnd 4**: Working behind petals of last rnd, sc in next unworked sc of Rnd 2, ch 2, [sc in next unworked sc of Rnd 2, ch 2] rep around, join in beg sc. (7 ch-2 sps)

Rnd 5: SI st in first sp, [ch 3, 2 tr, ch 3] in same sp, [sl st, ch 3, 2 tr, ch 3, sl st] in each rem sp around. Do not join. (7 petals)

Rnd 6: Working behind petals of last rnd, sc in next unworked sc of Rnd 4, ch 3, [sc in next unworked sc of Rnd 4, ch 3] rep around, join in beg sc. (7 ch-3 sps)

Rnd 7: SI st in first sp, [ch 3, 3 tr, ch 3] in same sp, [sl st, ch 3, 3 tr, ch 3, sl st] in each rem sp around. Do not join. (7 petals)

Rnd 8: Working behind petals of last rnd, sc in next unworked sc of Rnd 6, ch 4, [sc in next unworked sc of Rnd 6, ch 4] rep around, join in beg sc. (7 ch-4 sps)

Rnd 9: SI st in first sp, [ch 3, 2 tr, ch 3, sI st] twice in same sp, [{sI st, ch 3, 2 tr, ch 3} twice, sI st] in each rem sp around, join in first sI st. Fasten off. (14 petals)

With sewing needle and sewing thread, sew 7 gold seed beads into center of Flower.

BACK PIECE

Rnd 1 (RS): With larger hook and one strand C and one strand BFC held tog, ch 25, 2 sc in second ch from hook, *sc in next ch, hdc in each of next 2 chs, dc in each of next 2 chs, tr in each of next 12 chs, dc in each of next 2 chs, hdc in each of next 2 chs, sc in next ch*, 3 sc in last ch; working in rem lps across opposite side of foundation ch, rep from * to *, sc in same ch as first sc, join in first sc.(50 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in each of next 24 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in each rem st around, ending with sc in same st as first

sc, join in first sc. Fasten off. (54 sc)

String 29 pearls onto one strand C only.

Rnd 3: With RS facing, attach one strand C only with a sl st in last sc of last rnd, ch 1, (sc, bch, sc) in same st, [bch, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 13 times, [bch, sc in next sc] twice, [bch, sk next sc, sc in next sc] 12 times, bch, join in first sc.

Rnd 4: With one strand C and one strand BFC held tog, ch 1, sc in same st as joining, ch 4, [sc in next sc, ch 4] rep around, join in first sc. Fasten off.

LEAF (make 2)

Rnd 1: With smaller hook and one strand B and one strand BFB held tog, ch 8, [sc, p, 2 sc, p] in second ch from hook, *dc in each of next 2 chs, p, tr in next ch, dc in next ch, p, dc in next ch*, (sc, p, 2 sc, p) in last ch; working in rem lps across opposite side of foundation ch, rep from * to *, join in beg sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING as a barrette

With sewing needle and green sewing thread, using photo as a guide, sew leaves to Back Piece. With sewing needle and yellow sewing thread, sew flower to center of Back Piece over inner ends of leaves.

With paper towel or small sponge, apply starch to Flower, Leaves, and Back Piece. Let dry thoroughly.

With sewing needle and white sewing thread, sew Back Piece to top of barrette.

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