Tiny Crocheted Violets

Our flower of the month, designed by Maggie Petsch
Size: Approximately 7/8" in diameter
Skill Level: Intermediate

Materials needed:
- Kreinik Metallics blending filament (50m per spool):
  1 spool each purple #012 (BFA), green #008 (BFB)
  and star mauve #093 (BFC)
- South Maid crochet cotton size 10 (350 yd per ball):
  small amounts each purple #458 (A), myrtle green #484
  (B), white #1 (C), and soft yellow #143 (D)
- Size 7 steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain
  gauge
- 12" length 1/8" wide white satin ribbon
- 3/4" long pin back
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle and white sewing thread

Instructions:

Gauge: Flower = 7/8" in diameter - Check gauge to save time.

Pattern Note:
Join rnds with a sl st unless otherwise stated.

Pattern Stitches:

Tr cl: Holding back on hook last lp of each st, 2 tr in indicated st, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook.
P: Ch 3, hdc in last tr made.
Shell: [{Tr, p} 4 times, tr] in indicated sp.

Violet (make 5)

Rnd 1 (RS): With one strand A and one strand BFA held together, ch 2, 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook, join in beg sc.

Rnd 2: [Ch 3, tr, ch 3, sl st] in same st as joining, [sl st, ch 3, tr, ch 3, sl st] in next sc, *[sl st, ch 3, tr cl, ch 3, sl st] in next sc*, [sl st, ch 3, 5 tr, ch 3, sl st] in next sc, rep from * to *, join in st at base of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Stems

With one strand B and one strand BFB held tog, ch 10 for foundation ch, sc in 2nd ch from hook, **ch 21, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each of next 19 chs**, sc in each of next 2 chs on foundation ch, *ch 17, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each of next 15 chs, sc in each of next 2 chs on foundation ch*, ch 19, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in each of next 17 chs, sc in each of next 2 chs on foundation ch, rep from * to * once, rep from ** to ** once, sl st in last sc made on foundation ch, fasten off.

Doily

Rnd 1 (RS): With one strand C and one strand BFC held together, ch 1 (center ch), ch 3 more (counts as first dc throughout), 11 more dc in center ch, join in top of beg ch-3. (12 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, 2 dc in each rem dc around, join in top of beg ch-3. (24 dc)

Rnd 3:   Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, [dc in next st, 2 dc in next st] rep around, join with in top of beg ch-3. (36 dc)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, sc in each of next 3 dc, *ch 6, turn, sl st in last sc made, ch 1, turn, 11 sc in ch-6 lp**, sc in each of next 4 dc, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in beg sc. (9 ch-6 lps)

Rnd 5: Sl st in next sc, ch 6 (counts as first tr, ch-2), *sl st in 4th sc on next ch-6 lp, ch 6, sk next 3 sc on same lp, sl st in next sc, ch 2**, tr in center sc of 3 unworked sc between same lp and next lp, ch 2, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in 4th ch of beg ch-6.

Rnd 6: Ch 3, [shell in next ch-6 sp, dc in next tr] rep around, ending with shell in last ch-6 sp, join in top of beg ch-3, fasten off.

Finishing

Press doily and violets gently on WS with steam iron. With tapestry needle and D, work one French knot in the center of each violet, leaving ends for finishing. Place foundation ch of stems on RS of doily just below center and sew to doily from WS. Using photo as a guide, position violets on center of doily and tack in place with ends from French knots left for finishing, covering foundation ch of stems. Gather stems together approximately 3/4" from top and tie together with length of white ribbon. Trim ends of ribbon to desired length. Sew pin back to center of doily on WS.