

December's Crocheted Flower: *Orchid*

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SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE: 3-1/4 inches wide x 3-1/4 inches long

MATERIALS:

- Crochet cotton size 10: Small amounts each white (MC) and purple (CC)
- **Kreinik Blending Filament** (55 yd per spool): 1 spool each #093 star mauve (BFM) and #012 purple (BFC)
- Size 7 steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Tapestry needle
- Large glass jar with narrow neck
- 1 yd. (5/8)-wide lilac ribbon
- Craft glue
- Starch

GAUGE: 7 dc = 3/4 inch

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

Orchid Center

Rnd 1 (RS): With one strand MC and one strand BFM held tog, ch 2, 7 sc in second ch from hook, join in first sc. Do not fasten off. (7 sc)

Top Petal

Row 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc throughout), 6 dc in same sc as joining, turn. (7 dc)

Rows 2 & 3: Ch 3, dc in each rem dc across, turn.

Row 4: Ch 2, dc in next dc (beg dec made), dc in each of next 3 dc, dc dec over next 2 sts, turn. (5 sts)

Row 5: Beg dec, dc in next dc, dc dec, turn. (3 sts)

Row 6: Ch 2; holding back on hook last lp of each st, dc in each of next 2 sts, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook. Fasten off. (1 st)

With tapestry needle and length of MC, sew ends of Rows 1 & 2 tog at the back of Petal.

First Side Petal

Rnd 1 (RS): With one strand MC and one strand BFM held tog, ch 10, 2 sc in second ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, 2 tr in next ch, tr in next ch, dc in each of next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch; working in rem lps across opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in next ch, dc in each of next 2 chs, tr in next ch, 2 tr in next ch, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sc in same ch as first sc, join in first sc. (22 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as joining, sc in each st across to center sc of next 3 sc group, 3 sc in center sc, sc in each rem st around, join in first sc. (26 sc)

Rnd 3: [Ch 3, sk next sc, sl st in next sc] rep around, end with ch 3, sl st in st at base of beg ch-3, sl st in first unworked sc on either side of Top Petal on Rnd 1 of Center. Fasten off.

Second Side Petal

Rnds 1 & 2: Rep rnds 1 & 2 of First Side Petal

Rnd 3: Rep rnd 3 of First Side Petal, ending with sl st in first unworked sc on opposite side of Top Petal on Rnd 1 of Center as First Side Petal

First Bottom Petal

Row 1 (RS): With RS facing, attach one strand MC and one strand BFM held tog with a sl st in first unworked sc next to either Side Petal, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, turn. (3 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3, dc in each rem dc across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in first dc, dc in next dc, 2 dc in last dc, turn. (5 dc)

Row 4: Ch 3, dc in first dc, dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in last dc, turn. (7 dc)

Row 5: Beg dec, dc in each of next 3 dc, dc dec, turn. (5 sts)

Row 6: Beg dc, dc in next dc, dc dec, turn. (3 sts)

Row 7: Ch 2; holding back on hook last lp of each st, dc in each of next 2 sts, yo, draw through all 3 lps on hook. Fasten off. (1 st)

Second Bottom Petal

Row 1 (RS): With RS facing, attach one strand MC and one strand BFM held tog with a sl st in first unworked sc next to rem Side Petal, ch 3, 2 dc in same st, turn. (3 dc)

Rows 2-7: Rep rows 2-7 of First Bottom Petal.

Center Petal

Rnd 1: With one strand MC and one strand BFM held tog, leaving a length for finishing, ch 1 (center ch), ch 3 more (counts as first dc), 9 dc in center ch, join in top of first ch-3. (10 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc] rep around, join in top of first ch-3. (15 dc)

Rnd 3: Ch 3, dc in each rem dc around, join in top of first ch-3.

Rnd 4: Sc in next dc, dc in next dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in next dc] 5 times, sc in next dc, sl st in next dc. Fasten off, turn.

Rnd 5: Join one strand CC and one strand BFC held tog with a sl st in last sc made, sc in next st, hdc in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in each of next 2 dc] 4 times, hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st, turn.

Rnd 6: Ch 1, sl st in first sc, sc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in next st, [dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st] 4 times, hdc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in next st; working over end sts of rows, sl st in each st across to first sl st, join in first sl st. Fasten off, turn.

Rnd 7: Join one strand MC and one strand BFM held tog with a sl st in same st as joining, [ch 3, sk next st, sl st in next st] rep around, ending with ch 3, join in st at base of first ch-3. Fasten off.

With length left for finishing, tack Center Petal to center of Center.

For FINISHING as an embellishment on a glass gift jar

Apply starch to orchid. Pin out to shape. Let dry thoroughly.

Tie ribbon around neck of glass jar. Trim ends to desired length. With craft glue, glue orchid to ribbon over knot. Fill jar with potpourri, seashells, or any small treasures.

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