

Aster Nosegay

SKILL LEVEL: Intermediate

SIZE: 3-1/2 inches wide x 4-1/2 inches long

MATERIALS:

- Crochet cotton size 10: Small amounts each yellow (A), light purple (B), dark purple (C), white (D), and green (E)
- Kreinik Blending filament (50m per spool): 1 spool each #091 star yellow (BFA), #012 purple (BFB), #008 green (BFC), and #001HL silver (BFD)
- Size 7 steel crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- 1-inch pin back
- 12-inch length (1/4)-inch wide white satin ribbon
- Sewing needle and sewing thread
- Tapestry needle
- Liquid starch
- Paper towels or small sponge

GAUGE: Rnds 1 & 2 = 1/2-inch in diameter

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

PATTERN STITCHES:

Shell: [2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr] in indicated st.
Beg shell: [Ch 4, tr, ch 2, 2 tr] in indicated st.

Double knot stitch (dk st): [Draw up lp on hook to 1/2-inch (elongated lp made), yo, draw through lp on hook, insert hook between elongated lp and vertical strand alongside, yo, draw up a lp, complete sc] twice.

LIGHT PURPLE ASTER (make 2)

Rnd 1 (RS): With 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, 2 sc in same st as

joining, 2 sc in each rem sc around, join in first sc. Fasten off. (14 sc)

Rnd 3: With RS facing, join one strand B and one strand BFB held tog with a sl st in back lp only of any sc; working in back lps only this rnd, *ch 6, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 4 chs**, sl st in next sc on Rnd 2, rep from * around, ending last rep at **. Do not join. (14 petals)

Rnd 4: Working in front of Rnd 3 petals in rem lps only this rnd, sl st in first rem lp, *ch 6, sc in second ch from hook, sc in each of next 4 chs**, sl st in next sc on Rnd 2, rep from * around, ending last rep at **, join in st at base of first ch-6. Fasten off.

DARK PURPLE ASTER (make 1)

Rnds 1 & 2: Rep Rnds 1 & 2 of Light Purple Aster.

Rnds 3 & 4: With one strand C and one strand BFB held tog, rep Rnds 3 & 4 of Light Purple Aster.

SHORT STEM (make 2)

With one strand E and one strand BFC held tog, ch 25, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in each rem ch across. Fasten off, leaving length for finishing.

LONG STEM (make 1)

With one strand E and one strand BFC held tog, ch 36, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st in each rem ch across. Fasten off, leaving length for finishing.

PIN BASE

Rnd 1 (RS): With one strand D and one strand BFD held tog, ch 1 (center ch), ch 3 more (counts as first dc throughout), 11 dc in center ch, join in top of 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 ch-3. (24 dc)

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

Rnd 4: Ch 3, dc in same st as joining, dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc, [2 dc in next dc, dc in each of next 2 dc] rep around, join in top of ch-3. (48 dc)

Rnd 5: Ch 3, dc in each of next 2 dc, 2 dc in next dc, [dc in each of next 3 dc, 2 dc in next dc] rep around, join in top of ch-3. (60 dc)

Rnd 6: Beg shell in same st as joining, sk 2 dc, [shell in next dc, sk 2 dc] rep around, join in top of beg ch-4. (20 shells)

Rnd 7: Sl st in next tr and in shell sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, dk st, [sc in next shell sp, dk st] rep around, join in first sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Pin out Flowers and Pin Base. Apply liquid starch with paper towels or small sponge. Let dry. Using photo as a guide, tack tops of stems to RS of Pin Base with Long Stem between 2 Short Stems. With sewing needle and matching thread, tack center of each Aster to Pin Base over top of Stem. Make bow with length of white satin ribbon. With sewing needle and sewing thread tack to Pin Base over three Stems held together. Sew pin back to WS of Pin Base.

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