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# Daisy Bouquet

*Soft white petals, golden centres and stems that last.*

| YARN | HOOK | CONSTRUCTION | TERMS |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Worsted weight | E or F | Flower + stem | US crochet |

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# Before you begin

Make individual daisies as appliques, or add the calix, leaves and wrapped stems for a small bouquet. The main flower has two layers of petals.

Read the full pattern before starting. Cotton is recommended for petals that hold their shape. Lighter yarn and a smaller hook make a smaller flower.


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# Materials and stitches

Worsted-weight yarn in yellow, a petal colour and green. Cotton is recommended for the petals but is not required. Use an E or F crochet hook.

You also need a small amount of polyester fibre filling for the centre disc and calix, a 1/4 inch diameter wooden dowel, and a hot glue gun for the stem and flower.

| Abbreviation | Meaning | Abbreviation | Meaning |
|---|---|---|---|
| Rnd | Round | ch | Chain |
| st | Stitch | sl st | Slip stitch |
| sc | Single crochet | hdc | Half double crochet |
| dc | Double crochet | inc | Increase |
| dec | Decrease | BLO | Back loop only |
| FLO | Front loop only | | |

Magic ring: used to begin the centre and calix. Picot: ch 2 or 3, as noted in the pattern, then slip stitch into the starting chain furthest from the hook.

Work foundation chains into the back bumps throughout. Working into another part of the chain may change the flower's appearance.



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# Centre disc and petals

## Centre disc | Yellow yarn

| Round | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Make a magic ring with 6 sc. | 6 |
| 2 | Sc inc around. | 12 |
| 3 and 4 | Sc around. | 12 |
| 5 and 6 | In BLO: sc around. | 12 |
| 7 | Stuff lightly, then dec around. | 6 |

Sew the hole closed and weave in the yarn. When making the first BLO stitch of round 5, mark its free front loop. This is where the petals begin.

## Petals

Locate the first free front loop from round 5 of the centre disc. Fasten on with the petal colour. A slip knot secured with a sl st may be used.

Ch 7. Starting in the 3rd ch from the hook, hdc in each ch (5 st). Sl st into the same front loop where you started on the centre disc. Sl st in the next free loop and repeat around all the free loops from rounds 5 and 6.

Cut the yarn and draw the end through the final loop. Insert the finishing end into the stitch behind the final loop used, bring it out beside the starting end, tie the two petal ends together and hide them inside the centre.







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# Shape the flower and add the calix

The petals may look crumpled at first. Give each one a gentle straightening tug and shape it with your fingers. Cotton holds its shape more firmly; acrylic also works if the flower is handled gently.





For an applique with an unseen back, you can stop here. To add a flat calix, follow the calix instructions but skip rounds 3 and 4. For a full flower with a stem, work all rounds.

## Calix | Green yarn

| Round | Instruction | Count |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Make a magic ring with 6 sc. For a stemmed flower, leave enough room in the ring to insert the wooden dowel. | 6 |
| 2 | Sc inc around. | 12 |
| 3 and 4 | Sc around. | 12 |
| 5 | In FLO: sl st in first st, (ch 2 picot, sl st in next) around. Finish with a sl st into the first one. | 12 picots |

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn end. Using the free back loops from round 5 of the calix and the back of the bottom row of petals, sew the calix to the underside of the bloom. Before closing the final stitches, stuff lightly to hold its shape. Leave room for the dowel, close the seam and hide the ends inside.




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# Leaf

The leaf can be glued to the stem without wire. For a shaped leaf, crochet around a wire. For an applique or wreath, arrange leaves behind or around the flower, or omit them. Cotton can make a firmer leaf, though the stitches may look more open.

## Ch 10

Round 1, side 1: Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next 3 ch, hdc in the next 2, dc in the next 2, dc inc in the next, 3 dc in the final ch.

Round 1, side 2: Working down the other side of the starting ch, dc inc in the next ch, dc in the next 2, hdc in the next 2, sc in the last 3 ch. Ch 1 and turn back to the first side for round 2.

Round 2, side 1: Sl st in the first sc, sc in the next 2 st, work (ch 2 picot, sc in next 2) 4 times.

In the same st as the last one completed, at the peak from round 1, work: (ch 2 picot, sc, ch 3, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next ch, sc, ch 2 picot).

Round 2, side 2: Work (sc in the next 2, picot) 4 times, sc, sl st. Fasten off and weave in the ends.





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# Finishing and stem assembly

For a full stem, put a drop of hot glue on the tip of the dowel and insert it into the hole left in the starting round of the calix. Attach the flower straight or at an angle before the glue sets.

Pull a length of green yarn from the ball without cutting it. Tie a half-knot around the stem, wrapping the yarn around itself once. Add a dab of glue where the calix meets the stem and quickly push the yarn up to meet the calix.

Wrap the stem without gaps, capturing the starting yarn end beneath the wraps. Snip that end after a few turns. Add occasional dabs of glue and press the wrapped strands together as you work down the dowel.

At the bottom, secure the yarn with another drop of glue, then cut it. Attach the leaves as described on the leaf page. Reshape the petals after sewing and assembly.





Take care with hot glue and any optional wire. These flowers are decorative items.

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# Flower variations

For a single layer of petals, omit one of the BLO rounds of the centre disc. For a flatter centre, omit one or two of the rounds of 12 sc before working the BLO rounds.

Use different petal colours, make full stems or work only the blooms. Lighter-weight yarn and a smaller hook make smaller appliques. The original examples below show a single-layer flower, a wreath display and a bouquet.







The wreath photograph is a display example. This PDF supplies the daisy instructions; it does not include the other flower, bird or butterfly patterns shown.

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