

Daisy flower applique US terms crochet pattern and tutorial

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This daisy flower is used to decorate my summer ripple cushion (right) but can be used on any crochet project.

US terms are used throughout.

Stitches used: chain (ch), double crochet (dc), slip stitch (sl-st)



You will need

- Yarn: Deramores Studio Chunky DK yarn in citrine and frost. These colours are both used in the cushion cover.
- Crochet hook: I used a 3.75mm Clover Soft Touch hook
- Darning needle and scissors for the ends and the embroidery

Overview

This is a simple flower with only two rounds. The central yellow disc is a ring of 12 dcs. Two petals made from 14 or 18 chains are worked into the top of each dc stitch in round 2. Steam blocking is essential to get your daisy to look finished.

Round 1

- Make 4 chains and join with a sl-st.
- Make 2 chains (does not count as a stitch)
- Make 12 dc into the ring and close with a neat join (not a sl-st).

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The neat join technique



- After completing the 12th dc, cut the yarn leaving a tail end of about 15cm (6 inches).
- Thread this onto a darning needle and sew through the front and back loops of the first dc stitch in the ring, working from front to back.
- Pull the yarn through but do not pull too tight.
- Bring the tail end back to the front of the work.
- Sew through between the front and back loops of the final dc in the ring.
- Pull and adjust the tension to close the ring.



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Making the daisy petals

- Join the white yarn by pulling a loop through one of the stitches of round 1. Make one chain to secure then start making the other 13 chains for your first daisy petal.
- When you have 14 chains, insert your hook back into the same stitch and pull the yarn through to create a slip stitch. Then you are ready to make 14 chains for the next daisy petal.
- When the second petal is complete, make a slip stitch into the next stitch of round one.
- Make another 14 chains and join back into the same stitch with a slip stitch.
- Make the next 14 chains and join into the next stitch of round 1 with a sl-st. Continue all round, making 14 chains and joining into the same stitch and then the next stitch as you make every pair of petals.
- When you have made the 14 chains for the last petal, join with a sl-st into the dc stitch that already holds the first petal.

Steam blocking

To steam block your daisy, pin out onto an old towel folded in half or even four and placed on a hard surface (putting it on a cutting mat saves the desk or table). I use a folded pillowcase on my ironing board, which also works well.

Starting at 12 o'clock, pin the first petal down gently, pulling it slightly taut as you do so. Then do the same thing with the 13th petal around the circle, but pin into the 6 o'clock position. Then do the 7th and 19th petals into the 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock positions. Then pin out the petals in between, spacing them fairly evenly and pulling them to approximately the same length.

Attaching the daisy flower applique

Sew the centres in place using the tail ends from the daisy petal round. Sew the ends of the petals in place with ordinary sewing thread if required.