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YARNSCAPES

California Poppy Crochet Pattern

MATERIALS

- 2 slightly different hues of acrylic yarn to resemble California Poppies, in colors such as orange, yellow, or red.
 - Small amount of sport or lace-weight (#2 or #1)
 - Small amount of DK-weight (#3)
- 1 - 2.75 mm (C) crochet hook
- 1 - 3.5 mm (E) crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

GLOSSARY OF TERMS, STITCHES, AND TECHNIQUES

back loop only (BLO): indicates the location of where to place a stitch. Out of the two loops in the top of a stitch, only work under the one which is further away from the crocheter.

chain stitch (ch): To make, draw yarn through the active loop on the hook.

fasten off: Cut the yarn 3 to 4 inches from the last stitch and draw the end through the active loop. Pull tightly to secure.

front loop only (FLO): indicates the location of where to place a stitch. Out of the two loops in the top of a stitch, only work under the one which is closest to the crocheter.

slip stitch (sl st): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, draw the top loop on the hook through the bottom loop.

single crochet stitch (sc): To make, insert your hook into the indicated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops.

slip knot: To make, cross the tail end over the yarn to make a loop, draw up yarn from the yarn ball side through the loop and tighten, making sure the cut end is not pulled through.

stitch (st): a generic stitch, usually designates the location in the previous row in which a particular stitch, such as a single crochet, will be made

tail: the unworked cut end of the yarn

treble crochet stitch (tc): To make, yarn over twice, insert the hook into the designated stitch, draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through two loops three times.

weave in the ends: Using a tapestry needle, draw the yarn end through several stitches on the back side of work, skip one strand of yarn and pull the end through the opposite way, skip another strand and pull the end the opposite way again to lock in place.

PATTERN NOTES

The flower center and petals are worked in the round.
The stamens are worked separately and attached at the end.

Flower center and petals

Using the thicker yarn and larger hook, make a loose (do not tighten) slip knot to use as a center ring and make a chain (ch) to secure.

ROUND 1: Work 6 single crochet stitches (sc) in the center ring. Pull on tail to shrink the center ring. Sl st to 1st st of round.

ROUND 2: Ch 1. Work 2 sc in each stitch (st) around. Sl st to front loop only (FLO) of 1st st of round.

ROUND 3-A: *Work all st in the front loop only (FLO) for this round.*

Petal 1: [(Ch 5, 2 tr in same st as chain 5). 3 tr in next st, (2 tr, 5 ch, sl st) in next st, sl st in next 4 st].

Petal 2: [(Ch 5, 2 tr in same st as chain 5). 3 tr in next st, (2 tr, 5 ch, sl st) in next st, sl st in next 3 st].

ROUND 3-B: *Throughout this round, work in the back loops (back loop only, BLO) which remain from the same stitches worked in Round 3A.*

Petal 3: Sl st in BLO of 1st st from Round 3A behind petal 1 (front loop was already worked in 3A). Sl st in next 2 st behind petal 1, (sl st, ch 5, 2 tr) in next st, 3 tr in next st, (2 tr, chain 5, sl st) in next st.

Petal 4: Sl st in next 3 st behind petal 2. (sl st, ch 5, 2 tr) in next st, 3 tr in next st, (2 tr, chain 5, sl st) in next st. Sl st to 1st st of the round.

Fasten off. Weave in the ends.

Stamens

Using thinner yarn and smaller hook, make a (regular, tight) slip knot.

1st stamen: Ch 7, sk 1 ch, sl st in all remaining ch.

2nd-5th stamens: Ch 6, sk 1 ch, sl st in all remaining ch, sl st in 1st ch from 1st stamen.

Fasten off. *Do not* weave in ends.

Assembly

Attach the stamens to the flower center by drawing the tail ends of stamens through the center ring (already pulled closed) to the back of the flower center and knotting the ends just underneath as closely as possible to the center ring. Do not weave in the stamen ends as they will be used for attaching poppies to the Yarnscape.