

FLOWER GARLANDS



Some crocheters find the humble granny square to be their crochet therapy, but for me it's flowers – in all colours, sizes and shapes. It is my opinion that an hour spent with a crochet hook and gorgeous floral-coloured yarn making a pile of pretty petals is an hour spent very wisely indeed. I have designed three pretty floral motifs and two sizes of leaf for this garland. The pattern instructions describe one possible arrangement for stringing them together, but with a little imagination they can be combined in dozens of different ways with almost endless colour combinations. Let your imagination run free!





Tools and Materials

- ▶ Size 3.5mm (US E4) and 1.5mm (US 7) crochet hooks
- ▶ 50g balls (115m/126yd) of Rowan Cotton Glacé, one each in shades 865/Lipstick (yarn A), 730/Oyster (yarn B), 856/Mineral (yarn C), 845/Shell (yarn D), 844/Green Slate (yarn E) and 100g ball (400m/437yd) of DMC Petra size 5, one in shade 54460/Off-white (yarn F)
- ▶ Yarn needle
- ▶ Scissors

Yarn Substitution

This design will work well with any standard DK (worsted) weight cotton yarn or lighter, so that the motifs don't become too heavy for the garland. If using DK cotton yarn one 50g ball will be enough to complete a garland in a single colour.

Tension (Gauge)

6 rnds of circular motif worked in tr sts (12st inc each rnd) = 10cm (4in)

Finished Size

Flowers vary from 6–6.5cm (2 $\frac{1}{8}$ –2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in) diameter

Length of garland approx. 1.45m (57in)

PATTERN

All flower and leaf motifs are crocheted using the 3.5mm hook.

▷ 8-PETAL FLOWER MOTIF

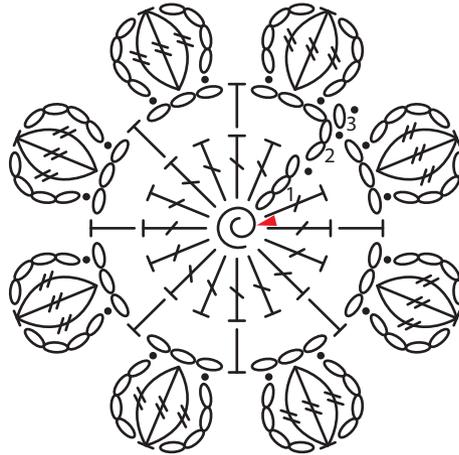
Make 4, one each in yarns A, B, C and D.

Foundation ring and round 1:

create an adjustable ring, ch3 (counts as first tr), 15tr into ring, close ring, ss into 3rd ch of starting ch3

Round 2: ch5 (counts as first htr, ch3), *miss 1st of prev rnd, [htr, ch3] into next st* rep from * to * 7 times, ss into 2nd ch of starting ch5

Round 3: ch1, *ss into next ch-sp, ch4, 3dtr-cl into same ch-sp, ch4, ss into same ch-sp* rep from * to * 8 times, ss into starting ch1, fasten off



▷ 5-PETAL FLOWER MOTIF

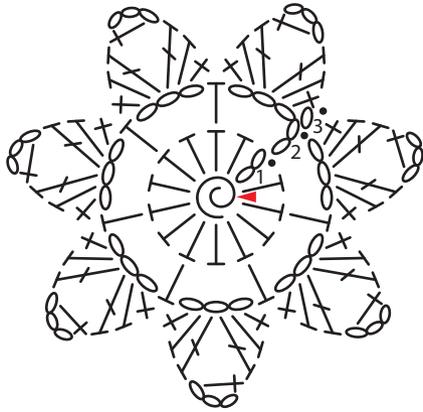
Make 4, one each in yarns A, B, C and D.

Foundation ring and round 1:

create an adjustable ring, ch2, 3tr-cl (counts as first 4tr-cl), *ch4, 4tr-cl* rep from * to * 4 times, ch4, close ring, ss into top of 3tr-cl

Round 2: ch1, [dc, htr, tr, 3dtr, tr, htr, dc] into each ch-sp around, ss into first dc, fasten off





▷ 7-PETAL FLOWER MOTIF

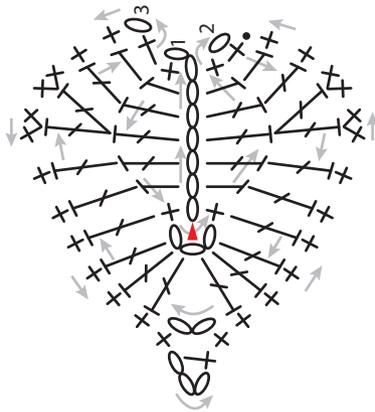
Make 4, one each in yarns A, B, C and D.

Foundation ring and round 1:

create an adjustable ring, ch2 (counts as first htr), 13htr into ring, close ring, ss into 2nd of starting ch2

Round 2: ch5, *miss 1st tr of prev rnd, [htr, ch3] into next st* rep from * to * 6 times, ss into 2nd of starting ch5

Round 3: ch1, [dc, htr, tr, ch3, dc into 3rd ch from hook, tr, htr, dc] into each ch-sp around, ss into first dc, fasten off



▷ LARGE LEAF MOTIF

Make 4 in yarn E.

Foundation chain: ch8

Round 1: starting in 2nd ch from hook *dc, htr, 3tr, htr, dc*, ch3 (leaf point), rotate the work and rep from * to * along the bottom of the foundation ch, **turn**

Round 2: ch1, dc, htr, tr, 2tr inc, 3tr, [3tr, ch2, 3tr] into leaf point ch-sp, 3tr, 2tr inc, tr, htr, dc, **turn**

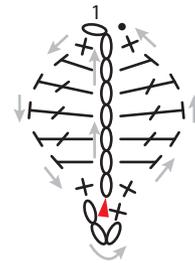
Round 3: ch1, miss 1st tr of prev rnd, 2dc, 2dc inc into next 2 sts, 6dc, [dc, ch3, dc into 3rd ch from hook, dc] into leaf point ch-sp, 6dc, 2dc inc into next 2sts, 2dc, ss into next st, fasten off

▷ SMALL LEAF MOTIF

Make 4, one each in yarns A, B, C and D.

Foundation chain: ch8

Round 1: starting in 2nd ch from hook *dc, htr, 3tr, htr, dc*, [ch3, dc into 3rd ch from hook] leaf point, rotate the work and rep from * to * along the bottom of the foundation ch, fasten off





▷ BLOCKING

Using a press cloth, steam press each motif on reverse with a hot iron to these approx. sizes:

8-petal flower: 6.5cm (2½in) diameter

5-petal flower: 5.5cm (2¼in) diameter

7-petal flower: 6.5cm (2½in) diameter

Small leaf: 2 x 3.5cm (¾ x 1¼in)

Large leaf: 4.5 x 6cm (1¾ x 2¼in)

▷ MAKING UP

Arrange the motifs according to the colour placement diagram and, beginning with the large leaf

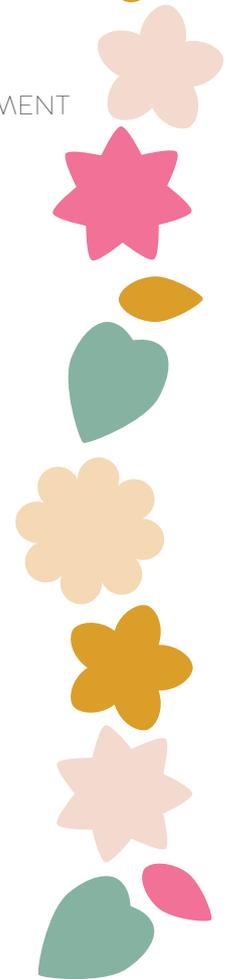
motif at the bottom, string the motifs together as follows:

First: using 1.5mm crochet hook, join yarn G in top of large leaf motif (opposite pointed tip), *†ch3, dc into top of small leaf motif, ch36, dc between 2 petals of 7-petal flower motif, ch40, dc between 2 petals of 5-petal flower motif, ch 40, dc between 2 petals of 8-petal flower motif†, ch40, dc into top of large leaf motif* rep from * to * 3 times, rep from † to † once more

Hanging loop: ch20, ss into same sp as last dc into 8-petal flower motif, fasten off securely and weave in loose ends

COLOUR PLACEMENT

- ▶ Lipstick
- ▶ Oyster
- ▶ Mineral
- ▶ Shell
- ▶ Green Slate



▷ TIPS AND TRICKS

This garland is designed to hang vertically but you could easily work a small hanging loop at either end to hang it in a swag if you prefer. To do so, join yarn F in first motif, ch20, ss into same sp as joined yarn, then continue stringing the garland motifs together as described. To make a multiple garland display as shown, you will also need a 50g ball of Rowan Cotton Glacé in shade 725/Ecru.