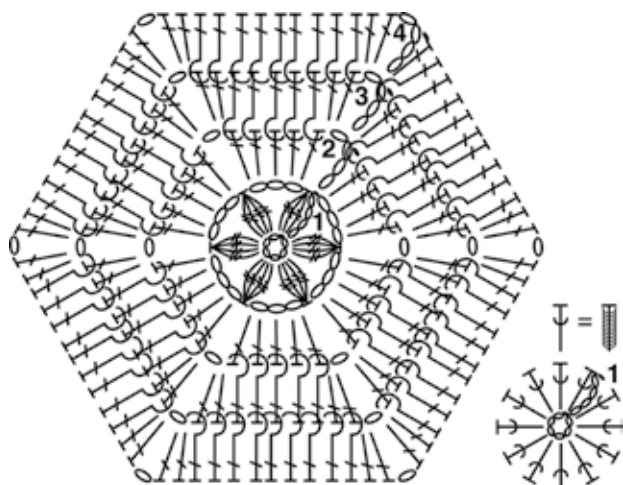


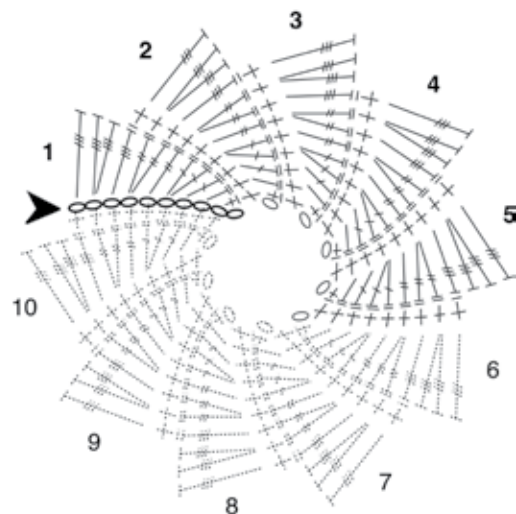
17: Raised Flower Hexagon



Bullion Stitch

Alternative Round 1

Lazy 'Wheel'



Abbreviations:

Ch - chain; sp - space; lp - loop; ss - slip stitch; sc - single crochet; hdc - half double; dc - double; tr - triple; dtr - double triple; st - stitch; yoh - yarn over hook; rep - repeat; tch - turning chain; tr3(4)tog

- work 3(4) treble together, thus: *yoh twice, insert hook into center of ring, yoh, pull loop through, [yoh, pull through 2 loops] twice, rep from * 2(3) more times, yoh pull through all 4(5) loops on hook; dc/rb

- double crochet raised (round the post) at the back, thus: work double normally except insert hook around stem of stitch, going in and out of fabric at back and from right to left (Lefthanders: from left to right).

Raised Flower Hexagon

The instructions here refer to yarns in 2 colours, A and B, but you should also experiment with using just one and also more than two.

With H-8 hook [or size necessary] and col B ch 4 and join into a ring with 1 ss into first ch.

Round 1 [wrong side]: Ch 4, work dtr3tog into ring [ie work as for dtr4tog only 3 times, finish by pulling through all 3 loops on hook], 3ch, [dtr4tog, 3 ch] 5 times into ring, ss into top of first dtr3tog. [6 x 3 ch lps]. Fasten off, turn.

Round 2 [right side]: Join in col A to any 3 ch lp, ch 4 [counts as 1 dc and 1 ch], [5 dc into next 3 lp, 1 ch] 5 times, 4 dc into last 3 ch lp, ss into 3rd of first 4 ch. Bind off, do not turn from now on.

Round 3: Rejoin col B into any 1 ch sp, ch 4 [counts as 1 dc and 1 ch], *2 dc into same sp, 1 dc/rb round each dc to next 1 ch sp**, [2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc] into sp: rep from * all round, ending last rep at **, ss into 3rd of first 4 ch. Bind off.

Round 4: Rejoin col A into any 1 ch sp and rep Round 3. Bind off first hexagon made, but from 2nd hexagon do not fasten off after Round 4, but join together thus: ss into 1 ch sp then place wrong sides of 2 hexagons together and join with ss through both ch sps, then ss taking the outside loop of each corresponding st to and including next 1 ch sp. Bind off.

Subsequent joins will have 3 or more 1 ch sps meeting in the middle, work ss through 2 of them as normal then ss back again into same sp on hexagon being joined together with the 1 ch sp on the other hexagon.

Alternative Round 1 [right side]: Ch 4, *wrap yarn round hook 10 times, insert hook through centre of ring, pick up yarn and draw through ring, pick up yarn again and pull through all loops (this requires fiddling!), 'massage' the coils to neaten, ch 1 loosely to secure - bullion stitch completed; rep from * 11 more times, ss into top of first bullion to join. Bind off.

Lazy 'Wheel' Segments

First Segment:

Ch 10.

Row 1 [right side]: Skip ch next to hook, then over next 9 ch work: *1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 2 dc, 1 tr, 2 tr, 1 dtr, 2 dtr, 1 dtr. Do not turn,

Row 2 [right side] - not shown on stitch diagram above! 1 ch, skip last st worked, then work Corded sc to end, ie sc working from left to right (Lefthanders: from right to left) inserting hook under front loop only of each st, ch 1, do not turn.

2nd Segment onwards:

Working behind stitches of previous Corded sc row and into back loop only of each st, over next 9 sts work as for First Segment/ Row 1 from *.

Note: If you're making a complete 'Wheel' (10 Segments), leave enough yarn, when you bind off, to sew 10th Segment to First Segment on wrong side.