



MINI MOON YARN CACTUS

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

2" wide x 6" high

YARN

Comfy™ (worsted weight, 75% Pima Cotton, 25% Acrylic; 109 yards/50g): C1 Marina 25768, C2 Thicket 28016, C3 Honeydew 24152, C4 Zinnia 25770, C5 White 25315, 1 skein each

HOOKS

US E/4 (3.5mm) Crochet hook or size needed to create tight stitches

NOTIONS

Yarn Needle
Fiberfill Stuffing

GAUGE

Rnds 1-3 = approximately 1.5" (Gauge is not important; use the hook size you need to achieve tight stitches)

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Notes

Adorn your home, desk, or windowsill, and never worry about watering again! Make an adorable potted cactus for yourself and all your friends. It is the perfect gift for green thumbs and not-so-green thumbs alike.

Unlike standard amigurumi, this cactus is worked in double crochet to give it an extra plush and squishy feel. The pot and main cactus are worked as one piece in joined rounds and include front post stitches to provide extra shaping and texture. The flower is then stitched as a separate piece and finished with a simple french knot for an added pop of color.

Special Stitches

Working Amigurumi in Double Crochet (DC)

As with all amigurumi, stitches should be worked as tight as possible. With DC it is especially important as the height of the stitches allows more space for stuffing to show through. If your stitches are too far apart, consider using a smaller hook or heavier yarn.

Stuff more loosely than you would with standard SC amigurumi to avoid creating spaces between your stitches. Stuff just enough to maintain the shape while maintaining the soft squishy feel of the longer DC stitches.

Magic Circle

Loop your yarn with the short tail under the end coming from the skein. Holding the loop together with your finger and thumb, insert your hook into the loop and pull up a chain with the yarn coming from the skein. Ch 1 and SC into the magic circle. Once you have completed the round, pull the short tail to close the ring. Before stuffing, weave in the short tail inside the piece to secure the tightened ring.

Joining Rounds

To lessen the appearance of a "seam" when joining your rounds, slip stitch to the first stitch of the round and pull the slip stitch as tight as possible before starting the next round. Starting your round with tight chains will also help blend the look of the joined seam.

Invisible Join (inv join)

Cut your yarn, pull it out through the top of the stitch, and thread the tail into your yarn needle. Insert the needle in the indicated stitch from front to back under both the front and back loops. Pull through and insert the needle from top to bottom through the middle of the last stitch of the round (between the front and back loops and through the third loop). Adjust the yarn until it matches the surrounding stitches, and weave in as usual.

This method is great for visible edges like the top of the pot, but if you are not comfortable with the invisible join, slip stitch to the first st of the round and fasten off as usual.

Changing Colors

For this pattern, all color changes happen at the beginning of a round. Since all the rounds are joined and started with chains, it is recommended to change colors by fastening off

the previous color and joining the new color with 1 or 2 chains to reach the appropriate stitch height as instructed. If you prefer, you may choose to join the new color with a standing stitch or change to the new color by finishing the last YO of the previous stitch with the new color.

2 Double Crochet Cluster (2DCcluster)

YO, insert hook in the designated st, YO, pull up a lp, YO, draw through 2 lps, (leaving 2 lps on hook), YO, insert hook in same st, YO, pull up lp, YO, draw through 2 lps, YO, pull through all 3 lps on hook.

French Knot

Cut a length of yarn and thread your yarn needle. Insert needle from the bottom and bring it up where you desire the knot (leaving a tail at the bottom for weaving in). Holding the yarn tight, wrap it around the needle 2 times. Slide the needle as close to the flower as possible to keep the yarn taut and insert the needle close to (but not directly) where you originally brought it up. Continue to hold the yarn tight as you pull the needle and tail through the wrapped yarn and out through the bottom until the knot is formed.

DIRECTIONS

Pot

With C1, make a magic circle.

Rnd 1: 6 SC in magic circle, pull tail to tighten, sl st in first SC to join. 6 SC.

Rnd 2: Ch 1 (does not count as SC throughout), 2 SC in each st, sl st in first SC to join. 12 SC.

Rnd 3: Ch 2 (does not count as DC throughout), 2 DC in each st, sl st in first DC to join. 24 DC.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, [DC Blp in next 2 sts, 2 DC Blp in next st] 8 times, sl st in first DC to join. 32 DC.

Rnd 5: Ch 2, DC all, sl st in first DC to join.

Rnd 6: Ch 2, [DC in next 7 sts, 2 DC in next st] 4 times, sl st in first DC to join. 36 DC.

Rnd 7: Ch 2, DC all, sl st in first DC to join.

Rnd 8: Ch 1, [SC Flp in next 8 sts, 2 SC Flp in next st] 4 times, sl st in first SC to join. 40 SC.

Rnd 9: Ch 2, DC Blp all, inv join to 2nd DC. 40 DC. Weave in ends.

Dirt

Rnd 10: With C2, join to Blp of first st of Rnd 7, ch 2, DC2tog Blp all, sl st in first DC to join. 18 DC. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Start stuffing loosely, making sure to keep the bottom flat and not stretch your stitches. Continue stuffing as you go.

Cactus

Rnd 11: With C3, join to first st of Rnd 10, ch 1, SC Flp all, sl st in first SC to join. 18 SC.

Rnd 12: Ch 2, [DC in next 2 sts, 2 DC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first DC to join. 24 DC.

Rnds 13-18: Ch 2, [DC in next 3 sts, FPDC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first DC to join.

Rnd 19: Ch 2, [DC in next st, DC2tog, FPDC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first DC to join. 18 DC.

Rnd 20: Ch 1, [SC2tog, SC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first SC to join. 12 SC.

Rnd 21: Ch 2, [2 DC in next st, DC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first DC to join. 18 DC.

Rnd 22: Ch 2, [DC in next st, 2 DC in next st, FPDC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first DC to join. 24 DC.

Rnds 23-24: Ch 2, [DC in next 3 sts, FPDC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first DC to join.

Rnd 25: Ch 2, [DC in next st, DC2tog, FPDC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first DC to join. 18 DC.

Rnd 26: Ch 1, [SC2tog, SC in next st] 6 times, sl st in first SC to join. 12 SC.

Rnd 27: Ch 1, SC2tog all, sl st in first SC to join. 6 SC. Finish stuffing, making sure not to overstuff or stretch your stitches. Fasten off, close hole, and weave in ends.

Flower

With C4, make magic circle,

Rnd 1: 6 SC in magic circle, sl st in first SC to join. 6 SC.

Rnd 2: [Ch 2, 2DCcluster in same st as sl st, ch 3, sl st to same st, sl st to next st] 6 times. 6 Petals. Fasten off and leave tail for sewing.

Finishing

Pinch the petals together toward the center of the flower with the petals overlapping each other as shown in the sample; use yarn tail to stitch them in place as desired. Use remaining tail to sew the flower to the top of the cactus. With C5, embroider a French knot in the center of the flower. Weave in ends.

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CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS all abbreviations are in US terms

beg	beginning	FSC	foundation single crochet	shell	a group of stitches all worked in the same stitch
Blp	single or double crochet in back loop only	FPDC	front post double crochet	sk	skip
bo	bobble	FPtr	front post treble	sl	slip
BPDC	back post double crochet	HDC	half double crochet	sl st	slip stitch
BPtr	back post treble	LDC	linked double crochet	sp	space
C (1, 2...)	contrast color (1, 2...)	lp(s)	loop(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
CC	contrast color	MC	main color	tr	treble crochet
ch(s)	chain(s)	PC	popcorn stitch	Tch	top of turning chain made at start of previous row
ch-sp	chain space	PM	place marker	WS	wrong side
CSC	center single crochet (also known as waistcoat stitch or crochet knit stitch)	PS	puff stitch	YO	yarn over
DC	double crochet	rem	remaining	*	repeat directions given from *
EDC	extended double crochet	rep	repeat	[]	work stitches within [] as many times as directed
ESC	extended single crochet	RM	remove marker	()	work stitches within () in the same stitch or space
Flp	single or double crochet in front loop only	rnd(s)	round(s)		
		RS	right side		
		SC	single crochet		
		SC2tog	single crochet two together		

TUNISIAN ABBREVIATIONS

FwP	forward pass	TKS	Tunisian knit stitch	Tslst	Tunisian slip stitch
RetP	return pass	TPS	Tunisian purl stitch	Ttr	Tunisian treble crochet
TDC	Tunisian double crochet	TRS	Tunisian reverse stitch	TTW	Tunisian twisted stitch
TFS	Tunisian full stitch	TSC	Tunisian single crochet		
THDC	Tunisian half double crochet	TSS	Tunisian simple stitch		