

Crochet Sunflower

Materials Patons Fab DK, one ball or less each #02305 canary, #02309 brown and #02319 forest.
One 4 mm crochet hook.

Accessories Coats Invisible sewing thread, 1 sewing needle, 1 blunt embroidery needle, 1 tin sequins 6 mm across (dark brown), for each flower 1 piece of round wood, rounded, about 40 mm across, for each flower and each petal 1 sucker 30 mm across with crossways hole.

Basic pattern chain, sl-st, sc (UK = dc), hdc (htr), tr (dtr), dtr (trtr), and crab st.

Method

For **flower** center cast on 2 ch brown and work in spirals in rounds (i.e. cont with sc at the start of each round) as foll:

Round 1: 8 sc into 1st ch. Mark start of round with a contrasting thread.

Rounds 2-3: work 2 sc into each st. = 32 sts.

Round 4: work 1 sc into each st., and end round with 1 sl-st into 1st st. of round.

Work flower center twice. Then bring centers tog and crochet tog with sc brown, inserting wooden panel after 1st half.

Cont with petals in canary as foll: attach yarn to one sc of center, so that the curvature of center shows to the front. _ Crochet 9 ch + 1 ch for turning, then along the ch chain 1 sc, 1 hdc, 1 dc, 3 tr, 1 tr, 1 hdc, 1 sc, 1 sl-st into foll st. of center, rep 31 times from _ = 32 petals. Embroider parallel straight sts. in brown over center.

Finally sew on sequins using the invisible thread. Sew sucker to back.



Leaf (make 3 alike) crochet 15 ch + 1 ch for turning in forest, leaving thread about 20 cm long to hang at start. For 1st half of leaf work 1 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 tr, 3 dtr, 2 tr, 1 dc, 1 hdc, working 4 sc into last ch, then change to opposite side of foundation row and for 2nd half of leaf work 1 hdc, 1 dc, 2 tr, 3 dtr, 2 tr, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 1 sc. Then cut thread.

For the stem cast on 3 ch + 1 ch for turning with the initial thread, and crochet 1 sl-st into each ch, end with 1 sl-st. into leaf. Sew sucker to back of work.