

Crocheted Sunflower for Ukraine – by Victoria Newman

MATERIALS:

- Size H crochet hook, or whatever is appropriate for your yarn. Gage is not important, but your size will be dependent on the thickness of the yarn and hook used. Mine was 7" (18 cm) in diameter.
- I used much less than 1 ball each "Sugar'n Cream" crochet cotton in black (or dark brown) and yellow, but any worsted weight yarn will do.

- Tapestry needle for weaving in ends
- Scissors

LEGEND:

SI = slip stitch Ch = chain Sc = single crochet Hdc = half double crochet Dc = double crochet

START HERE:

Using the black or dark brown color start with a Magic Loop

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p298HxgsO1s

Ch 2 after completing the magic loop circle instead of one in the above video.

Dc 14 in the Magic Loop then connect circle with Sl, Ch 1

2 Sc in each of the 14 loops (28 stitches), Sl to connect circle using the **YELLOW** yarn. Cut the black (dark brown) yarn leaving at least a 6" (15 cm) tail to woven in later.

***With the yellow yarn, Ch 9. SI into the 8^{th} Ch. Sc in the 7^{th} Ch. Hdc in the 6^{th} Ch. Dc in the 5^{th} and 4^{th} Ch. Hdc in the 3^{rd} Ch. Sc in the 2^{nd} Ch. SI in the 1^{st} Ch.

SI into the next space on the back (dark brown). Ch 9. Repeat *** until all 28 petals are done. SI into the first space and cut the yarn, pulling the 6" (15 cm) tail through the loop. Weave in all ends.

TO STABILIZE THE PETALS:

On the **BACK** side of the work: With the yellow yarn, SI into the BACK loop of the 5th Dc on a petal, then Ch 2. SI into the back loop of the next petal's 5th Dc loop, then Ch 2. Repeat until all petals are connected. SI into first Ch. Cut yarn, pulling the 6" (15 cm) tail through the loop. Weave in ends. Use a safety pin on the back side of the sunflower to pin it to a hat or clothing.

