



Auricula in pot

Instructions:

Flowers

Using 2.50mm (US B-1, UK 13) hook and yellow, make a magic ring (see page 110).

Round 1: 8 sc (*UK dc*) into ring.

Round 2: With lime, join with ss, 1 ch, 2 sc (*UK dc*) into next 8 sc (*UK dc*).

Round 3: With red, join with ss into 1ch sp, *ss into next sc (*UK dc*), 2 ch, dc (*UK tr*) into same sc (*UK dc*), 2 tr (*UK dtr*) into next sc (*UK dc*), 1 dc (*UK tr*), 2 ch, ss into next sc (*UK dc*),* repeat 4 more times (5 petals) ss into next sc (*UK dc*), tie off end, leave length for sewing in.

Make 14 flowers.

Flower pot (4in/10cm diameter)

With 3.50mm (US E-00, UK 9) hook and cream dishcloth yarn, make a magic ring (see page 110).

Round 1: 9 sc (*UK dc*) into ring join with ss.

Round 2: 3 ch, *2 dc (*UK tr*) into sc (*UK dc*), 1 dc (*UK tr*) into sc (*UK dc*)* repeat 3 more times, 2 dc (*UK tr*) into last sc (*UK dc*), join with ss.

Round 3: 3 ch, 2 dc (*UK tr*), into all dc (*UK tr*), join with ss.

Round 4: 3 ch, *dc (*UK tr*) into next 4 dc (*UK tr*), 2 dc (*UK tr*) into next dc (*UK tr*)* repeat from * to last 2 dc (*UK tr*), 2 dc (*UK tr*) join with ss.

Round 5: 2 ch hdc (*UK htr*) into back loop of all dc (*UK tr*), join with ss.

Round 6: 3 ch, dc (*UK tr*) into all hdc (*UK htr*) spaces, join with ss.

Round 7: 3 ch, * dc (*UK tr*) into next 5 dc (*UK tr*), miss dc (*UK tr*)* repeat 6 more times, dc (*UK tr*) into next 5 dc (*UK tr*) spaces, join with ss.

Rounds 8–11: 3 ch, dc (*UK tr*) into all dc (*UK tr*) spaces, join with ss.

Round 12: Change to 4.00mm (US G-6, UK 8) hook, turn, 3 ch, 2 tr (*UK dtr*) into each dc (*UK tr*) sp, 1 tr (*UK dtr*) into base of 3 ch, join into 3rd ch with ss, turn.

Round 13: Change to 3.50mm (US E-00, UK 9) hook, 2 ch, *1 dc (*UK tr*), miss tr (*UK dtr*) * repeat from * to * ss into 2 ch sp.

Round 14: Repeat round 13.

Round 15: 1 ch, 1sc (*UK dc*) into all dc (*UK tr*), join with ss.

Round 16: 1 ch, *1 tr (*UK dtr*) into each of next 4 sc (*UK dc*), miss sc (*UK tr*)* repeat from * to end, ss into 2 ch, tie off.

Materials and equipment:

Crochet hooks sizes 2.50mm (US B-1, UK 13), 3.50mm (US E-00, UK 9) and 4.00mm (US G-6, UK 8)

Crochet cotton perle in yellow, lime and red

Cream dishcloth yarn

Green chunky (12 ply) yarn

Florist wire in 18 and 28 gauge and pliers for cutting

Rice

Freezer bag with tie top

Circle of fabric

Plastic flower pot

Glue gun (optional)

Masking tape

Wool oddments for embroidery

Crewel needle for embroidery



Leaves

Using green chunky yarn, make a 8 ch, ss through ch 1 to form loop.
Round 1: *ch 8, 3 sc (UK dc)* into ring, repeat 5 more times, ss into 1st ch (6 leaves).

Round 2: *sc (UK dc), 2 dc (UK tr), tr (UK dtr), dc (UK tr), 2 ch, ss into 1st ch, dc (UK tr), tr (UK dtr), 2 dc (UK tr), sc (UK dc) into next 8 ch sp, sc (UK dc) into 1 ch* sc (UK dc) into 2nd of 3 sc (UK dc) working into each 8 ch sp, from * to * ss into 1st sc (UK dc), tie off for the last time.

Making up

Draw a circle 4cm (1½in) larger in diameter than the top of the flower pot on to the back of the fabric and cut it out. Cover the flower pot with the the crocheted cover. Place the freezer bag in the flowerpot with the top hanging over the edges, fill to 1cm (¾in) below the top of the flower pot with rice and tie securely.

Cut fourteen 15cm (6in) lengths of thin florist wire, thread both ends of a wire through the centre of a flower from front to back, with one end protruding by 2cm (¾in) and the other end by 13cm (5in), twist the wire ends together behind the flower to make a stem and clamp the short ends of wire with pliers to create a neat join. Repeat for all fourteen flowers. Wrap green yarn around each stem leaving 5cm (2in) unwrapped at the base. Take the thicker florist wire, bend it in half and form a loop at the bend by twisting it. Thread the fourteen stems though the loop, twisting each one so it sits on top of the bent thick wire, which makes the main stem. Wrap green yarn around the top 6cm (2½in) of thick wire, weaving the yarn between the 1 fourteen flower stems to secure it, and tie off.

Place the fabric circle over the top of the flower pot, pushing the excess fabric down the inside of the pot. For extra strength, glue around the inside edges. Push the thick wire stem through the centre circle of the leaves. Place the leaves on top of the flower pot and push the end of the thick wire stem into the rice (if you find it difficult to push wire through fabric, make a small slit and feed wire through). Using masking tape, attach the stems securely to the bag of rice. Sew the end of each leaf to the the dishcloth yarn flower pot cover.

Embroider a lazy daisy stitch design of flowers and stems on to the front of the flower pot cover.



Opposite

These stunning auriculas will brighten your home all year round, and will not need watering! You can experiment with making a pot of some of the other flowers in this book and make someone a beautiful gift that will never wilt.



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