

10-petal crochet flower

Suitable for reasonably firm DK (or even aran) yarn or 2 strands of 4-ply used together, with a 3.5mm crochet hook. The hook size may seem small, particularly for aran yarn, but it gives a flower with some body to it.

ch chain

ss slip stitch

dtr double treble

Start with a magic ring*

Round 1 3 ch, 12 trebles into ring, pull tail of magic ring to tighten, ss into top of 3 ch

Round 2 3ch, 2 trebles into top of 1st treble, 1 treble into next treble, (2 trebles into next treble, 1 treble into next treble) 5 times, 2 trebles into last stitch at base of chain, ss into top of 3 ch

Round 3 Make petal: 4 ch, 2dtrtog** into top of 1st treble, pull yarn through the 3 loops on the hook, 4 ch, ss into 2nd treble to anchor the petal. Make the next petal into the 3rd and 4th trebles, and so on until there are 10 petals, finish off. Try not to make the 4ch too tight or the petals may not lie flat.

* Take the free end of the yarn over your left forefinger from front to back and bring the tail round to the front, crossing it **under** the main (working) strand. Slide this ring off your finger, keeping the working yarn on top and hold the cross firmly in your left hand. Insert the hook into the ring and pick up a loop from the working yarn. Holding the base of this loop firmly, make the 3 ch; then make the trebles into the ring, bringing each loop around the ring **and** the tail. If the ring expands as you work, pull the tail yarn to make it smaller.

2dtrtog: yarn round hook twice, pull yarn through to front, then i) pull yarn through 2 loops on hook, ii) pull yarn through 2 loops on hook, iii) pull yarn through 1 loop on hook, then repeat the whole process **into the same space. Each incomplete double treble adds 1 loop to the hook.

