



— CROCHET PATTERN

Desert Blooming Cactus in Pot Pattern

★ Skill: Easy

✏ Size: 8–12 inches

🪡 Hook: 3.25 mm

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About This Pattern: This is a premium digital PDF pattern for the *Desert Blooming Cactus in Pot Pattern* crochet project. All instructions are written in US terminology. This pattern is suitable for Easy crocheters and includes step-by-step instructions, photos, assembly guidance, and a full troubleshooting FAQ.

Materials & Tools

Yarn

- ▶ Petal Color (PC): Varies by flower
- ▶ Stem/Leaf Color: Sage Green
- ▶ Center Color: Amber Yellow
- ▶ Estimated Yardage: 80–150 yards total

Recommended Hook

- ▶ Primary Hook: 3.25 mm
- ▶ Tapestry / Yarn Needle: Size 13–16 blunt tip
- ▶ Optional: Ergonomic grip handle for comfortable crocheting

Additional Supplies

- ▶ Polyester fiberfill / Toy stuffing
- ▶ 12mm safety eyes (check pattern notes)
- ▶ Stitch markers (at least 2)
- ▶ Scissors
- ▶ Straight sewing pins
- ▶ Row counter (optional)



Desert Blooming Cactus in Pot Pattern — main project view

Finished Size

8–12 inches (20–30 cm) tall including stem

Gauge

Not critical for this pattern. Use hook size appropriate for your yarn.

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

All patterns are written in US crochet terminology.

MR**Magic Ring***Start: 6 sc in MR***ch****Chain***ch 12 to begin***sl st****Slip Stitch***Join with sl st***sc****Single Crochet***sc in each st***hdc****Half Double Crochet***hdc in next 4 sts***dc****Double Crochet***dc in each st around***tr****Treble Crochet***tr in 5th ch from hook***inc****Increase (2 sc in 1 st)***(sc, inc) repeat***dec****Invisible Decrease***dec 6 times (12→6)***BLO****Back Loops Only***sc in BLO around***FLO****Front Loops Only***sc in FLO around***FO****Fasten Off***FO, leave 10" tail*

TIP

The Invisible Decrease (dec): Insert hook under front loop of first stitch AND front loop of second stitch. Pull through both loops (3 loops on hook). Pull yarn through all 3 loops in one motion. This creates a seamless decrease that won't leave visible holes.

Pattern Notes



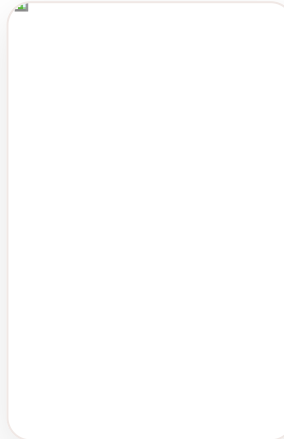
Construction Notes

- ▶ This Desert Blooming Cactus in Pot Pattern pattern is worked in continuous rounds (spiral) unless otherwise noted.
- ▶ Do NOT join at the end of each round unless the pattern specifically instructs you to.
- ▶ Use a stitch marker to mark the beginning of each round.
- ▶ All stitch counts are shown in parentheses at the end of each round, e.g., (18).
- ▶ All pieces are worked from the top down unless otherwise stated.

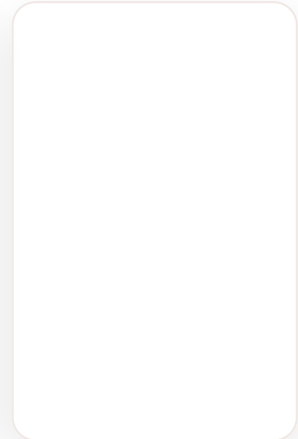


Yarn & Hook Notes

- ▶ Recommended yarn: DK Cotton Yarn
- ▶ Recommended hook: 3.25 mm
- ▶ For amigurumi: Use a hook 0.5mm smaller than label recommends for tighter tension.
- ▶ Cotton yarn gives the crispest stitch definition.
- ▶ Chenille/velvet yarn creates the fluffiest look but hides stitch detail.



Close detail of correct tension showing stitch definition



Side view showing finished proportions and shape

⚠ NOTE

If this item is intended for children under 3 years old, replace safety eyes with embroidered eyes for safety. Do not attach any small parts that could be a choking hazard.



Parts to Make:

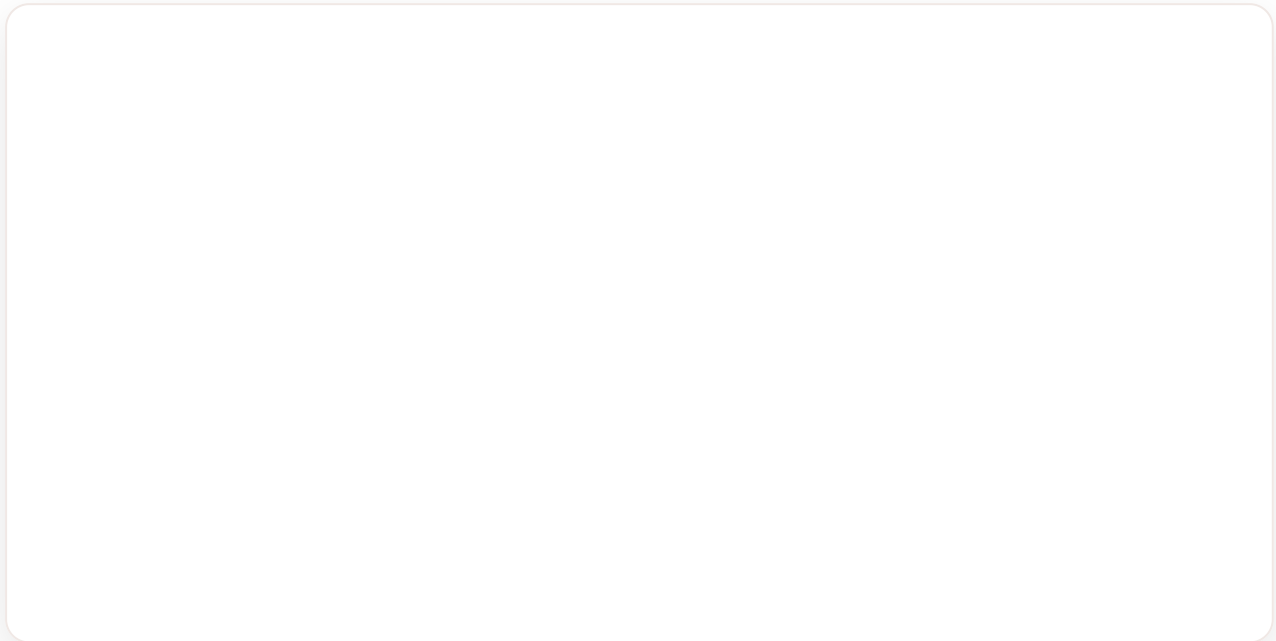
Petal Set (5–8 petals)

Center Disc

Stem

Leaf (×2)

Center Disc



Beginning of Center Disc — Center disc completed and ready for petal attachment

With Center Color yarn, make a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring. (6)

Rnd 2: Inc in each st around. (12)

 TIP

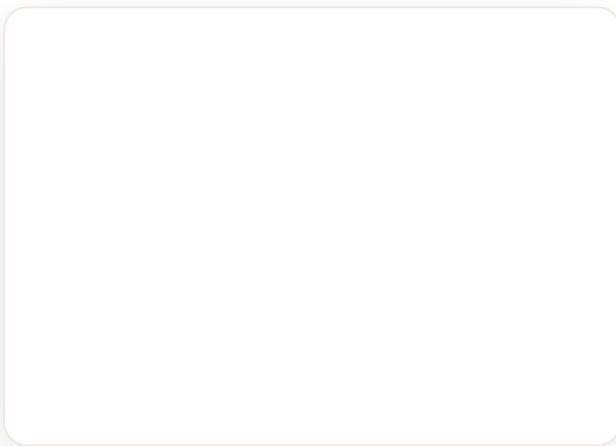
Keep the center disc flat. If it starts to cup upward, your tension is too tight. If it ruffles, your tension is too loose.

Center Disc (continued)

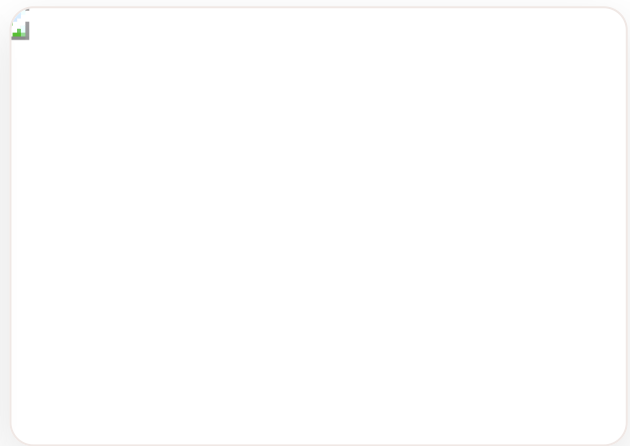
Rnd 3: *Sc, inc*, repeat 6 times. (18)

Rnd 4: *Sc 2, inc*, repeat 6 times. (24)

Sl st to first st. Fasten off leaving a 12-inch tail for sewing.

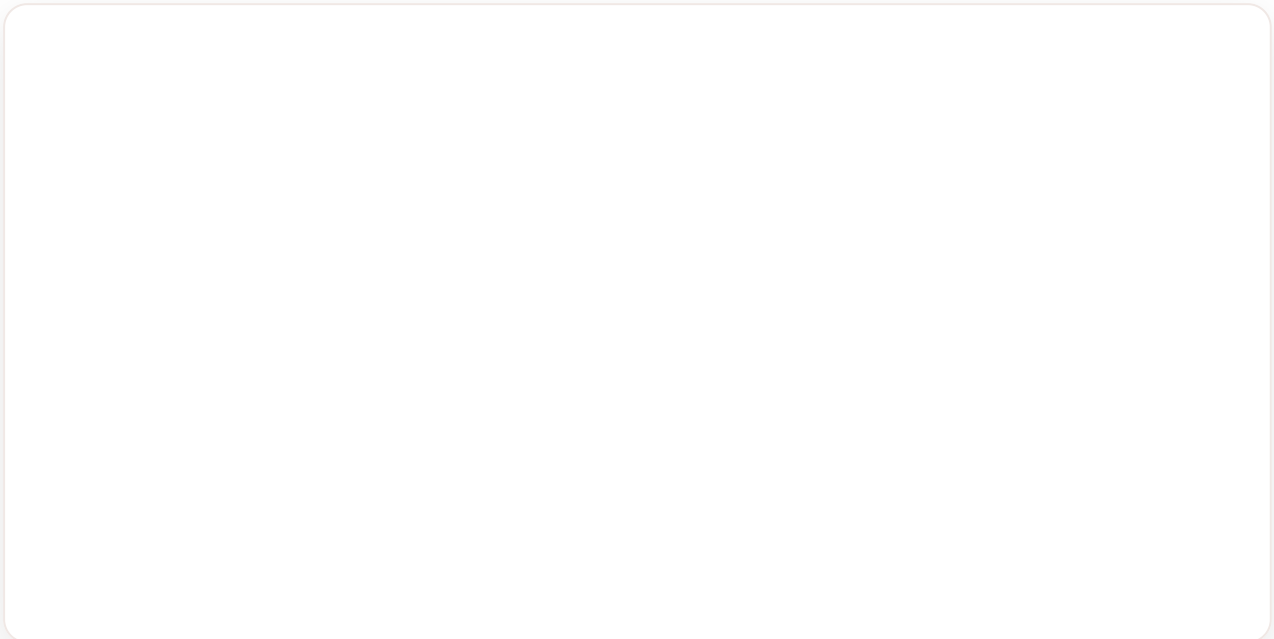


Center Disc in progress — stitch detail



Center Disc completed and ready for next step

Petals (Make 6)



Beginning of Petals (Make 6) — Single petal shaped and finished, showing natural curve

With Petal Color, Ch 10.

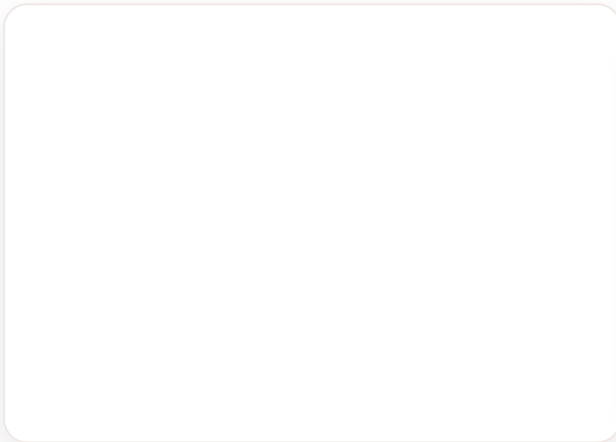
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in next ch, 3 dc in last ch.
Working down the other side of the chain: dc in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, sc in next 3 ch, sl st in last ch. (21 sts total)

Do not fasten off. Ch 1, turn.

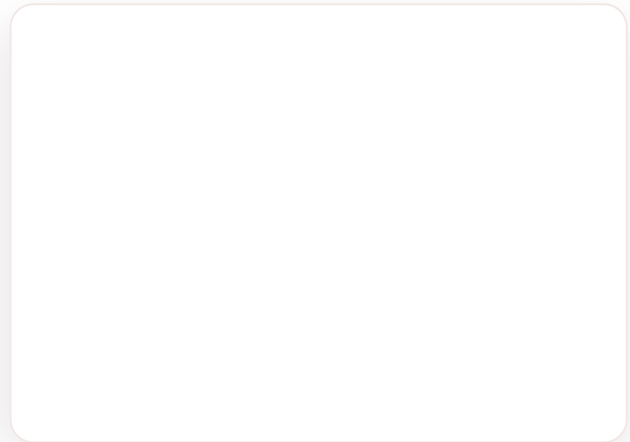
Petals (Make 6) (continued)

Row 2 (optional ruffle row for fuller petals): Sc in first 4 sts, hdc in next 2, 2 dc in each of next 4 dc (center), hdc in next 2, sc in last 4 sts. Sl st at base.

Fasten off, leave 6-inch tail.



Petals (Make 6) in progress — stitch detail



Petals (Make 6) completed and ready for next step

Stem



Beginning of Stem — Stem formed and ready for wire insert

With Stem Color, Ch 35.

Rnd 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each remaining ch. (34 sc)

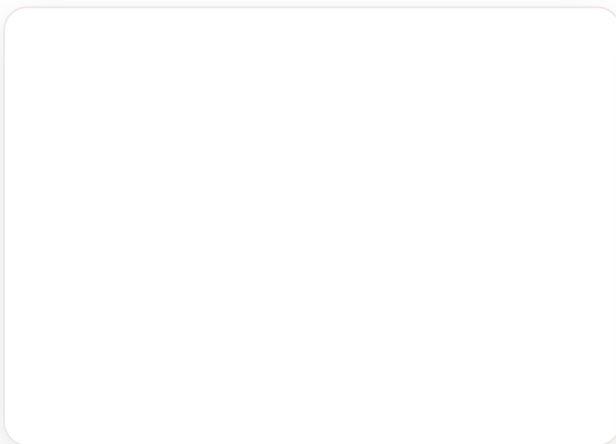
Sl st to join. Continue working in rounds without turning.

Stem (continued)

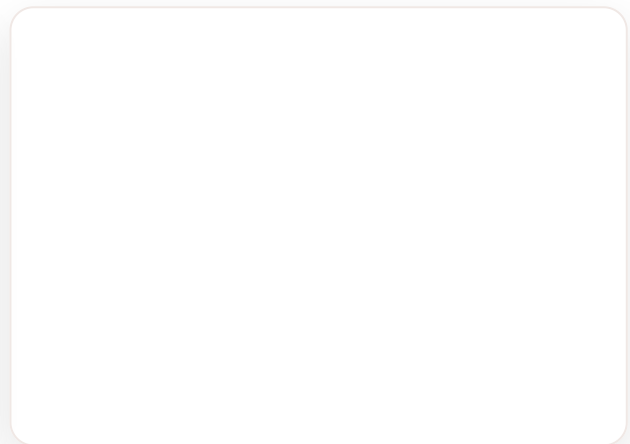
Rnds 2–4: Sc in each st around. (34)

Sl st to close. Fasten off, leaving 12-inch tail.

Insert a floral wire or pipe cleaner into the stem for structure (optional but recommended).

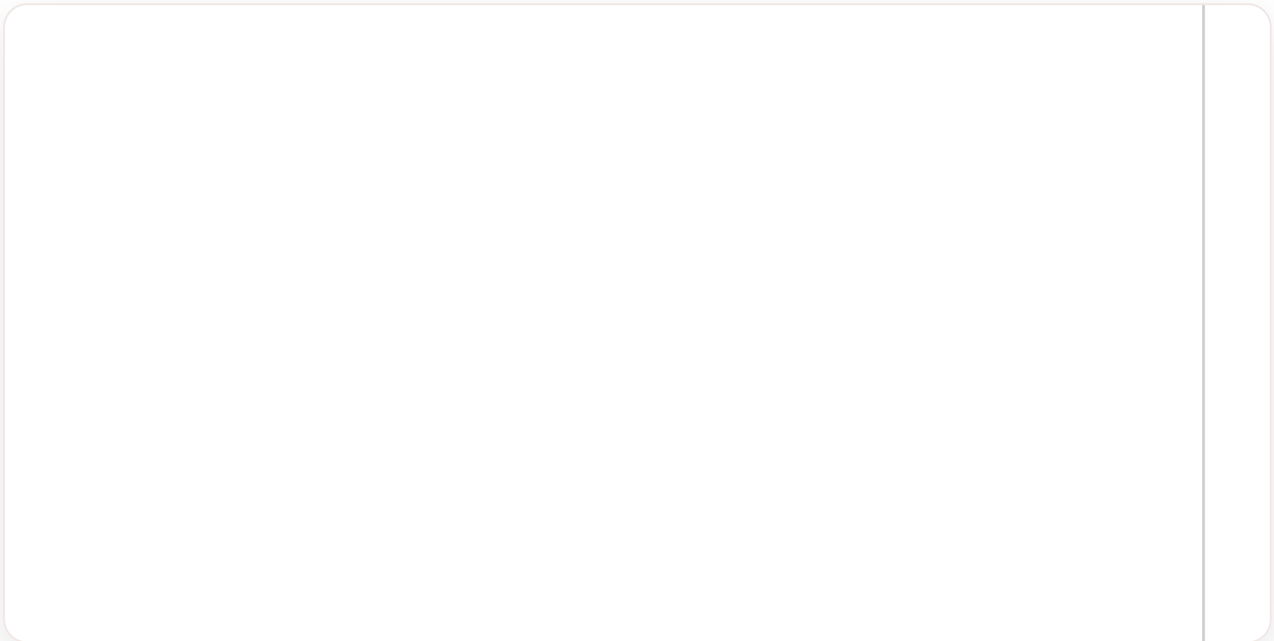


Stem in progress — stitch detail



Stem completed and ready for next step

Leaf (Make 2)



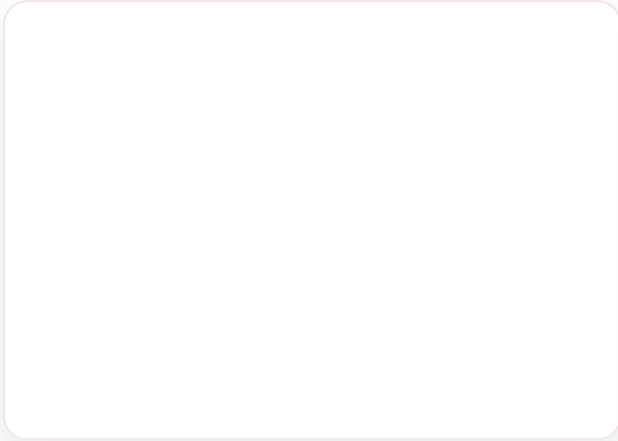
Beginning of Leaf (Make 2) — Leaf pair ready for stem attachment

With Stem Color, Ch 12.

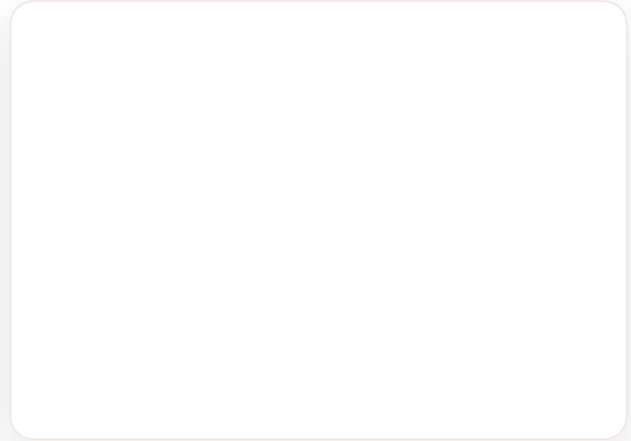
Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 3, hdc in next 3, dc in next 3, 3 dc in last ch. Working back up the other side: dc in next 3, hdc in next 3, sc in next 4, sl st at base.

Leaf (Make 2) (continued)

Fasten off, leave 8-inch tail.

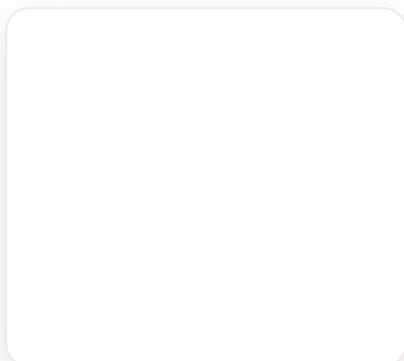


Leaf (Make 2) in progress — stitch detail

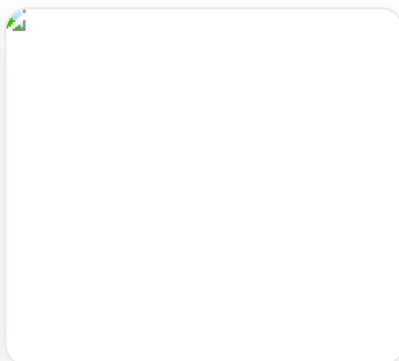


Leaf (Make 2) completed and ready for next step

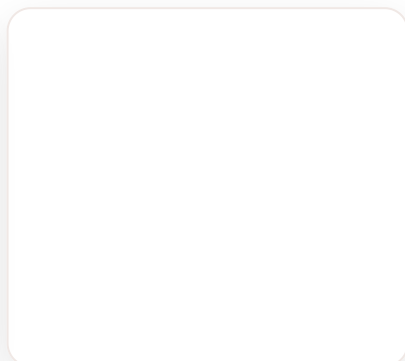
Assembly Guide



All pieces laid out for assembly



Positioning head on body



Checking symmetry before sewing

- 1 Arrange petals evenly around the center disc, spacing them equally. Pin in place before sewing.
- 2 Using the petal tails, whip stitch each petal firmly to the back edge of the center disc.
- 3 Attach the stem to the bottom center of the disc using the stem tail.
- 4 Stitch one leaf approximately 2 inches down the stem and the second leaf 4 inches down, on opposite sides.
- 5 Secure all ends by weaving through multiple stitches. Trim.

TIP

Pin all pieces in position before sewing a single stitch. Take a photo of the layout, then step back and check symmetry from a distance. This prevents the frustration of having to unpick assembled pieces.

Finishing Techniques

Weaving In Ends

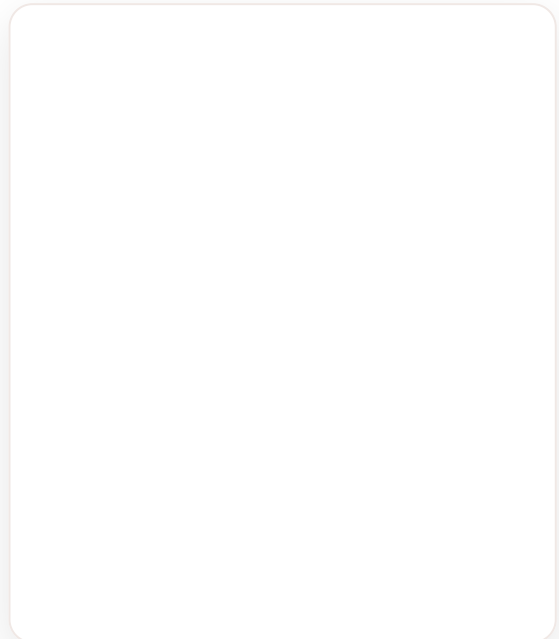
- ▶ Thread the yarn tail onto a tapestry needle.
- ▶ Insert the needle through 3–4 stitches in one direction.
- ▶ Reverse direction and weave through 3–4 more stitches.
- ▶ Give the yarn a gentle tug to set it. Trim close to the fabric.
- ▶ Never cut the yarn too close — leave at least 2mm to prevent unraveling.

Invisible Closure

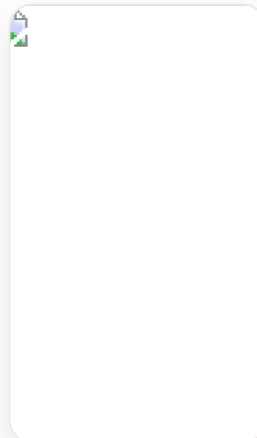
- ▶ Thread remaining 6-stitch tail onto tapestry needle.
- ▶ Insert needle through the front loop of each remaining stitch, going around the entire opening.
- ▶ Pull firmly to gather all loops together.
- ▶ Take one stitch across the closing point and pull through to reverse side.
- ▶ Weave in end through 4–5 internal stitches to secure.

TIP

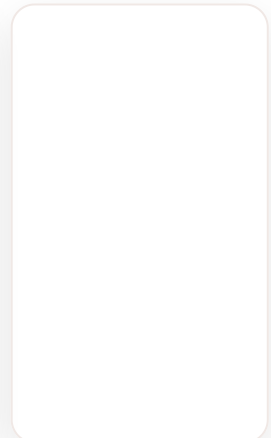
For blocking: If your finished piece is cotton yarn, wet block it by soaking in cool water, pressing gently in a towel, then reshaping and pinning to final measurements. Allow to dry 12–24 hours for the best result.



Final finishing details — clean and professional result



Invisible seam technique close-up



Properly woven ends from inside

Care Instructions



Washing

Hand wash gently in lukewarm water with mild detergent. Avoid wringing or twisting. For machine-washable yarn (check label), use a delicate cycle in a mesh laundry bag.



Drying

Lay flat to dry on a clean towel, reshaping while damp. Avoid direct sunlight to prevent color fading. Never tumble dry — this may cause felting or shape loss.



Spot Cleaning

For small stains, use a damp cloth with a tiny amount of mild soap. Dab gently — never rub. Allow to air dry completely before use.



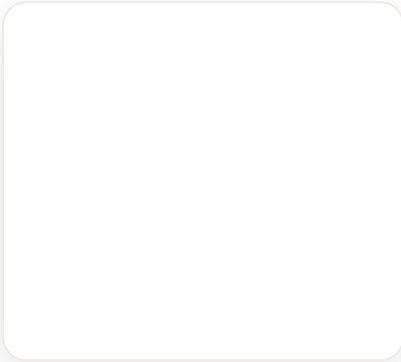
Storage

Store in a cool, dry place away from direct sunlight. Use breathable cotton bags — avoid plastic which can trap moisture. Keep away from moths.

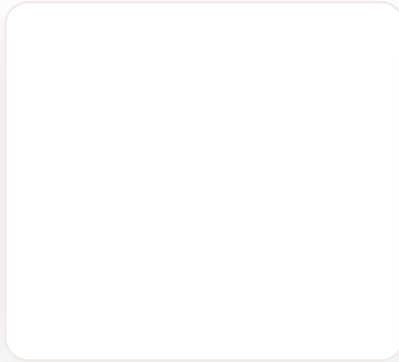
Finished Desert Blooming Cactus in Pot Pattern displayed beautifully

Gallery

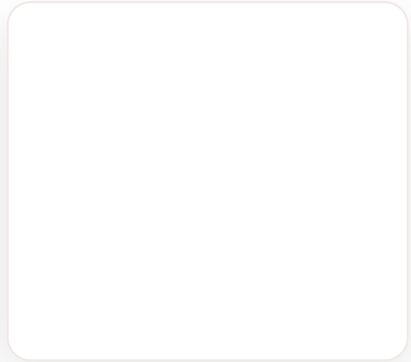
The finished Desert Blooming Cactus in Pot Pattern from multiple angles and in different settings.



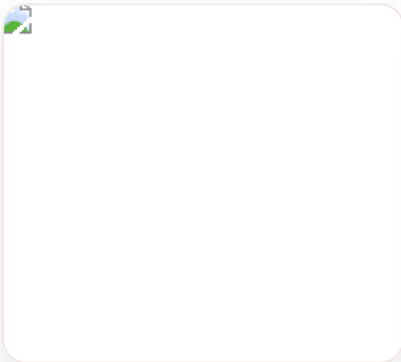
Front view — finished project



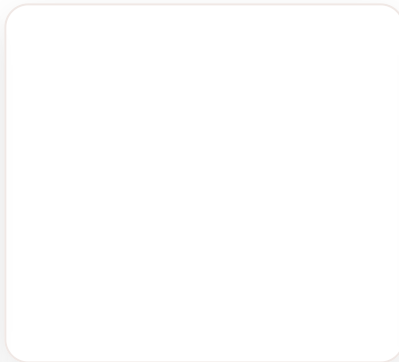
Side profile detail



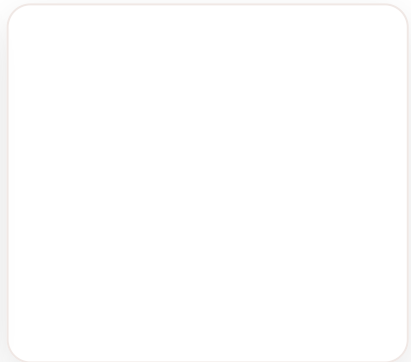
Top-down overhead view



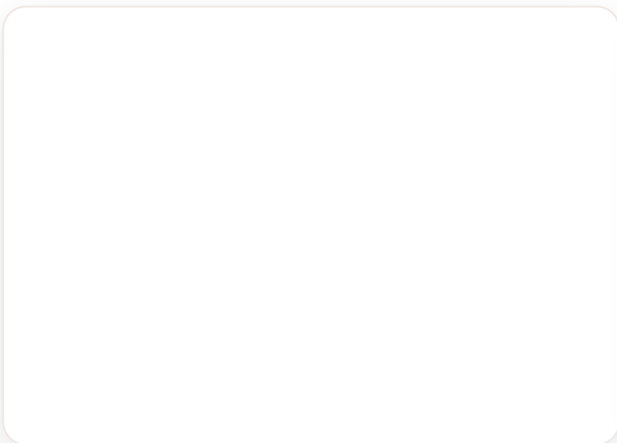
Back view showing finishing



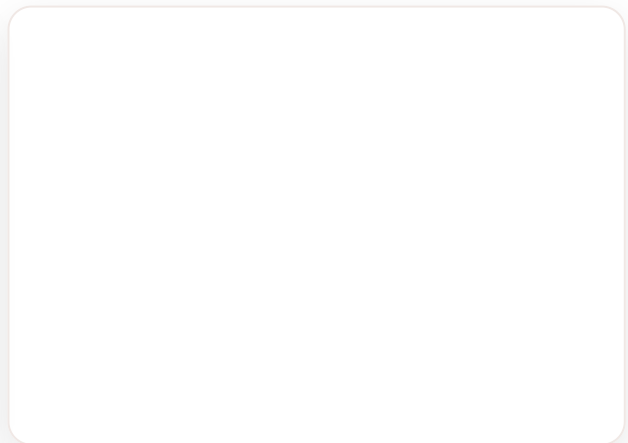
Close-up texture detail



Scale reference view



Lifestyle photography — in setting

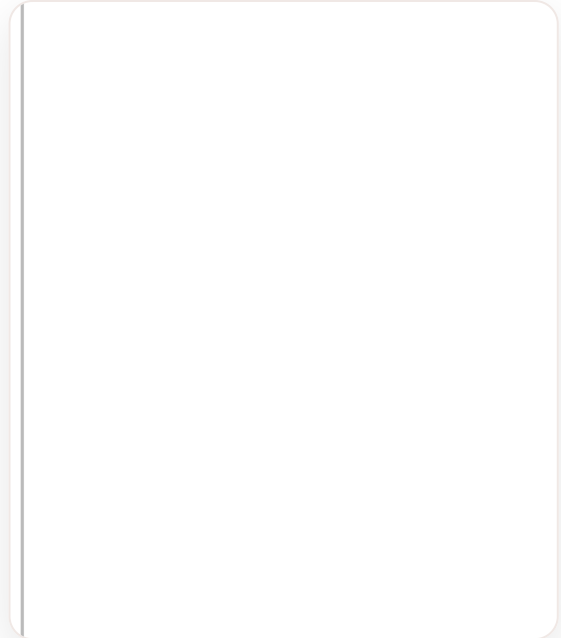


Alternative color inspiration

Customization & Variations

Color Variations

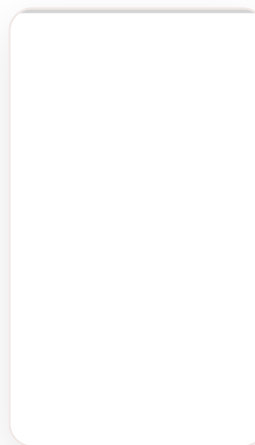
- ▶ Change petal color for seasonal variations — red for roses, yellow for sunflowers, purple for lavender.
- ▶ Use glitter yarn for a magical sparkle effect.
- ▶ Add a strong magnet to the back of a small version for a fridge decoration.
- ▶ Try a variegated or self-stripping yarn for a completely different look with no extra work.
- ▶ Use the same pattern in holiday colors — red/green for Christmas, orange/black for Halloween.



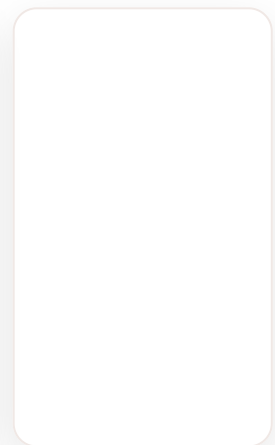
Alternative color version inspiration

Size Variations

- ▶ Miniature (keychain size): Use fingering weight yarn + 2.0mm hook.
- ▶ Standard (as written): Use the yarn/hook specified in materials.
- ▶ Giant version: Use super bulky yarn + 9.0mm hook for a jumbo result.
- ▶ Adjust gauge: Going down 0.5mm in hook size reduces size by ~15%.



*Miniature version
reference*



Jumbo version reference

Yarn Substitution Guide

- ▶ Soft acrylic: Easy care, great for gifts, holds shape well.
- ▶ Cotton: Crisp stitch definition, great for decorative pieces.
- ▶ Chenille/velvet: Ultra-soft and fluffy, hides stitches.
- ▶ Mohair blend: Halo effect, luxurious look.
- ▶ Merino wool: Natural fiber, may require gentle hand wash only.

FAQ & Troubleshooting

Q: How do I keep my petals from flopping?

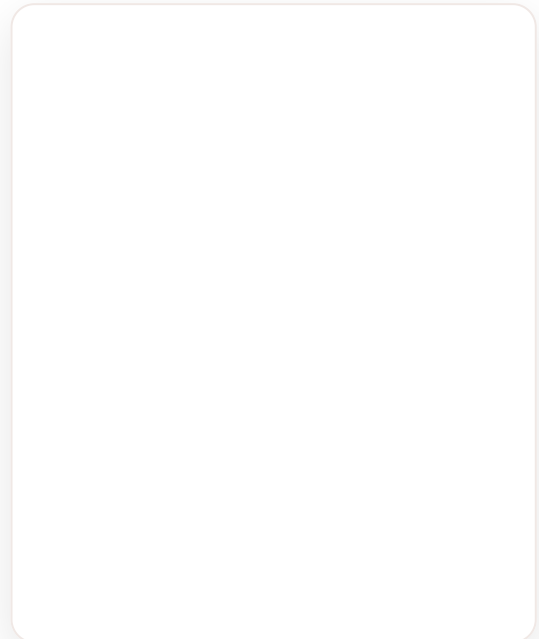
A: Stiffen petals with fabric starch spray or a mixture of PVA glue and water (1:3 ratio). Shape while wet and allow to dry.

Q: Can I make a bouquet from this pattern?

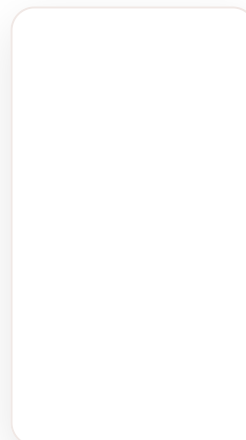
A: Absolutely! Make 5–7 flowers in different colors, gather the stems together, and wrap with a ribbon or twine bow. Trim stems to different heights for a natural look.

Q: I still have questions. Where can I get help?

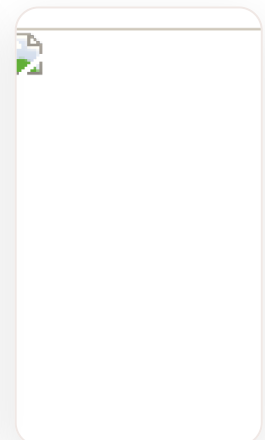
A: We love hearing from customers! Email us at hello@crochevia.shop or visit our store at crochevia.shop. We aim to respond within 24 hours.



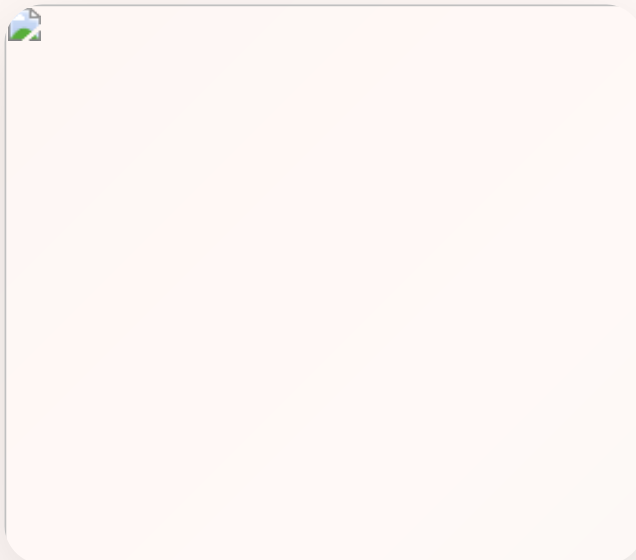
Troubleshooting reference — correct vs incorrect



Common mistake: loose tension



Correct result: firm even stitches



Thank You! ♥

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