

African Flower HotPad



Once I'd made the potholders using this motif, I realized that they would make an interesting hot pad.

After some finagling, I figured out how to lay out the motifs to make a double layered hot pad that will protect surfaces and can also be used as a potholder when needed.

Sizes and Materials List ...

Size: Depends on size of motifs

Hook(s): US I/9 (5.50 mm)

Yarn: Hobby Lobby I Love This Cotton [100% Cotton, 180 yds/100 g skein/ball]

Yardage varies depending on size of item

Colors & Approx. Yardage
(A) White
(B) Coordinating color #1
(C) Coordinating color #2

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Notions

Yarn Needle

Gauge:

Gauge is not important for this project



Notes ...

Stitches Used

Chain (ch)
Slip Stitch (sl st)
Single Crochet (sc)
Single Crochet Decrease (sc dec)
Double Crochet (dc)
Double Crochet Decrease (dc dec)

Abbreviations

Each (ea)
Decrease (dec)
Hook (hk)
Loop (lp)
Stitch(es) (st / sts)
Yarn Over (yo)

Special Stitches

Single Crochet Decrease (sc dec)

Insert hk into st, yo, pull through, sk next st, insert hk into third st, yo, pull through, yo, pull through all three lps on hk.

Double Crochet Decrease (dc dec)

Insert hk into st, yo, pull through, yo, pull through 2 lps on hk, sk next st, insert hk into third st, yo, pull through, yo, pull through 2 lps on hk, yo, pull through all lps on hk.

Instructions ...

Motifs

Make 8 motifs through round 5. Do not join as you go.

Joining

Place one motif in the center with six motifs around it. Use the stitch markers or safety pins to hold them together (place pins in center of ea straight edge). Add an eighth motif at the side of one of the six motifs.

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Fold the pieces over to the back and use stitch markers or safety pins to hold the other motifs to the back center piece.



Join the pieces using a whip stitch (you'll need to turn the piece inside out first making sure to leave an opening to turn it RS out again) or crochet it together using sc. You can basically follow the edges of the motifs around in a zigzag pattern or find some other method to keep going and reduce the number of ends to weave in later.

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Ring

Hold motifs with wrong sides together, join white at any "corner" - see first image of pattern, ch 10, join with sc in same st, 34 sc in ring (keep pushing sts back so they fit, sc in ch-1 sp again. Fasten off with a long tail.

Note: Ring can also be made by crocheting sc around a plastic ring, then joining it to a corner of the joined motifs.

With yarn needle, pull yarn through one of the sc at the bottom of the ring to help flatten out the ring. Run yarn through bottom of ring and rep on other side of ring. Weave in any remaining ends.

Finishing ...

Weave in all ends. Wash as block as needed.

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