



Cented Flowers By Linda Dean

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Crochet Instruction & Design

Two white Aster flowers with dimes as their centers rest upon a simple green leaf, to celebrate the Crochet Guild of America's 20th Anniversary. These flowers can easily be transformed into a hair clip or pendant to celebrate the event!

Skill Level: Intermediate

Finished Measurements: Each flower is approximately 3" across. Completed design measures approximately 5" across x 3" high

Gauge: Gauge is not critical for this project

Materials

- Designing Vashti Lotus fine weight 52% cotton 48% rayon yarn (3.5oz/100g/256yds)
 - color # 0002 White Blaze, Color A : (.175oz/5g/13yds) is needed for 1 flower
 - color # 021 Bamboo Green, Color B: (.5oz/2g/5yds) is needed for the set of leaves
 - www.shop.designingvashti.com/YARNS-New_c39.htm
- Size US G-6 (4.25mm) hook
- 1 Large snap clip barrette
- 2 dimes



Special Stitches

Foundation Double Crochet (fdc) – Yarn over, insert hook into the base of the adjacent stitch, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 1 loop (this is in effect creating a chain for the stitch to rest on, also recognized as the base of the stitch), (yarn over, pull through 2 loops) twice.

Extended Single Crochet (esc)-Insert hook into indicated stitch, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 1 loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.

Extended Half Double Crochet (ehdc)- Yarn over, insert hook into indicated stitch, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 1 loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops

Extended Double Crochet (edc)- Yarn over, insert hook into indicated stitch, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 1 loop, (yarn over pull through 2 loops) twice

Linked Treble Crochet (ltr)-Insert hook downward through upper-most horizontal bar of adjacent stitch, yarn over, pull through, insert hook downward through lower horizontal bar of adjacent stitch, yarn over, pull through, insert hook into the next stitch indicated, yarn over, pull through, (yarn over, pull through 2 loops) 3 times

Extended Linked Treble Crochet (eltr)- Insert hook downward through upper-most horizontal bar of adjacent stitch, yarn over, pull through, insert hook downward through lower horizontal bar of adjacent stitch, yarn over, pull through, insert hook into the next stitch indicated, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through 1 loop, (yarn over, pull through 2 loops) 3 times

Pattern Notes

Leave the beginning and ending tails of the flowers and leaves long; this will help to sew them down.

Ch-3 at beginning of round counts as dc.

Rounds 3-5 are worked on the surface of fabric created in Rounds 1 & 2

Flower (make 2)

Round 1: With color A ch 4, 11 dc in 4th ch from hook. Join with sl st to top of first dc. (12dc).

Round 2: Petals; *Ch 4, fdc in 4th ch from hook, fdc in first fdc, 6 dc in base of last fdc, rotate to work on bottom of stitches just made, dc in next fdc, dc in base of ch, sk 1 st from ch on Round 1, sl st in next st; rep from *5 times; do not join to first st of rnd. (6 petals)

Round 3: Petal texture; Ch 1, *working on top of petal around stitches below, following the stitches of the petal, sc around post of each fdc and dc, sc in same stitch as sl st (working over sl st); rep from * around each petal, do not join to first st of rnd.

Round 4: Center texture; Working on top of Round 1 around stitches below, sc around post of each dc, do not join. (12sc)

Round 5: Coin placement; Working on Round 4, *sl st in next 2 sts, sk next st, rep from* twice, insert dime so that Round 5 is over coin, continue working over coin, *sl st in next 2 sts, sk next st; rep from *one more time, join. Finish off. Pull finished tail through to back of work.

Leaves

With Color B

*Ch 12, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, esc in next ch, ehdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, edc in next 2 ch, ltr in next 2 ch, eltr in last ch; rep from * 2 more times, join with sl st to beg ch. Finish off.

Joining

Collapse circle in center of leaf set by folding together to create a straight seam. Use one tail of leaves' end to gently weave through stitches to secure.

Attach one flower to each end of seam. Attach leaves and flowers to snap clip To ensure that it is balanced, tie one flower at each end of the clip and tie the leaves in the center. Tie flowers together with tails, ensuring that the leaves are in the front of the work (this will help to keep everything as a unified piece). Once everything is secure, weave in ends.

Abbreviations

ch = chain
dc = double crochet
lp = loop
rep = repeat
rnd = round
sc = single crochet
sk = skip
sl st = slip stitch
st(s) = stitch(es)
yo = yarn over hook