

Maggie the Owl Pillow

In this pattern there are two different African flowers, the hexagon and the pentagon. I've chosen not to take pictures during the process but to show figures instead. This is because I feel that it will be clearer for you to understand. My first thought with this pattern was to use scrap yarn but I made it with matching colors to make it easier for me while creating it without complicating it too much.

This pattern is written in *US crocheting terms*.

You'll need

Yarn (cotton, approximately :)

- 50 gram white
- Tiny bit black (Candy)
- 40 gram dark blue
- 60 gram medium blue
- 20 gram light blue
- Scrap yarn of purple and gold

Crochet hook size 3 mm and 4 mm (3 mm=C/D and 4 mm= 6)

Fiberfill

Yarn needle

Pattern

In total there are 32 African flowers.

20 of them are hexagons (6 edges) in hook size 3 (C/D)

10 of them are pentagons (5 edges) in hook size 3 (C/D)

2 of them are hexagons (6 edges) in hook size 4 (6)

IMPORTANT! With each flower make an extra round of white sc around!



There are a few different versions of the African flower online but this is the way I've done mine. Of course you should use the technique that you've learned as long as you use the same for all of the flowers.

African flower:

Rnd 1: ch 5, make a ring

Rnd 2: (1st dc= 3 ch) *2 dc + 1 ch* x 6 (x5 for pentagon), secure with sl st, change yarn

Rnd 3: Crochet around every ch, *2 dc, 1 ch, 2 dc* x 6 (x5 for pentagon)

Rnd 4: Crochet around every ch, 7 dc x 6 (x5 for pentagon), change yarn

Rnd 5: Crochet a sc in every dc, but between each petal, make a dc down to the two dc in row 3, change yarn. (I haven't done a dc down to rnd 3. I've made it in the space in rnd 4, so to make it look a bit less like a flower)

Rnd 6: 1 dc in every sc, except on top of the petals, make 1 dc, 1 ch, 1 dc in the same sc. This will make the edges.

Rnd 7: In this pattern I've made a rnd of sc in white around every flower.

Eyes (Make 2)

The eyes will be made in two layers. Underneath you will make a hexagon and then place a circle on top. For the hexagons colors in rnd 1-5 is not important as it will be covered with the circle, as described below. In the diagram below the hexagons eyes is marked with light blue.

Circle:

Rnd 1: Ch 2	(2)
Rnd 2: 6 sc i 2 nd ch from hook	(6)
Rnd 3: inc 2 sc in each sc	(12)
Rnd 4: *1 sc, inc * x 6	(18)
Rnd 5: *2 sc, inc * x 6	(24)
Rnd 6: *3 sc, inc * x 6	(30)
Rnd 7: *4 sc, inc * x 6	(36)
Rnd 8: *5 sc, inc * x 6	(42)
Rnd 9: *6 sc, inc * x 6	(48)
Rnd 10: 1 sc in each sc	(48)

With black yarn, make the eyelashes as shown in the picture.

To sew the two pieces together you should put the circle on top of the hexagon and place it so the edges are just next to the dc of the hexagon. Take the yarn needle and white yarn and sew through both loops of the circle and down between the dc of the hexagon. Do like this all the way around!

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Beak:

Rnd 1: Ch 2	(2)
Rnd 2: 6 sc i 2 nd ch from hook	(6)
Rnd 3: 1 sc in each sc	(6)
Rnd 4: 1 sc in each sc	(6)
Rnd 5: 2 sc in each sc	(12)
Rnd 6: 1 sc in each sc	(12)
Rnd 7: 1 sc in each sc	(12)
Rnd 8: *1 sc, inc * x 6	(18)
Rnd 9-10: 1 sc in each sc	(18)

Fill with a bit of cotton and sew to body.

Body

There are a few different ways to crochet African flowers together. I took the flowers and put the front of the two flowers so they faced each other and crocheted a sc in each of the back looks only.

The bottom and sides:

To create this part you will need:

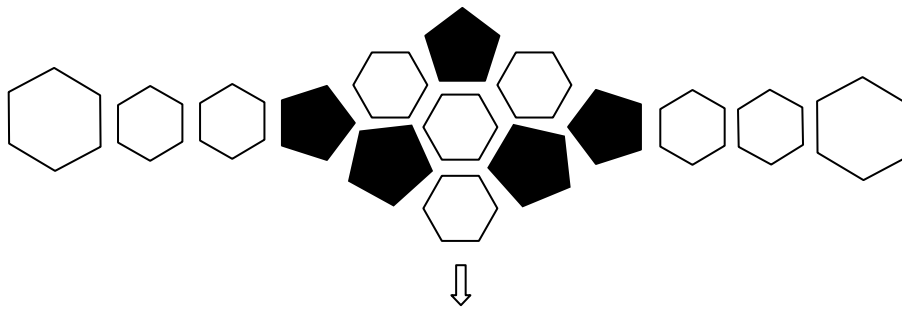
8 hexagons with hook nr 3 (C/D)

5 pentagons with hook nr 3 (C/D)

2 hexagons with hook nr 4 (6) (In the diagram below they are marked as a bit bigger.)

The arrow illustrates that this side will face the front later.

The black ones illustrate Pentagons and the white illustrates Hexagons.



Front:

To create this part you will need:

2 Hexagons with hook nr 3 (C/D) (YES! Marked with blue)

2 Pentagons with hook nr 3 (C/D) (black)

5 Hexagons with hook nr 3 (C/D) (white)

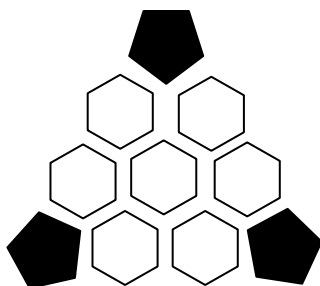


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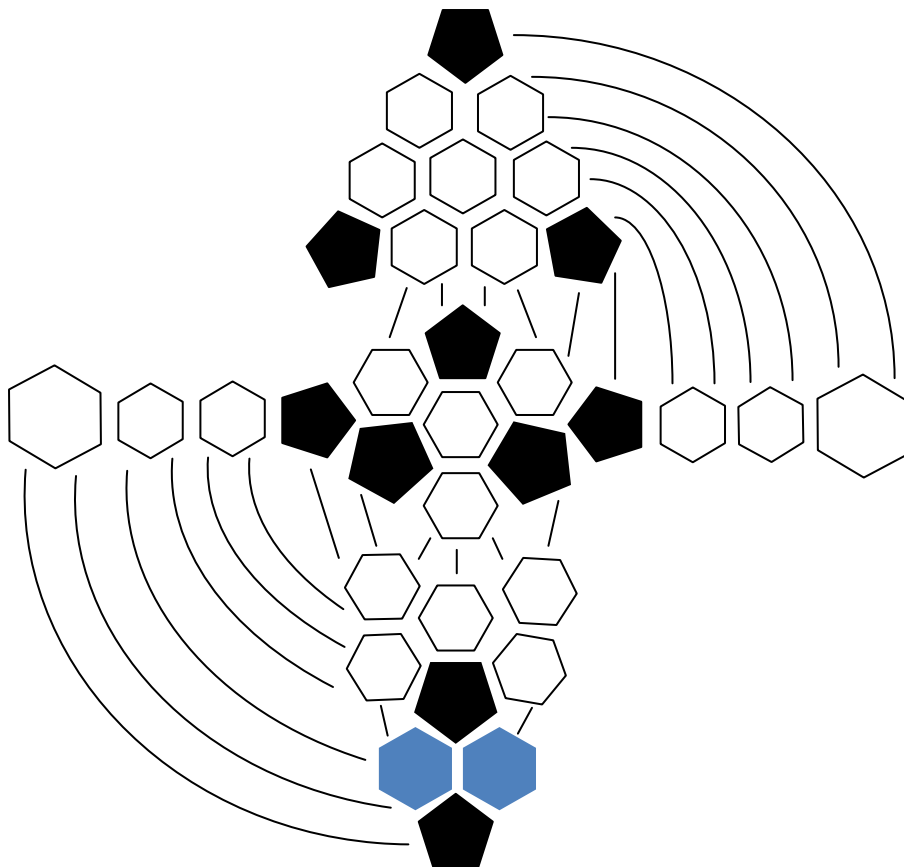
To create this part you will need:

3 Pentagons with hook nr 3 (C/D) (black)

7 Hexagons with hook nr 3 (C/D) (white)



Assemble all the parts:



Here I have tried to explain as clearly as possible how each part is supposed to fit together.

When you have crocheted all the flowers together there will be an open square at the top. This will be flattened out soon but first follow these steps:

Rnd 1: Crochet 1 sc in each sc around the open square. Where two flowers meet each other you should make 3 sc in the 2 sc that meet each other. So instead of making 2 sc there should be 6 sc.

Rnd 2: Flatten out the open square now so that the back and front lie flat together. Now make a sc through both loops of both parts all the way over, this will close the pillow.

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I hope everything has worked out, if not don't hesitate to contact me.

Happy crocheting to you all! :)

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