

Patterns & Instructions

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African Violet



Skill Level

Advanced Beginner

Skill Needed

Crochet

Introduction

Hello! Here I'll show you how to crochet elegant African Violets (Saintpaulia) so you could make your own beautiful African Violets pot, at the size and color you desire, to use in your own home, or give as a gift to your loved one.

African Violets are the classic windowsill decor, and are a very common in home decor. This blossoms are a popular choice as a gift for Mom, and a popular Valentine's Day gift.

This document includes patterns and instructions to 2 blossom sizes and 2 leaf sizes, also included detailed photo guides that will show you how to make the elements and bring them together.

Materials

- Pearl Cotton Thread Size #8 (For Blossoms) & Cotton Size #20 (For Leaves).
- Steel Crochet Hooks in Size 1.0mm & 0.6mm (US sizes 6/12).
- Floral tape (Dark green / brown color), thin Metal Wires (gauge 24/26).
- Hot glue, Tweezers, Scissors.

Pattern notes

In this e-book I first show a pattern diagram, and then the instructions in American Standard Terms (You can see conversion table for British terms at the end of the e-book). After that you'll find photo guides for how to make the flower.

Materials Note :

For this blossom, I recommend using pearl cotton thread in size #8. It is quite common - normally you would not find this thread under the 'Crochet' section, but under 'Embroidery' (or Cross-stitch). As for Cotton size #20, I recommend 100% mercerized pure cotton thread.



I've created a page in my Blog where I updated a list of recommended tested threads - see [here](#).

** If you have problem finding the material needed, don't hesitate to contact me and I'll do my best to help.*

Abbreviations

sl-st - Slip Stitch

ch - Chain

sc - Single Crochet

hdc - Half Double Crochet

dc - Double Crochet

tc - Triple (Treble) Crochet

qc - Quadruple Crochet (aka dtr)

2-st sc inc - 2 Stitch SC Increase
(2 sc in same stitch)

2-st dc dec - 2 DC Stitch decrease

3-st dc inc - 3 DC stitche Increase

6-st dc inc - 6 DC Stitch Increase

dec - Decrease

yo - Yarn over

sk - Skip

beg - Beginning

blp - Back loop only

African Violet Flower

This document includes patterns for 2 different sizes of blossoms, and 2 different leaves. The technique and fashion of making each blossom or leaf is very similar, thus, even tho I will include the instructions for each petal/leaf - the photo guide will include only photos on how to crochet one size of leaf and blossom.

The blossoms are made of the crocheted petals, which are attached to the pistil and the stamens (see photo guides), while the leafs are all crocheted.

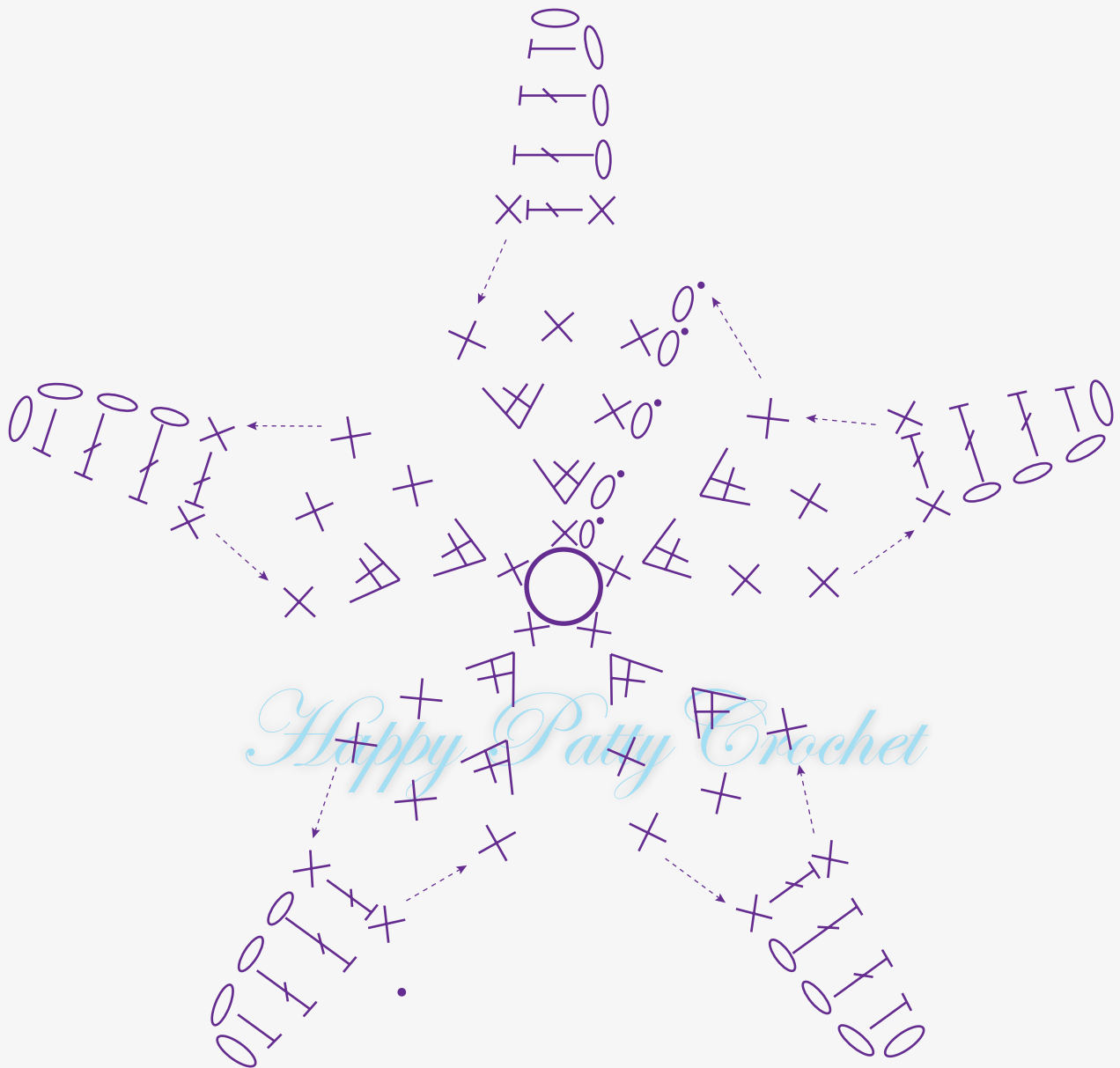
Once all elements of the flower are crocheted, they are brought together using the metal wire to one single arrangement.



Final measurements :

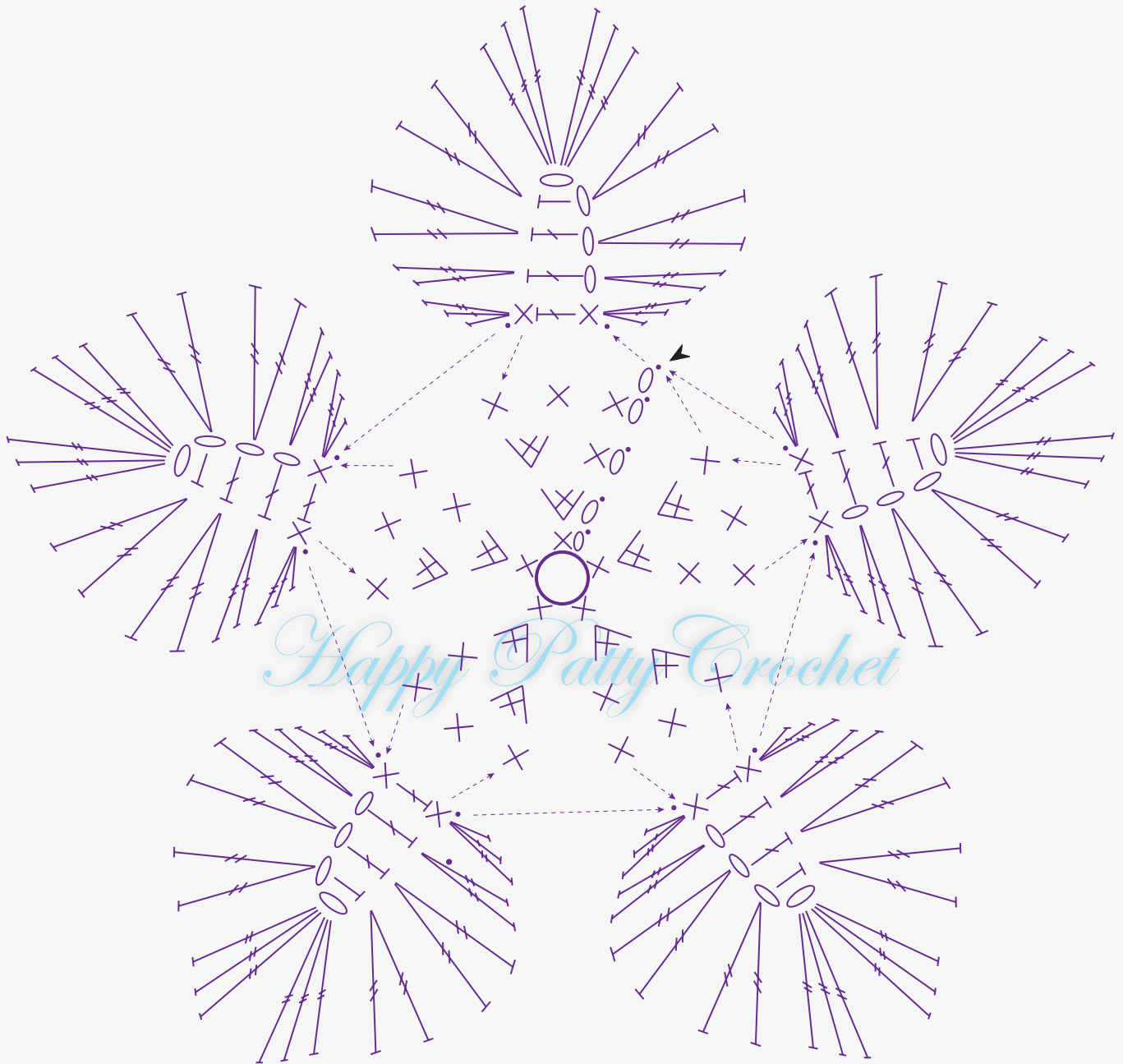
- ~1.2" (3cm) wide for small blossom, ~1.6" (4cm) for large.
- ~2.2" (5.5cm) long for large leaf, ~1.4" (3.5cm) long for small leaf.

You can use Crochet thread size #40 to make the blossoms even smaller.



- - Cut Thread
- - Directions
- - Start new thread

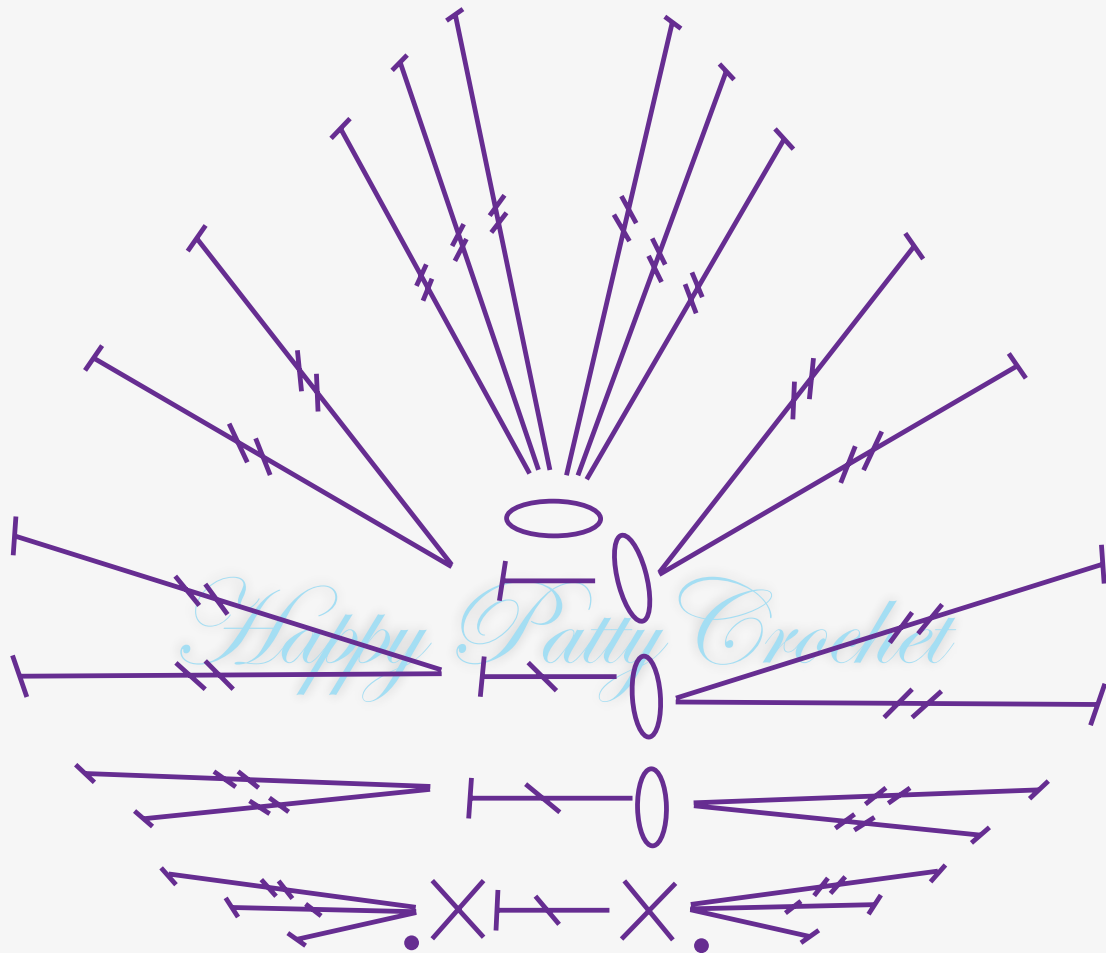
Small Blossom - Whole Blossom



Stitch Key / Abbr.

× - Single Crochet (sc)	⏏ - Triple Crochet (tc)	⏏ - 2-st qc in c
○ - Chain (ch)	⏏ - Quadruple Crochet (qc)	✂ - Cut Thread
⏏ - Half Double Crochet (hdc)	⏏ - 2-st hdc in c	↖ - Start
⏏ - Double Crochet (dc)	⏏ - 3-st tc in c	⋯ - Directions

Small Blossom - Single Petal Zoomed



Stitch Key / Abbr.

× - Single Crochet (sc)

○ - Chain (ch)

┆ - Half Double Crochet (hdc)

┆ - Double Crochet (dc)

┆ - Triple Crochet (tc)

┆ - Quadruple Crochet (qc)

∨ - 2-st hdc in c

∨ - 3-st tc in c

∨ - 2-st qc in c

➤ - Cut Thread

➤ - Start

➤ - Directions

Small Blossom Instructions

The blossom is being crochet in rounds (including the petals).

We start with the head (Rounds 1 to 4), and then do the petals (rounds 5-6).

Rnd 1 (RS) : Magic ring, ch 1, sc 5 times in ring, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 2 : Ch 1, 2-st sc inc 5 times around in each st, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 3 : Ch 1, [sc, 2-st sc inc], repeat [] 5 times around, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 4 : Ch 1, [3 sc], repeat [] 5 times around, join with sl st to beg ch.

And we start the Petals:

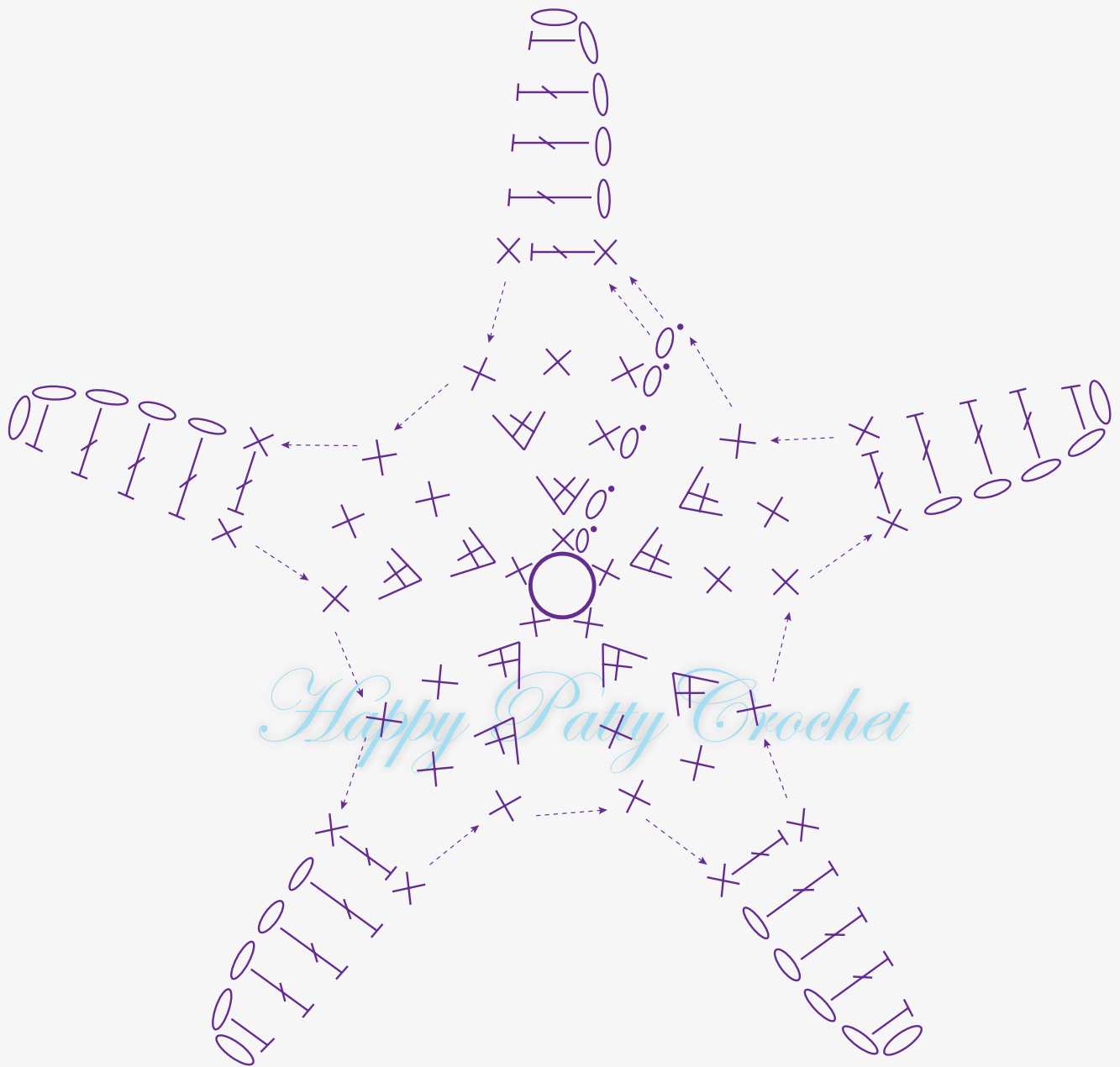
Rnd 5 : Ch 1, [Sc, ch 4 times, and head back, sk 1 ch, hdc, dc 3 times, sc in sc of Rnd 5 (skipping 1 sc of Rnd 5)], repeat [] 5 times, join with sl-st beg ch.

Rnd 6 : [sl-st to beg sc of rnd 6, 3-st hdc-dc-tc inc in same sc, 2-st tc inc 3 times, 6-st tc inc, 2-st tc inc 3 times, 3-st tc-dc-hdc inc, join with sl-st to same st you worked the last stitch in and join with another sl-st to next stitch], repeat [] 5 times, fasten off.



Blossom shape
this photo is of the large blossom

Large Blossom - Inner Rounds



Stitch Key / Abbr.

× - Single Crochet (sc)

○ - Chain (ch)

⌈ - Half Double Crochet (hdc)

⌈ - Double Crochet (dc)

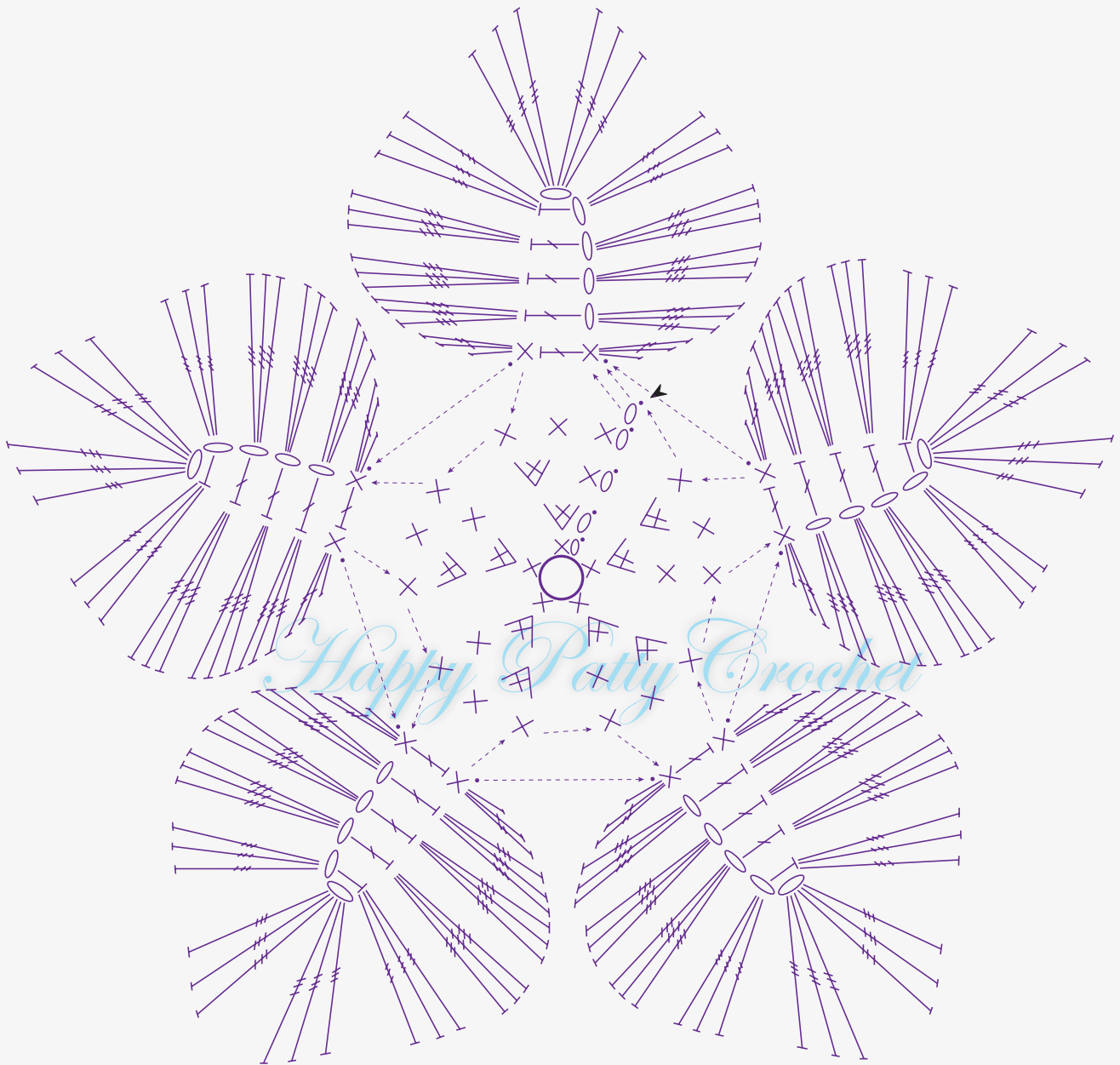
⌈ - 2-st sc in c

✂ - Cut Thread

→ - Directions

↗ - Start new thread

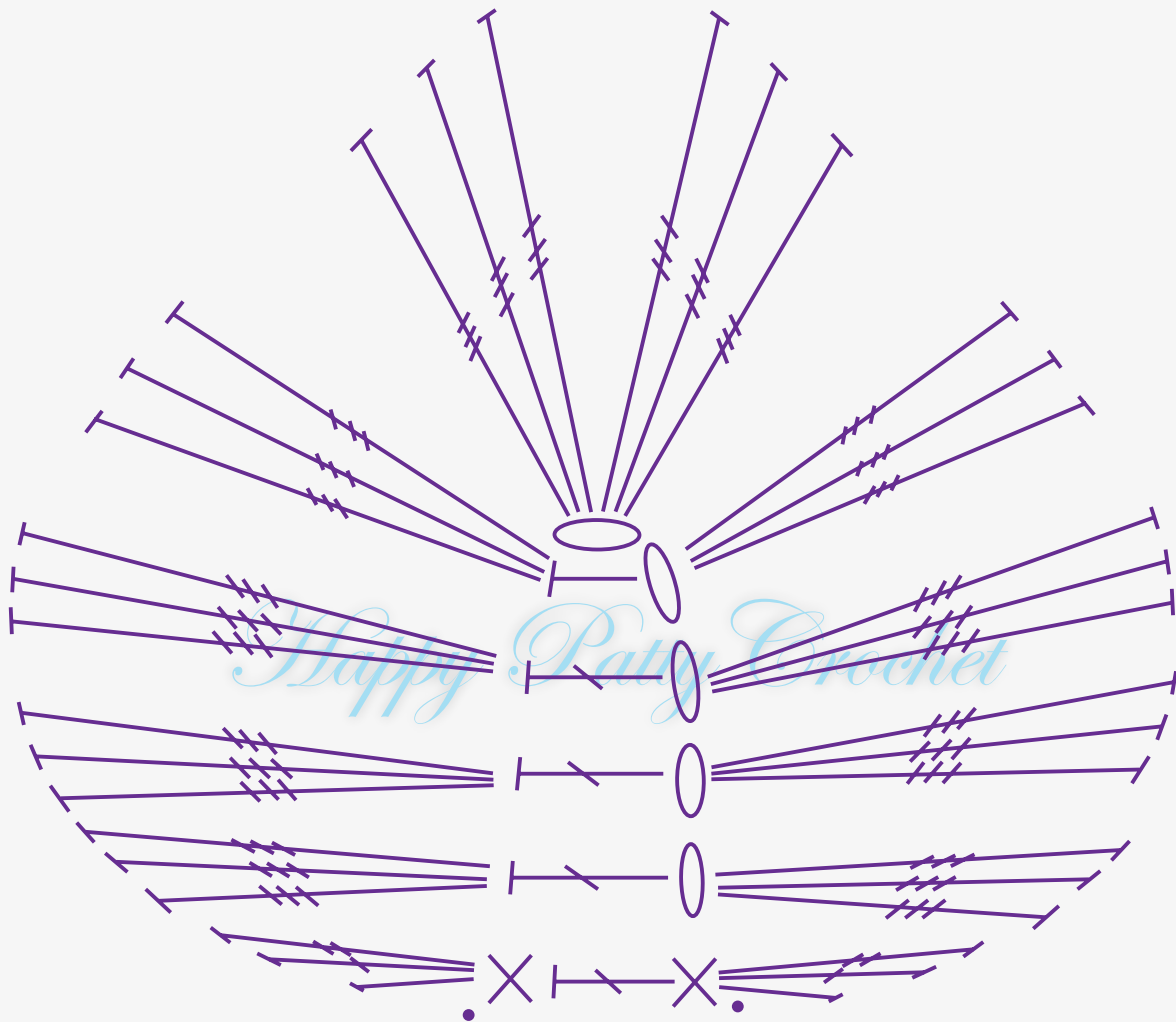
Large Blossom - Whole Blossom



Stitch Key / Abbr.

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○ - Chain (ch)	⋈ - Quadruple Crochet (qc)	✂ - Cut Thread
⋈ - Half Double Crochet (hdc)	∇ - 2-st hdc in c	↗ - Start
⋈ - Double Crochet (dc)	∇ - 3-st tc in c	⋈ - Directions

Large Blossom - Single Petal Zoomed



Stitch Key / Abbr.

✕ - Single Crochet (sc)	⌈ - Triple Crochet (tc)	∇ - 2-st qc in c
○ - Chain (ch)	⌈ - Quadruple Crochet (qc)	✂ - Cut Thread
⌈ - Half Double Crochet (hdc)	∇ - 2-st hdc in c	↗ - Start
⌈ - Double Crochet (dc)	∇ - 3-st tc in c	⋯ - Directions

Large Blossom Instructions

The blossom is being crochet in rounds (including the petals).

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Rnd 4 : Ch 1, [3 sc], repeat [] 5 times around, join with sl st to beg ch.

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Rnd 6 : [sl-st to beg sc of rnd 6, 3-st hdc-dc-tc inc in same sc, 3-st qc inc 4 times, 6-st qc inc, 3-st qc inc 4 times, 3-st tc-dc-hdc inc, join with sl-st to same st you worked the last stitch in and join with another sl-st to next stitch], repeat [] 5 times, fasten off.



Blossom shape

Making the Blossom

Crocheting the blossom is pretty straightforward, free of tricky parts or advanced stitches. See instructions on how to crochet the blossom. This section is dedicated to the making of the blossom.

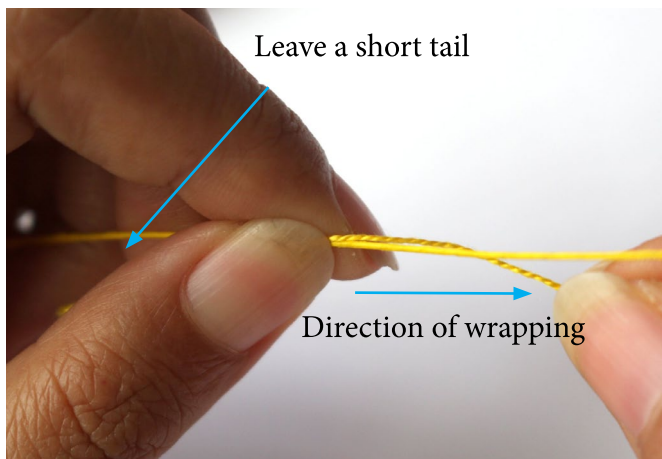
You'll need :

- The crocheted part (petals).
- Metal wire (yellow coating optional).
- Your size #8 or smaller yellow + the color or the blossom thread.
- Scissors, Glue, cutter, tweezers.

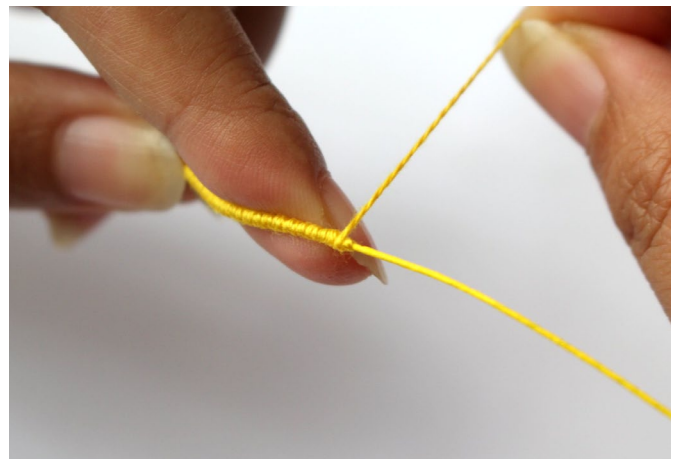
The following photo series, will guide you through the stages of making the flower.



First, we'll start by making the stamen. Take ~5" (18cm) wire, and from the middle, wrap the yellow thread tightly around it (leaving a ~2" (5cm) tail), follow the photos for complete instructions :

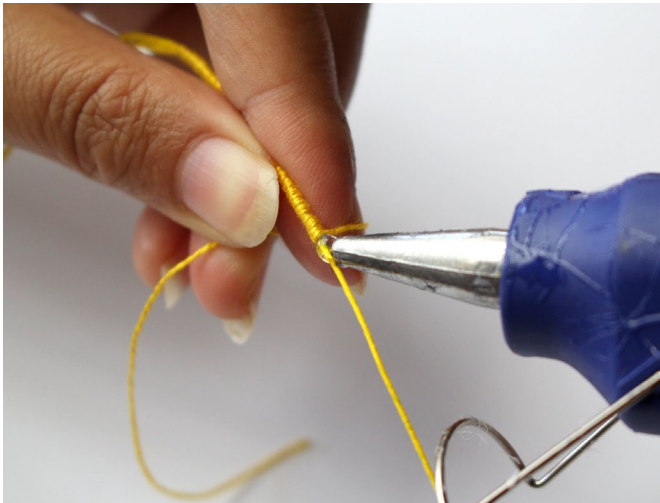


Step 1 - Wrap yellow thread around the wire, starting from its middle.



Step 2 - Wrap around ~1.8" (4.5cm), and wrap back to the starting point (2 layers).

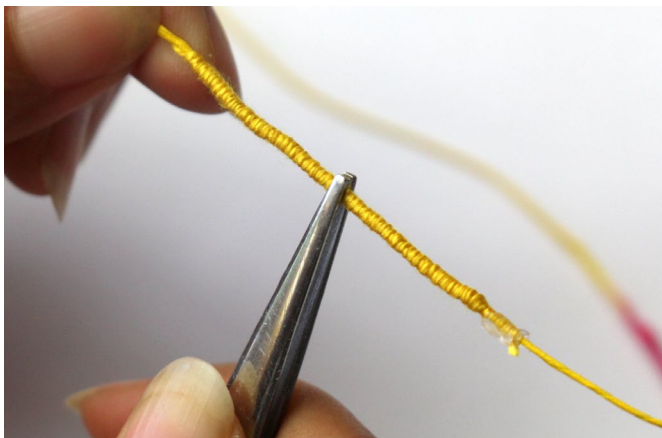
Making the Blossom (#2)



Step 3 - Apply a drop of hot glue to the edge to keep it together.



Step 4 - The wire should look like the photo above.



Step 5 - Using the tweezers, fold the wire in its middle.



Step 6 - And continue by folding again, in the middle-section of the wrapped part.



Step 7 - Which will result and an element similar to the one above.



Step 8 - Another view.

Making the Blossom (#3)

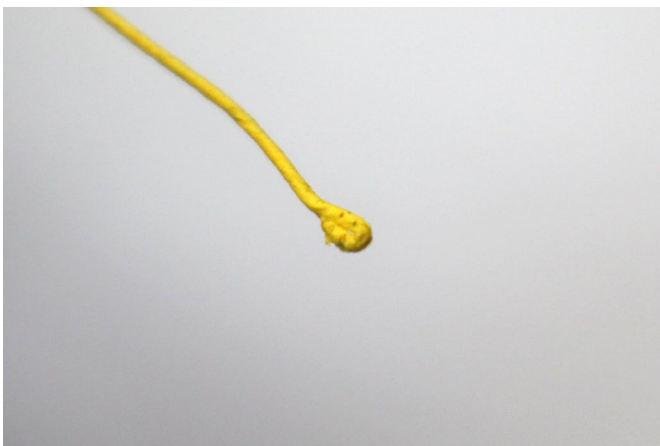


Step 9 - Next, for the folded part in its middle, sideways.

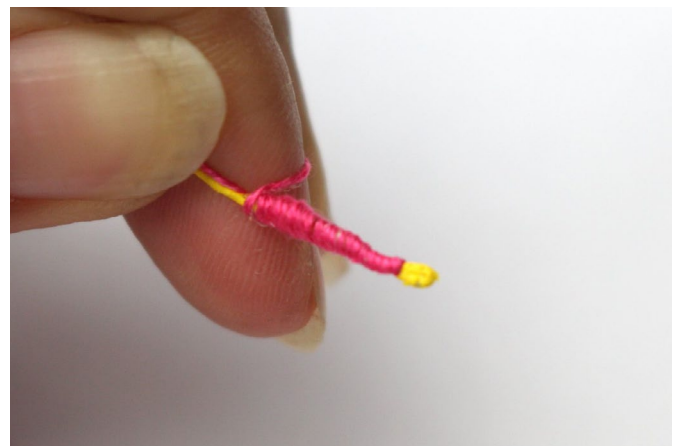


Step 10 - Do the same for both sides. And the stamens section it done.

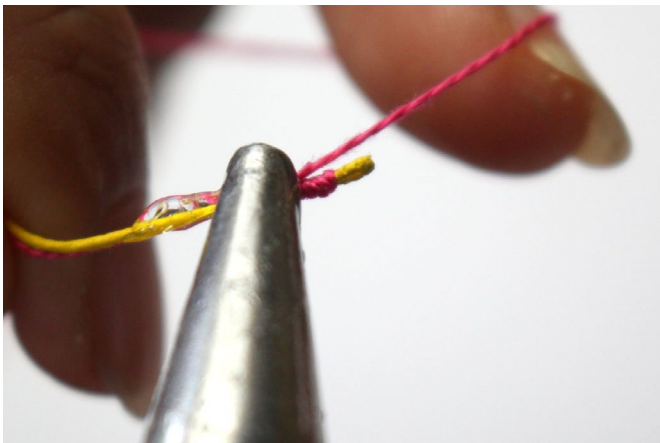
Step 10 includes photos of the stamens section with the pistil - the pistil is basically the wire, with our petals color thread wrapped around its top - with a drop of hot glue at the tip.



Step 11 - To make the pistil we start by rightly folding the tip of the wire.



Step 12 - Next, we'll wrap the thread from the tip down around finger width.



Step 13 - Apply a drop of glue to the bottom, to make it stick.

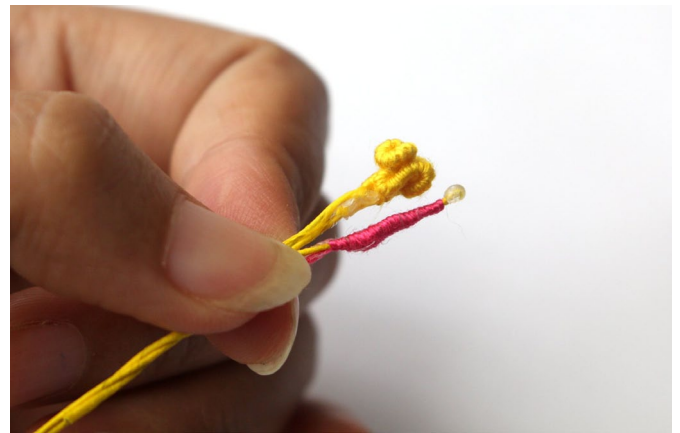


Step 14 - Cut thread - and voilà, its done :)

Making the Blossom (#4)

Next, we attach the pistil and the stamens together - using their wire tails (see photo to the right). And slide them through the crocheted element, tightly pushing them to the bottom.

We finish the blossom by applying some hot glue at the center of the blossom and fix the stamens and pistil to the petals section.



Step 15 - Attach pistil to stamens.



Step 16 - Slide through the petals element.



Step 17 - All the way to the bottom.

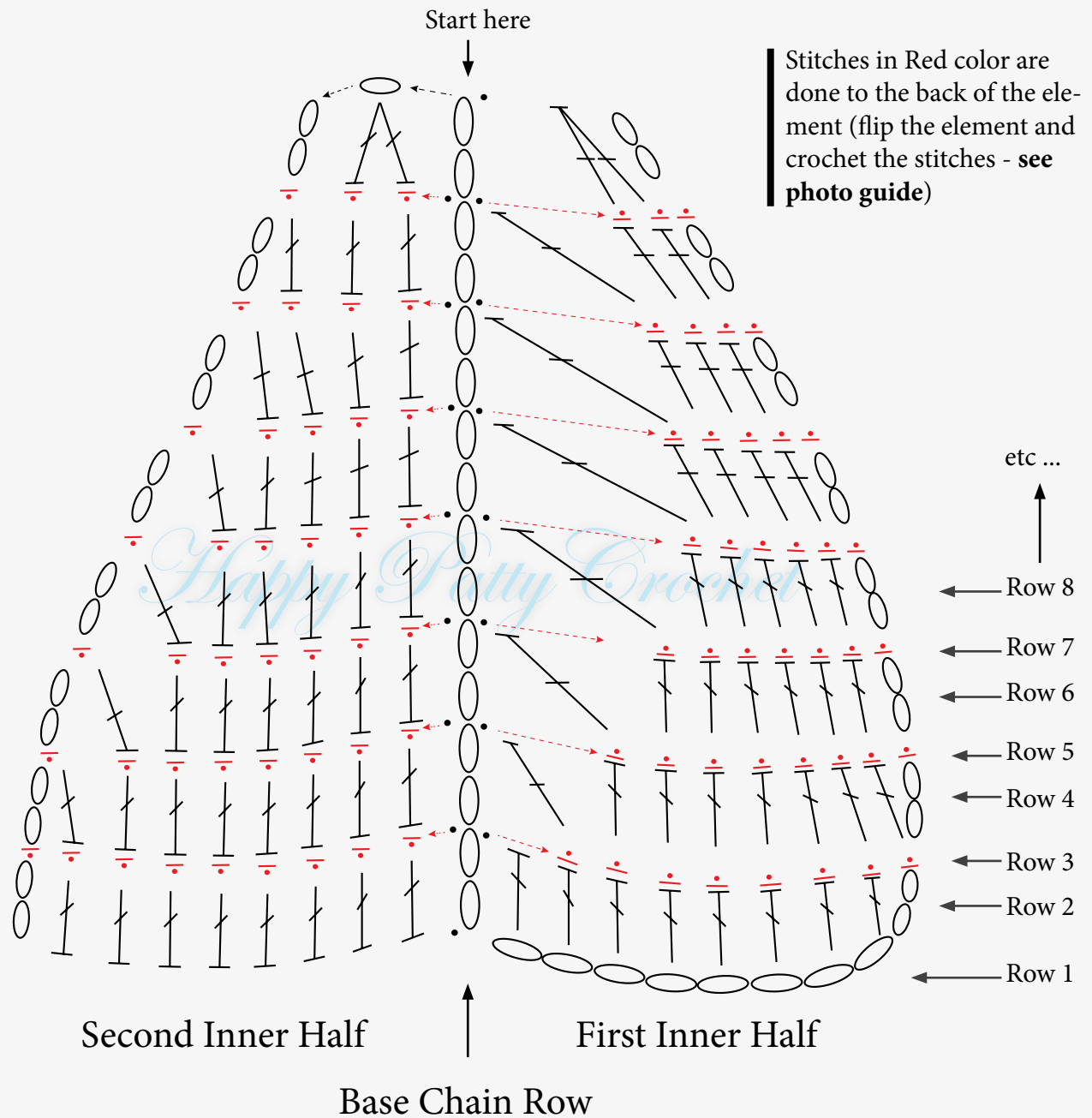


Step 18 - Apply glue to the base.



Step 19 - Tighten to your liking and hold until fixed.

Large Leaf - Inner Part



Stitch Key / Abbr.

● - Sl-st in back loop only (blp)

○ - Chain (ch)

⌈ - Double Crochet (dc)

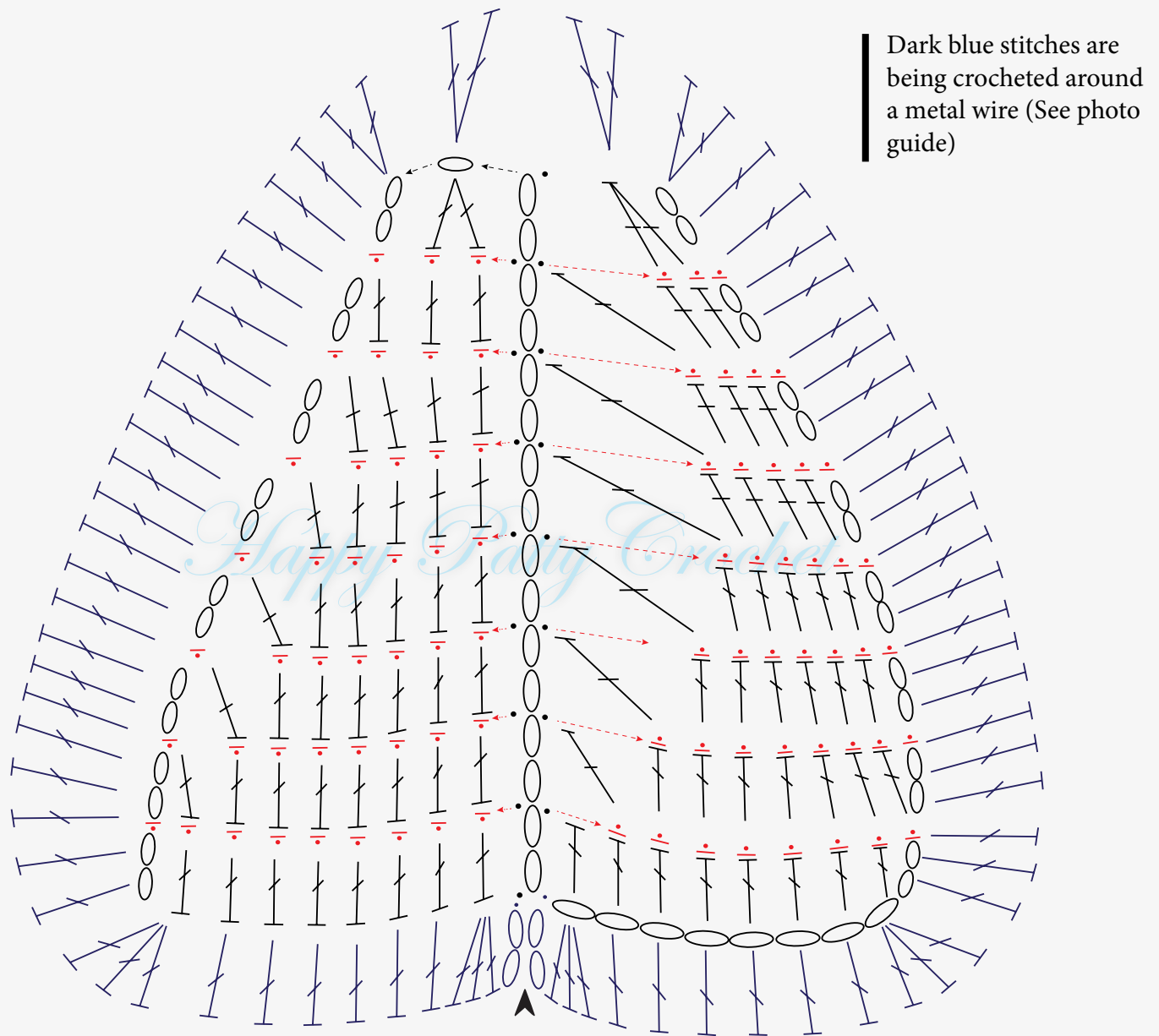
∨ - 2-st dc in c
(2 Double Crochet Increase)

∧ - 2-st dc dec

➤ - Cut Thread

⋯ - Directions

Large Leaf - Whole Leaf



Stitch Key / Abbr.

● - Sl-st in back loop only (blp)
 ○ - Chain (ch)
 † - Double Crochet (dc)

∇ - 2-st dc in c
 ∇ - 2-st dc dec
 ∇ - 3-st dc in c

▲ - Cut Thread
 - - - - - Directions

Large Leaf Instructions

I recommend going through the photo guide before/ while crocheting the leaf.

The leaf is being done in 3 stages:

Stage 1 : Crocheting 1st inner half.

Stage 2 : Crocheting 2nd inner half.

Stage 3 : Crochet the outer round around metal wire.



But first, we start with a base chain, which will be the core of the entire leaf.

Finished Leaf, this photo is of the small leaf.

Base chain : Ch 16 times.

Stage 1 : Crocheting 1st inner half.

Row 1 (Bottom row of 1st inner half) : Ch 8 times.

Row 2 : Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 8 time, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 ch of base chain).

Row 3 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 8 times in each stitch.

Row 4 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 7 more times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 5 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 8 times in each stitch.

Large Leaf Instructions (#2)

Row 6 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 7 times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).*

Row 7 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only. sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 7 times in each stitch.*

Row 8 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 6 times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).*

Row 9 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only. sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 6 times in each stitch.*

Row 10 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 5 times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).*

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Row 12 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 4 times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).*

Row 13 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only. sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 4 times in each stitch.*

Row 14 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 3 times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).*

Row 15 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only. sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 3 times in each stitch.*

Large Leaf Instructions (#3)

Row 16 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, 2-st dc dec in each st, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

At this stage, the first half of the inner part of the leaf is done - next, we'll move on to do the second half - crocheting in the other side of the base chain.

I'll keep the row count as is, but bear in mind, that we are now crocheting on the other side of the base chain.

Stage 2 : Crocheting the 2nd inner half.

Row 17 : Ch 3, sk 2 ch, 2-st dc inc, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 18 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sl-st blp 3 times in each stitch.

Row 19 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 2 more times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 20 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 4 times in each stitch.

Row 21 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 3 more times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 22 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 5 times in each stitch.

Large Leaf Instructions (#4)

Row 23 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 4 more times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 24 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 6 times in each stitch.

Row 25 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 5 more times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 26 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 7 times in each stitch.

Row 27 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 6 more times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 28 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 8 times in each stitch.

Row 29 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 7 more times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 30 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 9 times in each stitch.

Row 31 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 8 times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Large Leaf Instructions (#5)

At this stage, you finished the inner part of the leaf. Next, we'll add the metal wire around this part - we do this by crocheting a continuous round around the inner part, while crocheting each stitch around the metal wire.

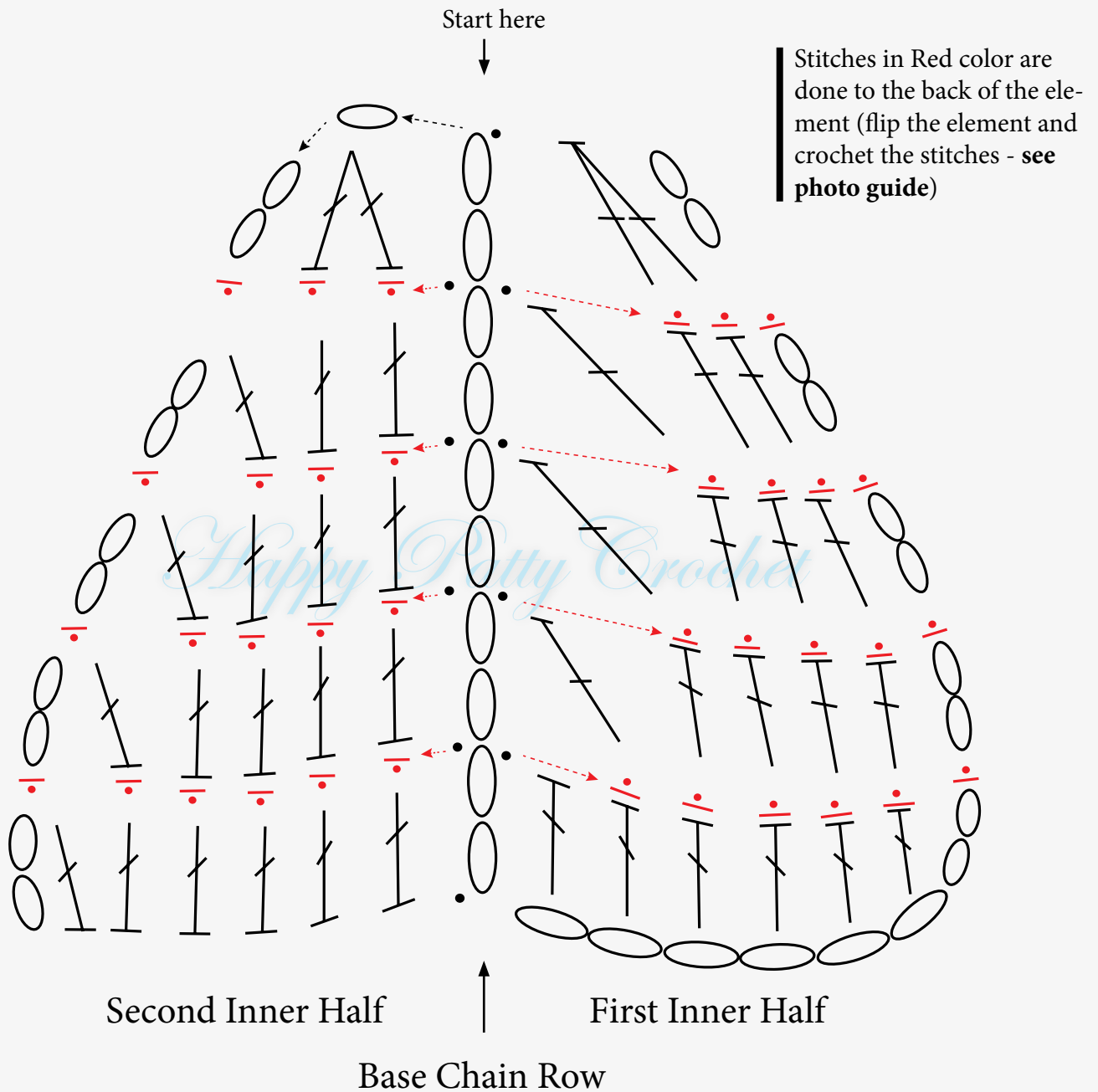


Follow the photo guide later on for photos that will make this stage more clear.

Stage 3 : Crochet the outer round around metal wire.

Outer Round : We start by sl-st to previous sl-st and around the metal wire. Next we follow with Ch 2 in next st, and continue crochet in each stitch - 3-st dc inc, dc 6 times, 3-st dc inc to create the rounded edge, and follow with 22 dc (in each stitch, including the sl-sts), 2-st dc inc 4 time for the tip of the leaf, and go the other way with 22 dc, 3-st dc inc, dc 6 times, 3-st dc inc, ch 2, and join with sl-st to last ch of base chain. Fasten off.

Small Leaf - Inner Part



Stitch Key / Abbr.

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○ - Chain (ch)

⌈ - Double Crochet (dc)

∨ - 2-st dc in c
(2 Double Crochet Increase)

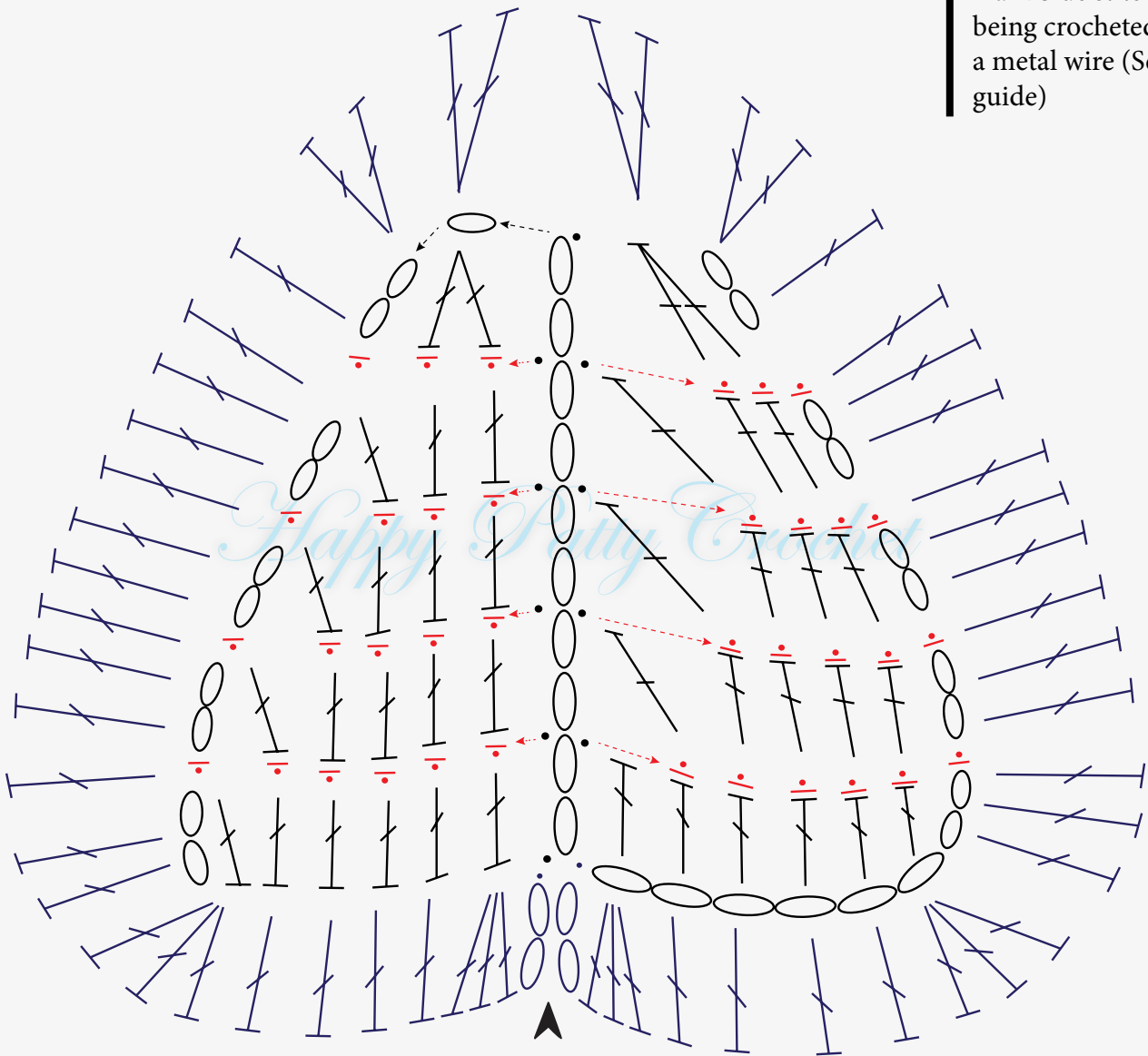
∧ - 2-st dc dec

➤ - Cut Thread

⋯ - Directions

Small Leaf - Whole Leaf

Dark blue stitches are being crocheted around a metal wire (See photo guide)



Stitch Key / Abbr.

● - Sl-st in back loop only (blp)

○ - Chain (ch)

⋈ - Double Crochet (dc)

⋈⋈ - 2-st dc in c

⋈⋈ - 2-st dc dec

⋈⋈⋈ - 3-st dc in c

➤ - Cut Thread

⋯ - Directions

Small Leaf Instructions

Crocheting the Small and the Large leaf is done in the exact same fashion - only difference is that the smaller leaf has shorter base chain and shorter bottom chain.

As to the stages - they are the same :

Stage 1 : Crocheting 1st inner half.

Stage 2 : Crocheting 2nd inner half.

Stage 3 : Crochet the outer round around metal wire.



Base chain : Ch 10 times.

Stage 1 : Crocheting 1st inner half.

Row 1 (Bottom row of 1st inner half) : Ch 6 times.

Row 2 : Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 6 times, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 ch of base chain).

Row 3 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 6 times in each stitch.

Row 4 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 5 more times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 5 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only.* sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 5 times in each stitch.

Small Leaf Instructions (#2)

Row 6 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc 4 times in each stitch, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).*

Row 7 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only. sk 1 dc, sl-st blp 4 times in each stitch.*

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Row 10 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row. Ch 2, sk 2 ch, 2-st dc dec in each st, sk 1 st, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).*

First half of the inner part of the leaf is done.

Stage 2 : Crocheting the 2nd inner half.

Row 11 : Ch 3, sk 2 ch, 2-st dc inc, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

Row 12 : *Flip the leaf and work in the back of the previous row, work each sl-st in back loop only. sl-st blp 3 times in each stitch.*

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Small Leaf Instructions (#3)

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Row 19 : *Flip the leaf and work in the front of the previous row.* Ch 2, sk 2 ch, dc in same hole as Ch 2, dc 5 more times in each stitch, join with sl-st to base chain (sk 1 chain of base chain).

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Making the Leaf

Crochet the leaf does not involve any advanced crochet stitch - but it is a bit tricky to describe without showing photos. Follow the photo guide (with the written instructions before), in case the instructions/pattern are not clear enough.

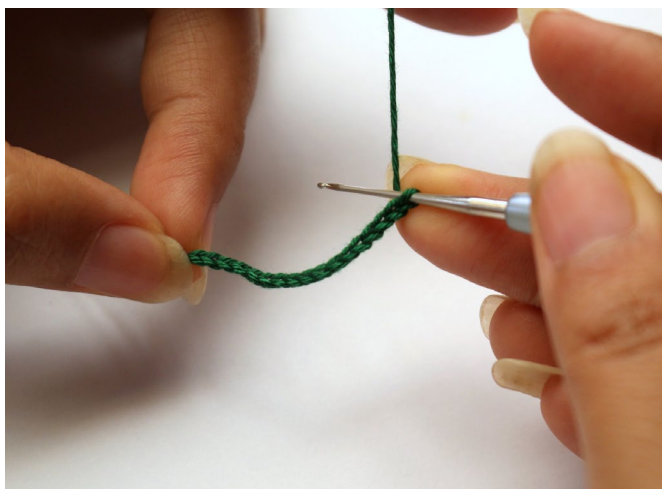
To crochet the leaf you'll need :

- Crochet thread size #20 in green.
- Crochet hook size 1.0mm.
- Metal wire.
- Brown-green floral tape.
- Scissors, tweezers.

The following photo series, will guide you through the stages of making the flower.



To crochet the leaf, we first start with a base chain row, and then, working in a zig-zag motion, we'll crochet one half row by row (flipping it with each row, see photos below), until we reach the tip. and then, do our way back, crocheting the other half in the same fashion.

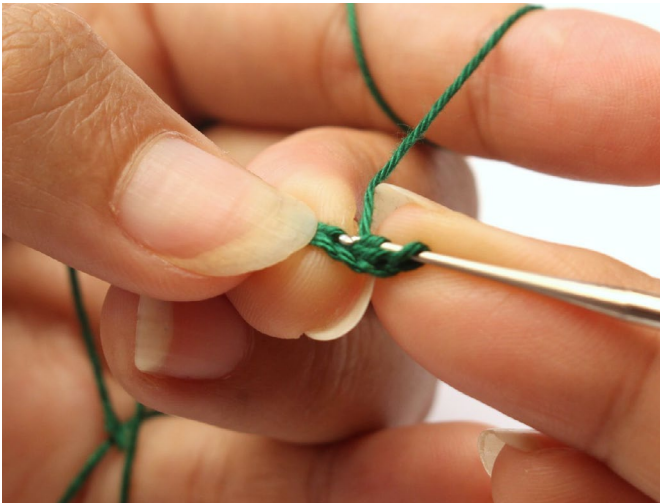


Step 1 - Starting with our base chain row + the bottom chain row of the first half.



Step 2 - we then start the first row by doing chain 2 times.

Making the Leaf (#2)



Step 3 - skip 2 chain, and follow the pattern, crocheting double-crochets in the bottom chain row.



Step 4 - Once the first set of DCs are done (first row).



Step 5 - Join the last DC with sl-st to the base chain row, skipping the first chain in the row.



Step 6 - (Important) Flip the row, and work your way back through the back loop of the DCs, skipping the first dc, making a row of sl-sts.



Step 7 - Work in each dc stitch all the way back



Step 8 - This is how the back of the row should look like after the sl-sts are done.

Making the Leaf (#3)



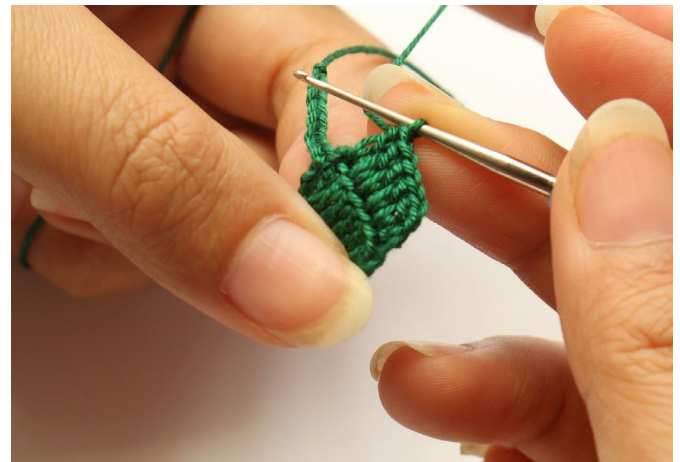
Step 9 - Flip the element back to the front, and start the next row.



Step 10 - Next row is done in the same fashion we did the first row, starting with chain 2.



Step 11 - sk 2 chains and do the dc row.



Step 12 - Finish DC row.

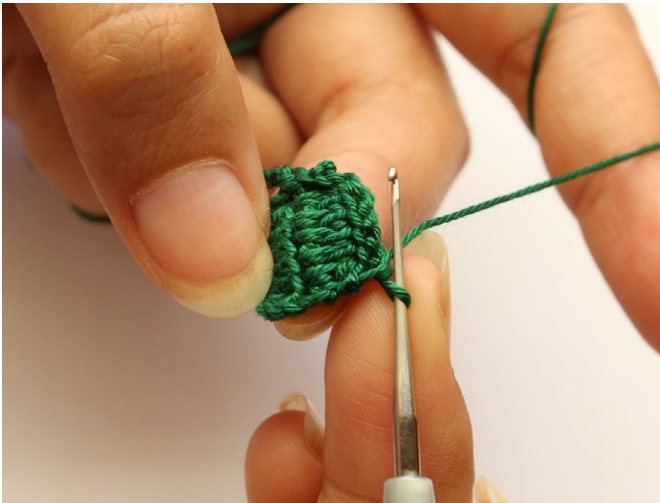


Step 13 - Sl-st to base chain row, skipping 1 chain,



Step 14 - Flipping the element and working on the other side with a sl-st row (skipping the first dc).

Making the Leaf (#4)



Step 15 - Finishing the sl-st row, flipping the element back, and continuing with the next row.



Step 16 - crochet all the rows, and finish the last row with a decrease, yo and pull through loops.

Photo to the right shows how the first half of the leaf would look at this stage.

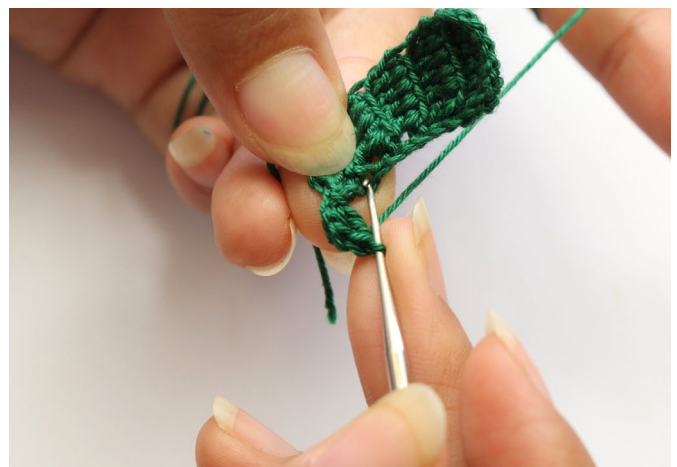
Now, we will do the second half, in exactly the same fashion we did the first half - only from top to bottom.



Step 17 - Finished first half.



Step 18 - Starting the 2nd half with ch 2 and increase,



Step 19 - And joining with sl-st to base chain row - we continue to crochet all the rows to finish the 2nd half.

Making the Leaf (#5)

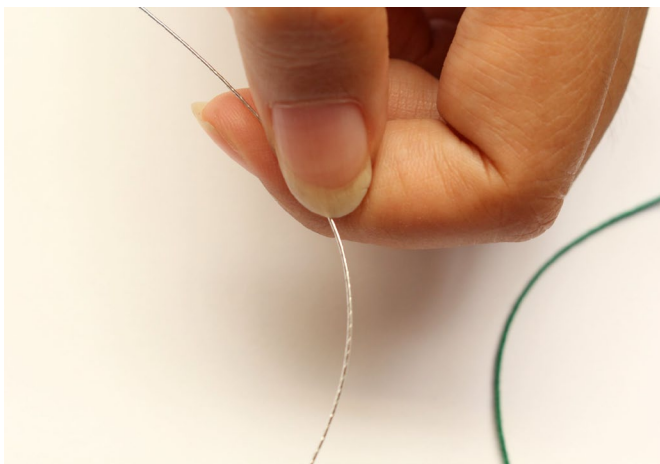
Photo to the right shows the leaf at this stage, after both halves are done.

Next, we'll add the metal wire to the leaf by crochet the last round around it.

Follow the photos below to see how it done.



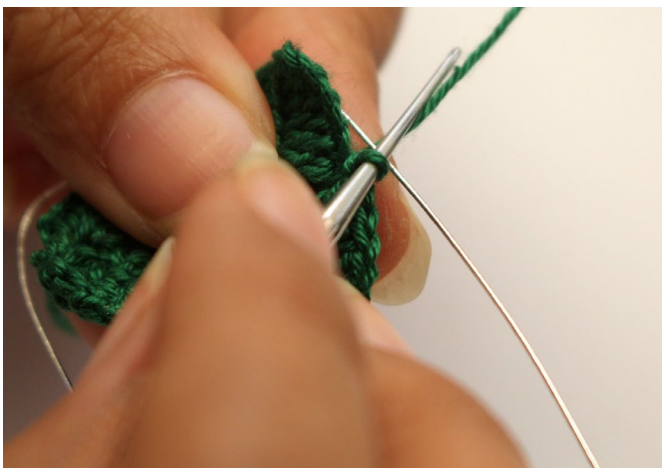
Step 20 - Finished two halves.



Step 21 - Take a wire at a length of the diameter of the leaf + ~9" (~23cm).



Step 22 - fold it slightly in the middle and attach its middle to middle of the base of the leaf.



Step 23 - Start to crochet the last round around the wire.



Step 24 - Starting with chain 2.

Making the Leaf (#6)



Step 25 - And continuing, following the pattern / instructions.



Step 26 - After, roughly, the first half.



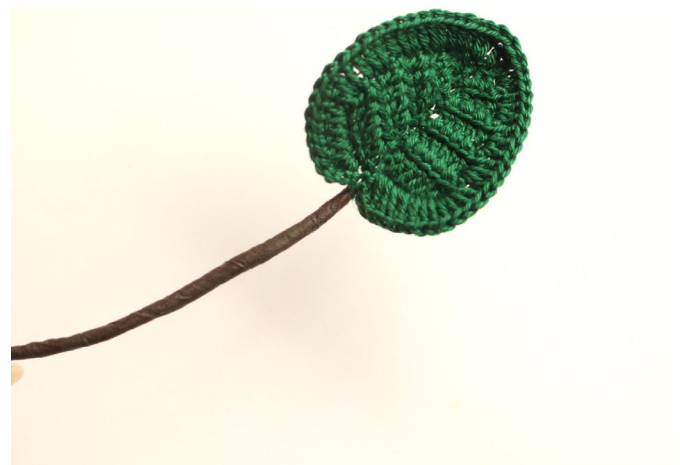
Step 27 - And at the finishing stitches.



Step 28 - Finished crocheted leaf.



Step 29 - To finish leaf stem (petiole), wrap the thread around the wire (to add thickness).



Step 30 - And, add floral tape around the thread. Cut thread and the leaf is done :)

Finishing the Arrangement

To finish the arrangement, simply use the wire tails of each element to attach them together in your desired shape.

For each of the pots in the photo below, I've crocheted 7 Blossoms - 1 large, 4 medium and 2 small. For the pot to the left, I've glued the edges of the small blossoms' petals together to make them appear half-open. While for the pot to the right, I've glued the petals of one of the small blossoms more tightly to make it appear fully closed.

Each pot also have 8 Leaves - 4 small and 4 large.

Both pots are ~5" (13cm) in diameter.



That's it :) Your stunning African violets are done, whether used in a pot / arrangement or as an appliqué - these beautiful flowers are versatile and elegant and will surely fit any table of shelf!



I really hope you enjoyed making this beautiful African Violets. If you have any question, please let me know and I'll do my best to help.

Thanks and enjoy crocheting!

Happy Patty :)

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Appendix

Crochet Symbols and Abbreviations

Crochet Symbol
abbr (UK term)
Short description (if needed)


mr / ml
Magic Ring / Magic Loop


ch
Chain


sl st
Slip Stitch


sc
Single Crochet


hdc (htr)
Half Double Crochet


dc (tr)
Double Crochet


tc (dtr)
Triple Crochet


qc, dtc (ttr)
Quadruple Crochet


2-st sc inc
2 sc in same stitch


2-st hdc inc
2 hdc in same stitch


2-st sc dec
2 sc converge to same stitch


sc through blp
Sc through back loop only


back post sc


tss v#1 (misc #1)
Variation on Tuni- sian Simple Stitch


3-st hdc inc
3 hdc in same stitch


3-hdc puff


qc-tc Y stitch


Cut Thread


Start


back post sc