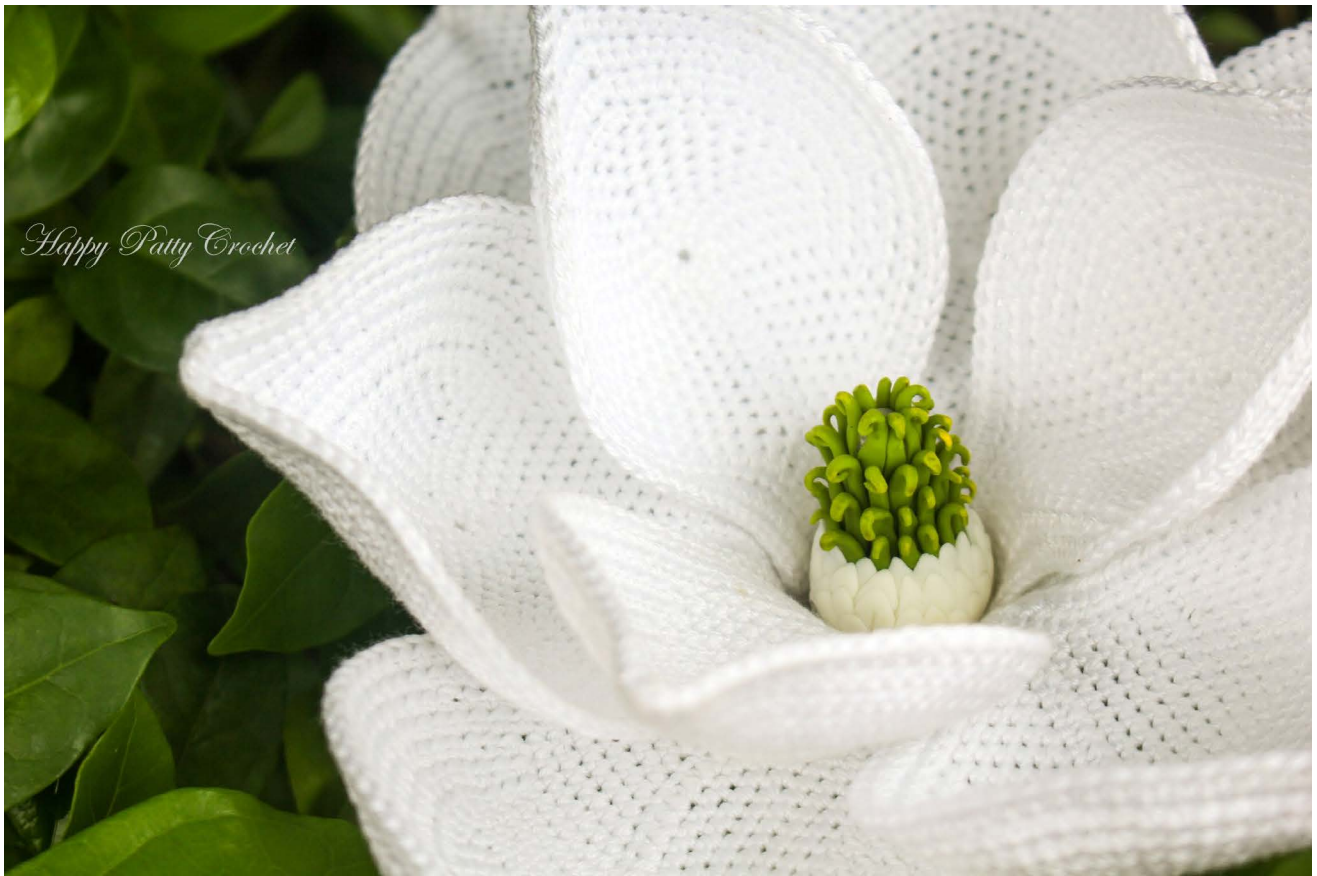


Patterns & Instructions

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Magnolia Grandiflora



Skill Level

Intermediate

Skill Needed

Crochet

Introduction

Hello! Here I'll show you how to crochet a large, elegant Magnolia Grandiflora. A beautiful blossom that can either be placed on a long or short stems to act as a centerpiece for stunning bouquets and flower arrangement, or added to a clip, needle or an elastic for a glorious hair flower!

The blossom is made of crocheted petals, and a receptacle made of a dough-like material, inside you'll find detailed instructions and photo tutorial on how to make the dough, the stamens, carpels and how to complete the blossom.

Enjoy!!

Materials

- Cotton Thread Size #20 in White.
- Steel Crochet Hooks in Size 1.0mm (US sizes 6/12).
- Floral tape (Dark green / brown color), thin Metal Wires (gauge 22 & 26).
- Florist Stub Stem (Gauge 16/18). Hot glue, Tweezers, Scissors.

For the Stamens and Carpels (enough for ~4 blossoms) :

- Corn Starch (Corn Flour), ~2 table spoons.
- Baby Oil, ~2 table spoon.
- PVA Glue ("White glue"), ~2 table spoon.
- White & Green Acrylic Color (for canvas or fabric), small 20ml tubes are enough for 10-15 blossoms.

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.

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

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

2-st hdc inc - 2 hdc increase

2-ch picot - a picot made of 2 chains

dec - Decrease

yo - Yarn over

sk - Skip

beg - Beginning

Magnolia Grandiflora Blossom

The Magnolia Grandiflora is made of 9 petals, made of 3 main petal shapes, and a receptacle - consisting of green carpels and white stamens.

While the Petals are being crocheted, the receptacle (which will be called from now on simply - 'head') is made from a material similar to simple play dough (The photo guide, later in this document, will show you how to make the head, including the dough).

The Petals are being crocheted using Crochet Cotton thread in size #20, with a steel crochet hook in size 1.0mm.



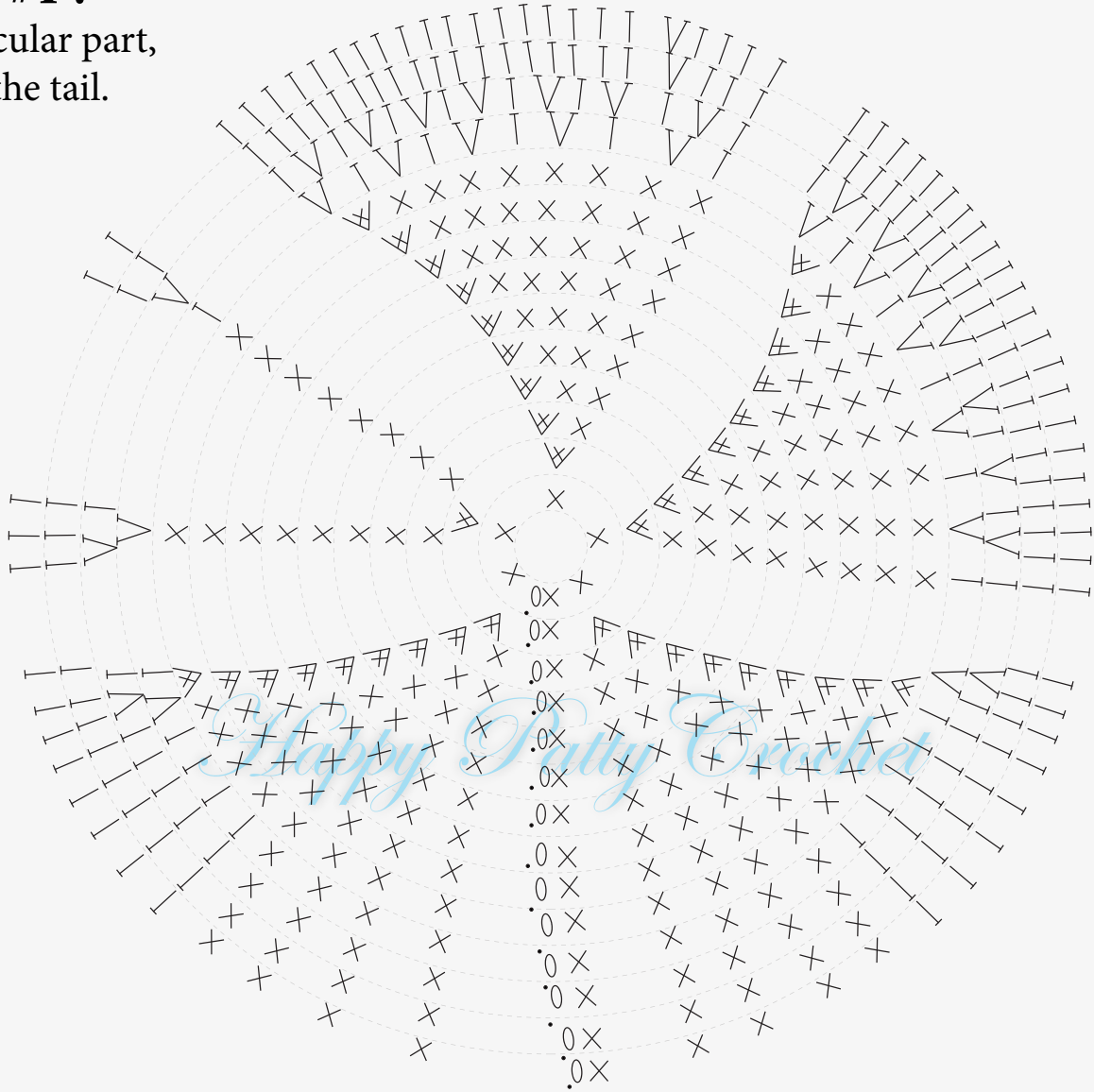
Final measurements :

- ~9" (~23 cm) in diameter, when open.
- ~4" (~10cm) high, when closed.

Petal #1 - Pattern (stage #1)

Stage #1 :

The circular part,
before the tail.



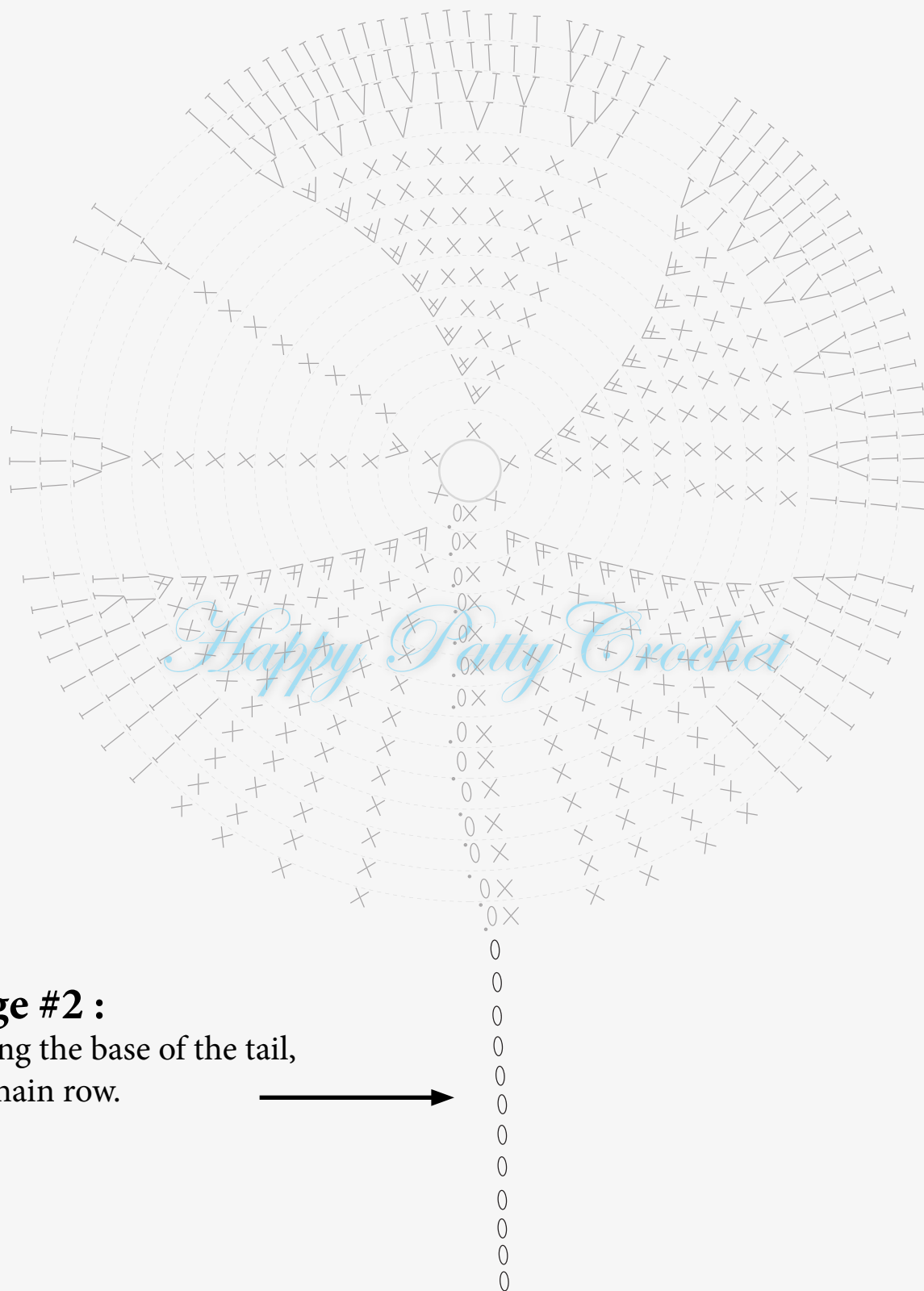
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Petal #1 - Pattern (stage #2)

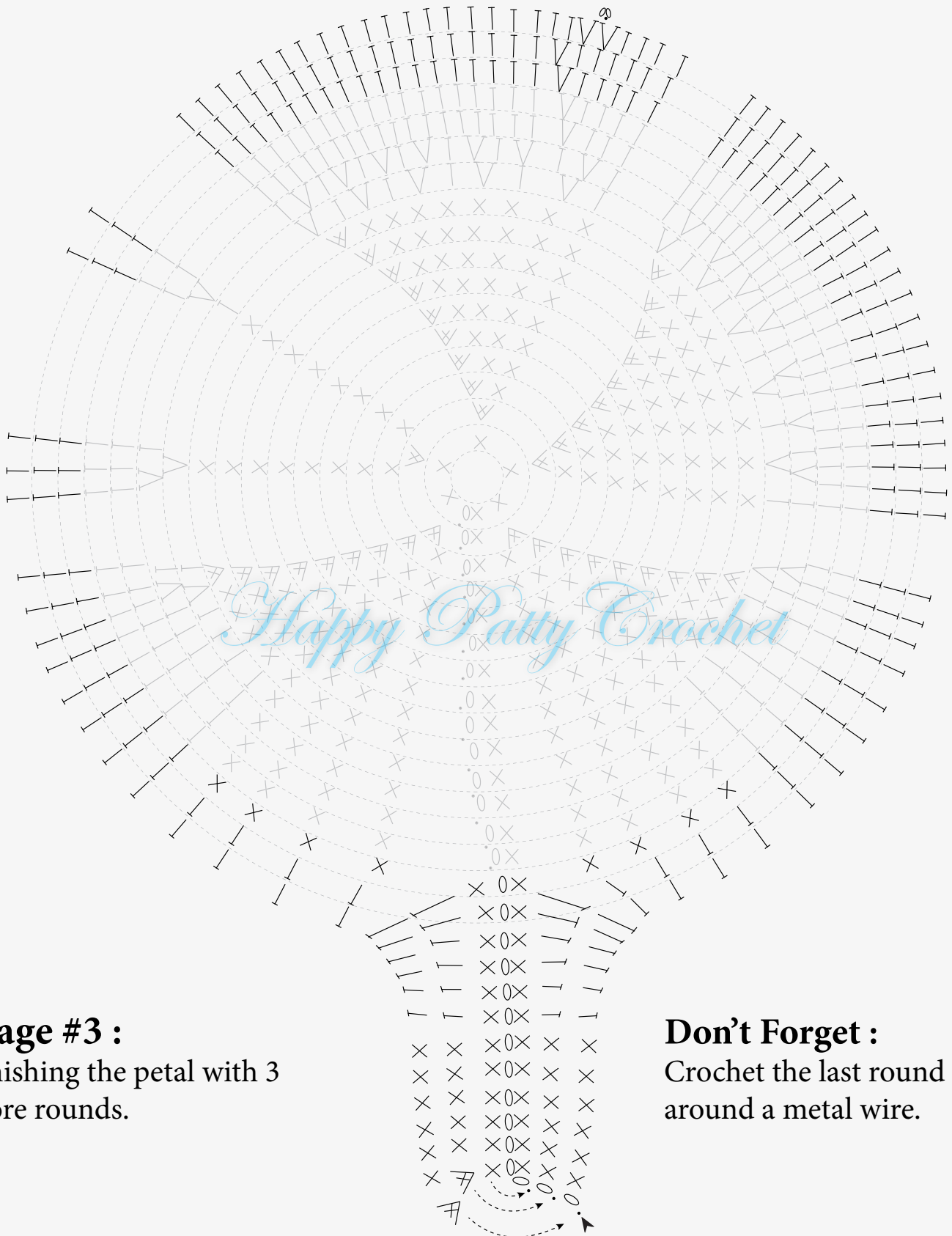


Stage #2 :

Adding the base of the tail,
the chain row. —



Petal #1 - Pattern (stage #3)



Stage #3 :
Finishing the petal with 3
more rounds.

Don't Forget :
Crochet the last round
around a metal wire.

Petal #1 - Instructions

The petal is being worked in the round, starting with a magic ring and going outwards. I divided the petal into 3 stages - first, is being worked in a circular motion.

In the second, we add the base of the tail with a simple chain row, and finish with the third stage by crocheting another 3 rounds around the element we crocheted in stages 1 and 2.



The Petal is made of mostly Single crochets, half double crochets, and half double crochet increase - it is important to maintain the correct shaping of the petal during the second stage - see photo above of final petal.

The last round of the petal is being crocheted around a metal wire (gauge 26), simply work each stitch of the last round in each stitch of the previous round and around a metal wire. **This applies to all petals.**

Stage #1 :

Rnd 1 (RS) : Magic ring, ch 1, sc 6 times in ring, join with sl st to beg ch.

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

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

Rnd 4 : Ch 1, sc, [2 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 2 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Petal #1 - Instructions

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

Rnd 6 : Ch 1, sc, [4 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 7 : Ch 1, sc, [5 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 5 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 8 : Ch 1, sc, [6 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 6 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 9 : Ch 1, sc, [7 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 7 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 10 : Ch 1, sc, [8 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 8 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 11 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 4 times, [hdc, 2-st hdc inc] 13 times, hdc 4 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 12 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 5 times, [hdc, 2-st hdc inc] 8 times, hdc, [hdc, 2-st hdc inc] 10 times, hdc 5 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 13 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 33 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 31 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 14 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 34 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 31 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Petal #1 - Instructions

Stage #2 :

Next, we'll continue from the last sl-st, crocheting a chain row that will be the base of the tail of the petal. After that, we'll do Stage #3, by crocheting the rounds starting from the tip of the tail (the chain row).

Chain Row : From last sl-st, ch 12 times.

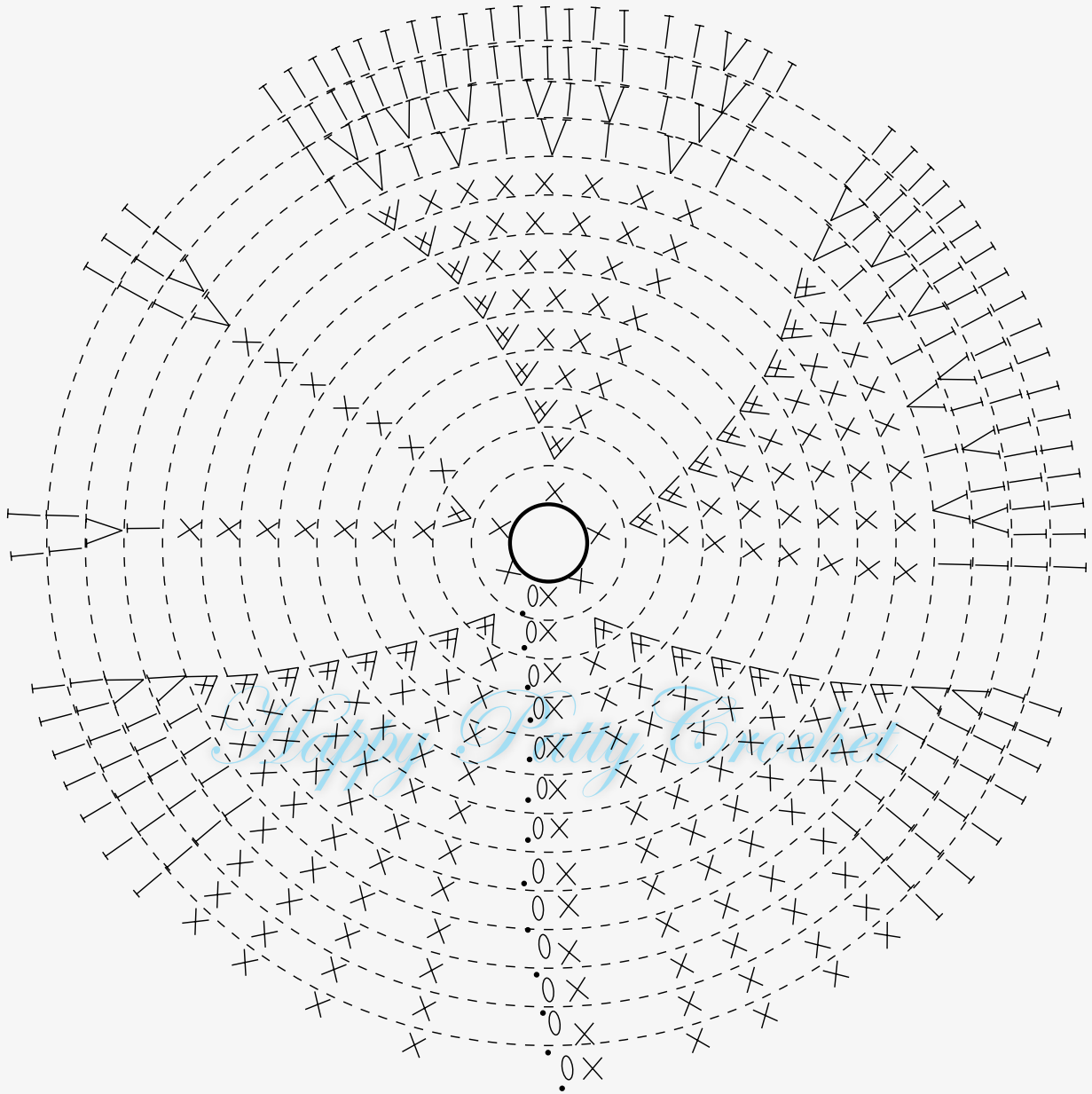
Stage #3 :

Rnd 15 : Ch 1, sk ch, work your way back the chain row with 12 sc in each chain, and then continue working in the previous rounds with - 4 sc, hdc 35 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 31 times, sc 4 times, and we work our way to the tip of the tail, working in each chain, with 12 sc, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 16 : Ch 1, sc 6 times, hdc 46 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 41 times, sc 5 times, 2-st sc inc, join with sl-st to beg ch.

Rnd 17 (around a metal wire) : Ch 1, sc 6 times, hdc 44 times, 2-st hdc inc, 2-ch picot, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 43 times, sc 6 times, 2-st sc inc, join with sl-st to beg ch. Fasten off.

Petal #2 - Pattern (stage #1)



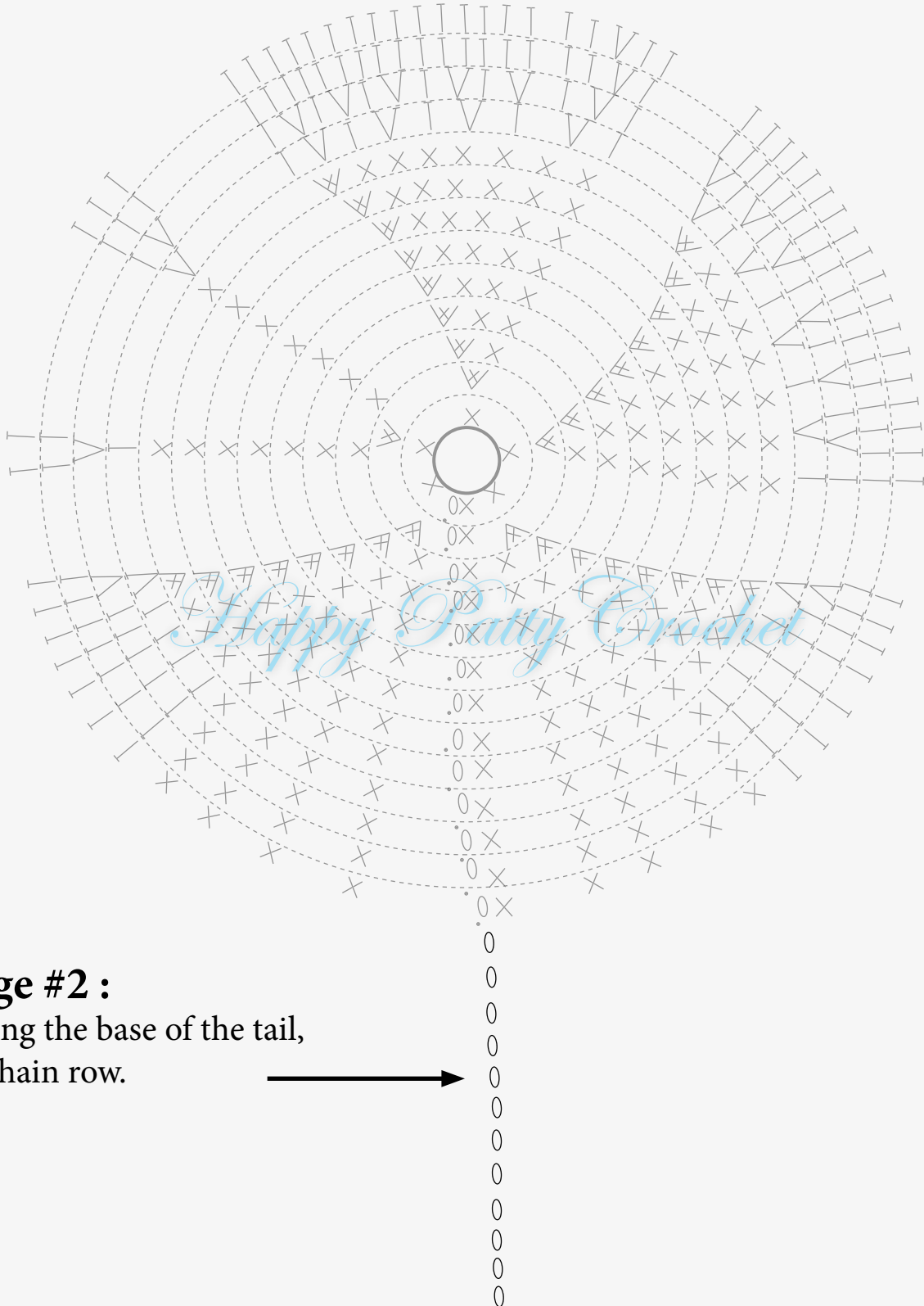
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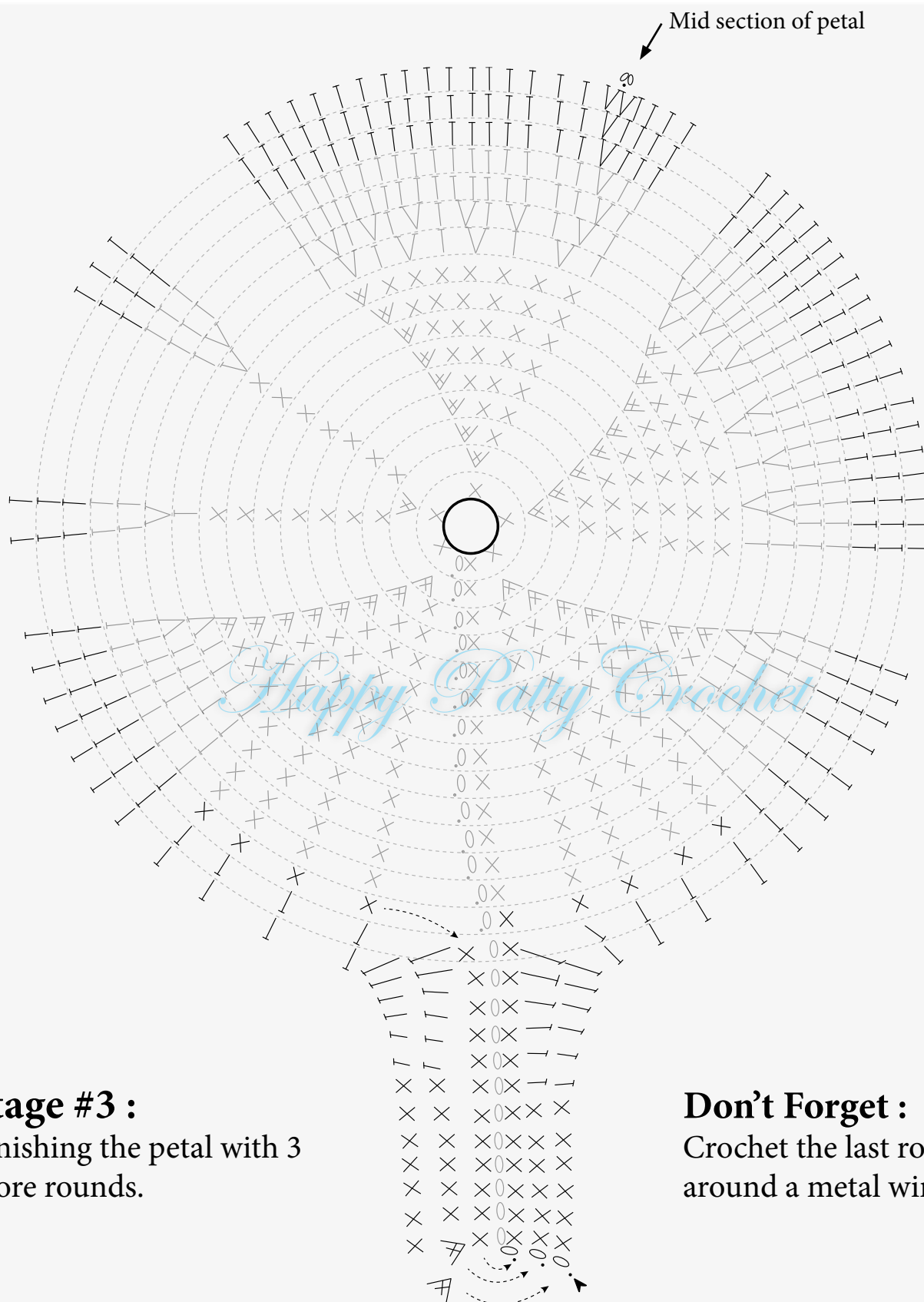
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Petal #2 - Pattern (stage #2)



Petal #2 - Pattern (stage #3)



Stage #3 :

Finishing the petal with 3 more rounds.

Don't Forget :
Crochet the last round
around a metal wire.

Petal #2 - Instructions

Crocheting Petal #2 consists the exact stages of Petal #1. First, the circular part, then, we add the tail, and lastly, finish the petal with additional 3 rounds.

Stage #1 :

Rnd 1 (RS) : Magic ring, ch 1, sc 6 times in ring, join with sl st to beg ch.



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

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

Rnd 4 : Ch 1, sc, [2 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 2 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

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

Rnd 6 : Ch 1, sc, [4 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 7 : Ch 1, sc, [5 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 5 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 8 : Ch 1, sc, [6 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 6 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Petal #2 - Instructions (#2)

Rnd 9 : Ch 1, sc, [7 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 7 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 10 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 3 times, [hdc, 2-st hdc inc] 11 times, hdc 4 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 11 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 4 times, [hdc, 2-st hdc inc] 15 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 5 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 12 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 26 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 29 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 13 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 27 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 29 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Stage #2 : (Exactly the same like Petal #1)

Continuing from the last sl-st, we crochet the base of the tail of the petal.

Chain Row: From last sl-st, ch 12 times.

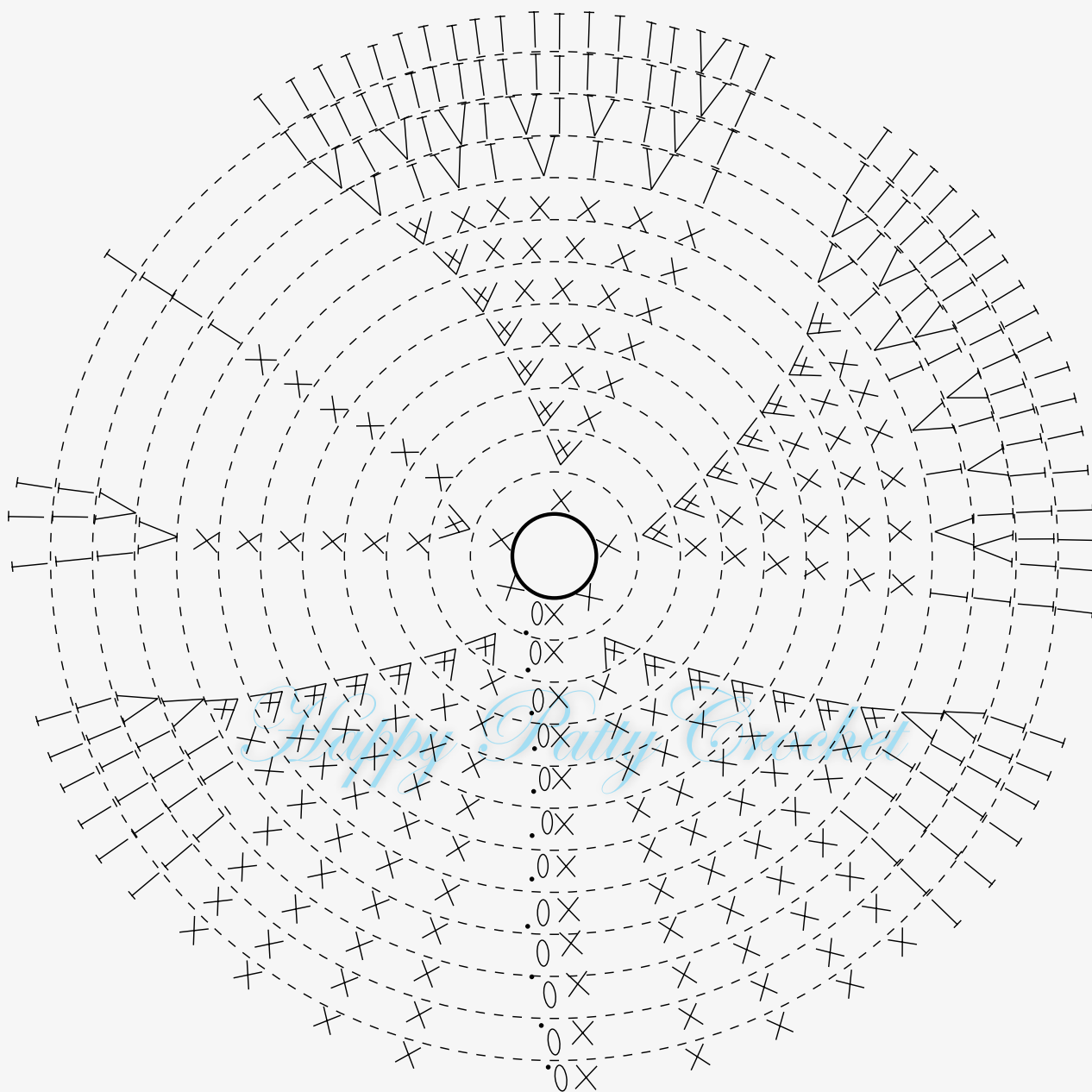
Stage #3 :

Rnd 14 : Ch 1, sk 1 ch, sc 17, hdc 28 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 29 times, sc 17 times, sl-st to beg ch.

Rnd 15 : Ch 1, sc 6 times, hdc 39 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 39 times, sc 6 times, 2-st sc in, sl-st to beg ch.

Rnd 16 (around a metal wire) : Ch 1, sc 6 times, hdc 39 times, 2-st hdc inc, 2-ch picot, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 39 times, sc 7 times, 2-st sc in, sl-st to beg ch. Fasten off.

Petal #3 - Pattern (Stage #1)



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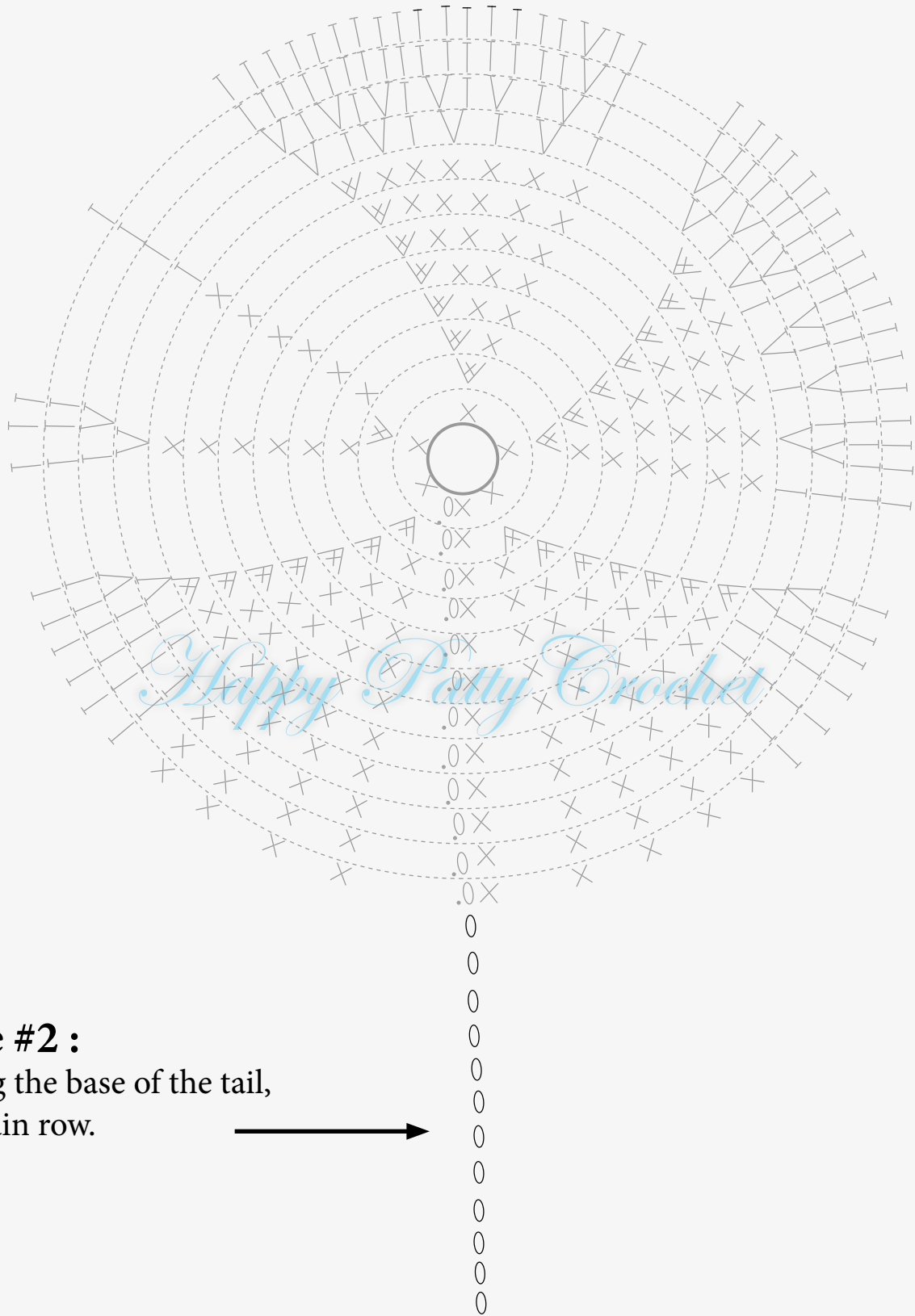
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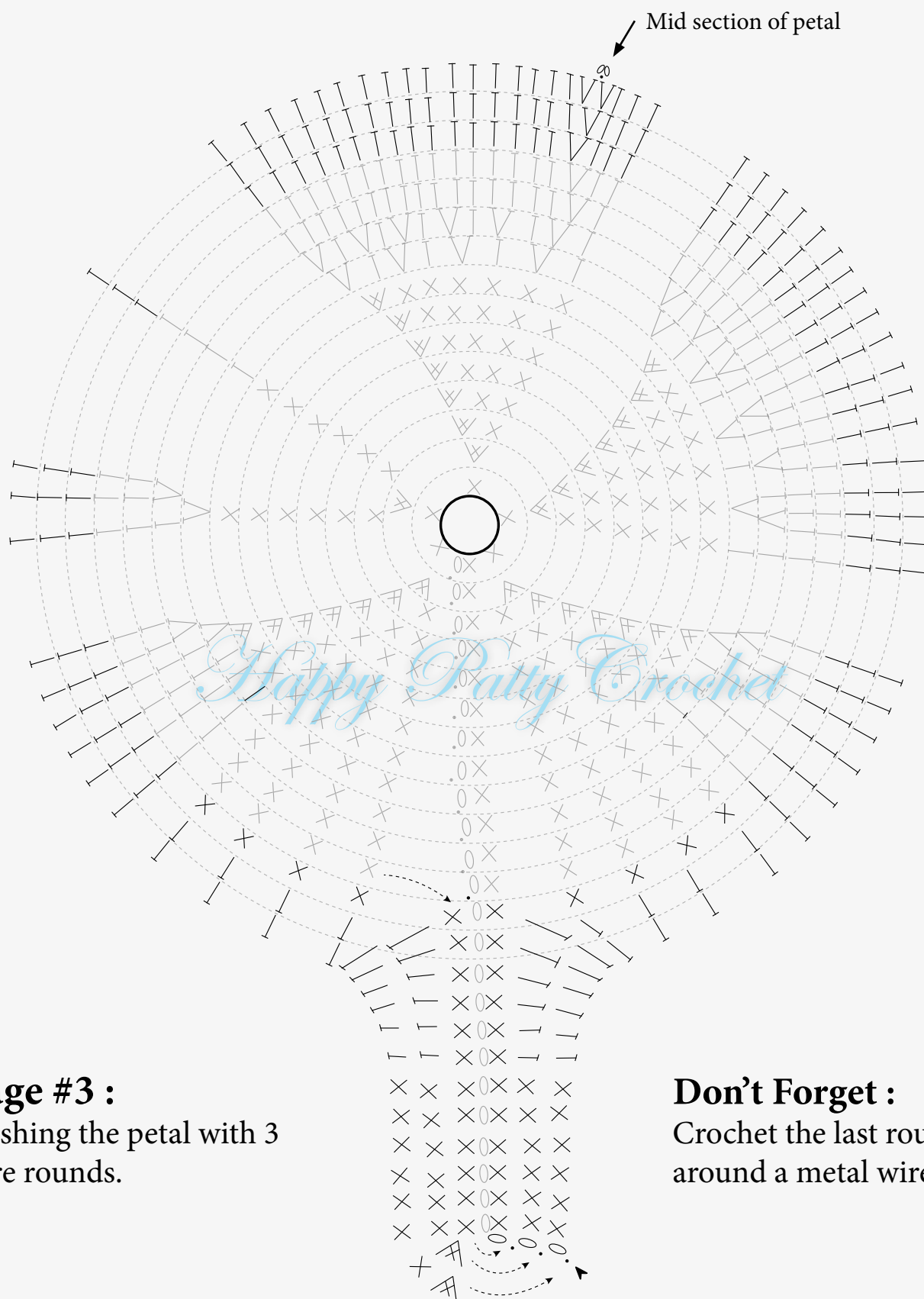
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Petal #2 - Pattern (stage #2)



Petal #2 - Pattern (stage #3)



Stage #3 :
Finishing the petal with 3
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Don't Forget :
Crochet the last round
around a metal wire.

Petal #3 - Instructions

Crocheting Petal #3 consists the exact stages of Petal #1 & #2. First, the circular part, then, we add the tail, and lastly, finish the petal with additional 3 rounds.

Stage #1 :

Rnd 1 (RS) : Magic ring, ch 1, sc 6 times in ring, join with sl st to beg ch.



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

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

Rnd 4 : Ch 1, sc, [2 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 2 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

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

Rnd 6 : Ch 1, sc, [4 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 7 : Ch 1, sc, [5 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 5 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 8 : Ch 1, sc, [6 sc, 2-st sc inc] 3 times around, sc 2 times, 2-st sc inc, sc 6 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Petal #3 - Instructions (#2)

Rnd 9 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 2 times, [hdc, 2-st hdc inc] 10 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 2 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 10 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 3 times, [hdc, 2-st hdc inc] 15 times, hdc 4 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 11 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 25 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 26 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Rnd 12 : Ch 1, sc 5 times, hdc 27 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 26 times, sc 4 times, join with sl st to beg ch.

Stage #2 : (Exactly the same like Petal #1 & #2)

Continuing from the last sl-st, we crochet the base of the tail of the petal.

Chain Row: From last sl-st, ch 12 times.

Stage #3 :

Rnd 13 : Ch 1, sk 1 ch, sc 16, hdc 27 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 26 times, sc 16 times, sl-st to beg ch.

Rnd 14 : Ch 1, sc 6 times, hdc 37 times, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 37 times, sc 6 times, 2-st sc inc, sl-st to beg ch.

Rnd 15 (around a metal wire) : Ch 1, sc 6 times, hdc 37 times, 2-st hdc inc, 2-ch picot, 2-st hdc inc, hdc 37 times, sc 6 times, 2-st sc in, sl-st to beg ch. Fasten off.

Making the Head

A Magnolia Grandiflora's "Head" (Stamens & Stigmas) are incredibly detailed - and will require us to leave the crochet world and step into the kitchen. We'll make the head from, basically, play dough :)

There are plenty of Play Dough tutorials online, here I'll include mine - which I used for this blossom. You'll need (enough for ~4 blossoms) :

- Corn starch (corn flour), ~2 table spoons.
- Baby oil, ~2 table spoon.
- PVA glue (White glue), ~2 table spoons.



Moreover, you'll need Acrylic Colors in White and Soft greens.

First, we'll mix & knead the corn starch, baby oil and the white glue together - until the mixture will become a soft, non-sticky, non-crumbly smooth dough.

Next, we'll apply a bit of color and continue kneading until the dough will fully absorb the color. Finally, we'll use the dough to make the head. Follow the photo guide below for a complete tutorial :



Step 1 - Add 2 Spoons of Corn starch to a small bowl.

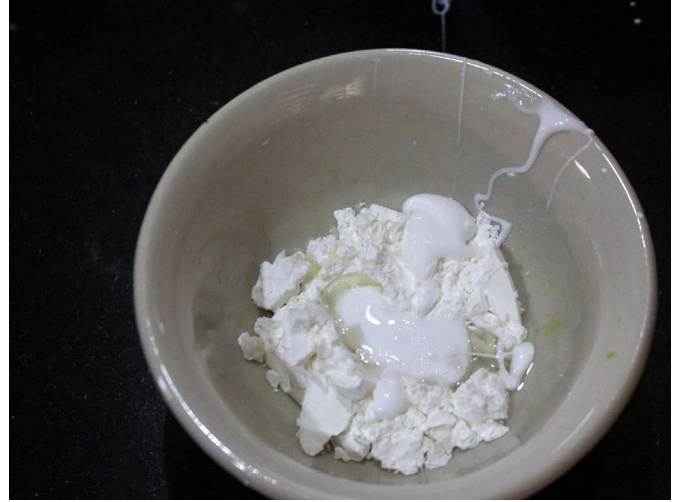


Step 2 - Make a hole in the middle of the starch, and add the oil and glue to it.

Making the Head (#2)



Step 3 - Add a table spoon of Baby Oil.



Step 4 - And a flat table spoon of white glue.



Step 5 - Mix and apply pressure with the spoon, do not knead yet, as the dough is too sticky at the beginning.



Step 6 - Occasionally feel the dough, and once it is not too sticky, start kneading it (clean your hands!)



Step 7 - If the dough is too crumbly, or too sticky. add more oil.



Step 8 - And, if its breaking, add more glue (don't add big amounts, only a little bit).

Making the Head (#3)



Step 9 - Your hands will become dirty - that's a good sign!



Step 10 - Keep kneading, until the dough feels soft, none sticky and very smooth.

Once the dough is ready. It's time to add some color - you'll need to make to pieces, one with white color, and the other with soft-green (for the Stamens and the Stigmas).



Step 11 - Add about a tea spoon of white color, and continue kneading.



Step 12 - Until the dough is white and shiny - maintaining the same texture.



Step 13 - And the same for the green dough.

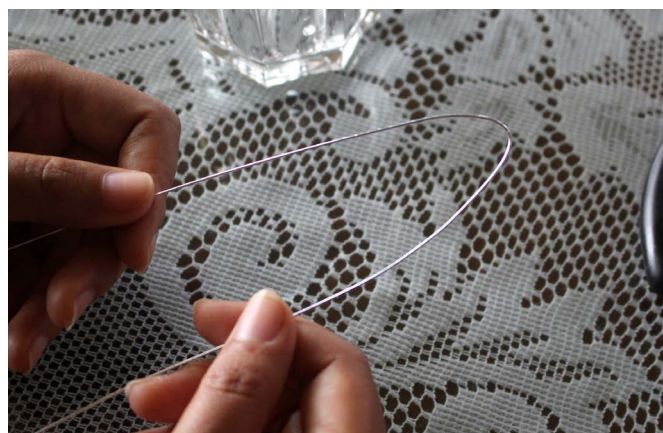


Step 14 - Keep the dough in a plastic bag to protect is from drying up and loosing its texture.

Making the Head (#4)

Next, we start using the dough to make the head. Using the gauge 22 metal wire, we fold it at the middle (photo to the right), and then fold the tip again at around half finger-width (photo below).

On the metal wire's tip we will add the base of the head, which will be a small chunk of white dough - follow the photo tutorial to complete the head.



Step 15 - Fold the metal wire at the middle.



Step 16 - and another time at the tip.



Step 17 - Dip the tip in white glue (or apply), around ~2" (4 cm) from the tip.



Step 18 - Take a small chunk of the white dough, and wrap it around the glued part of the wire.



Step 19 - Do not apply too much pressure, as the wire will pierce the dough, we want it to fully cover the wire, while being just a bit chunky.

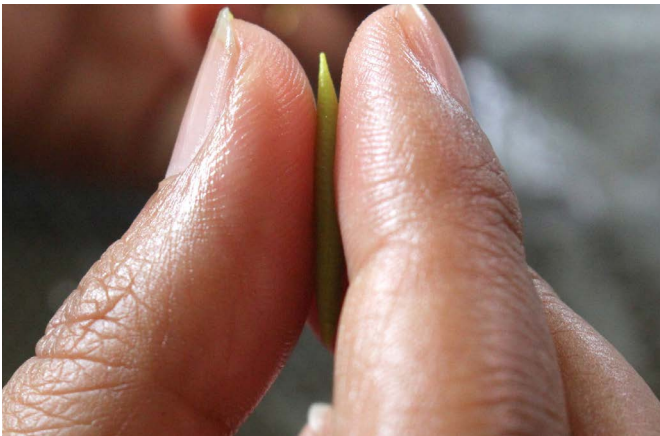
Making the Head (#5)



Step 20 - Let it dry for 5-10 minutes.



Step 21 - We start from the tip of the head, take a small part from the green dough.



Step 22 - Roll it between your fingers to make it long and thin.



Step 23 - Add it to the tip of the head. With about half of it exposed.



Step 24 - Apply just a bit of pressure on its base, to make it stick.



Step 25 - And, softly, with the tip of your fingers, roll its edge - as shown in the photo above.

Making the Head (#6)



Step 26 - In the same fashion, add another small green element, next to the first one.



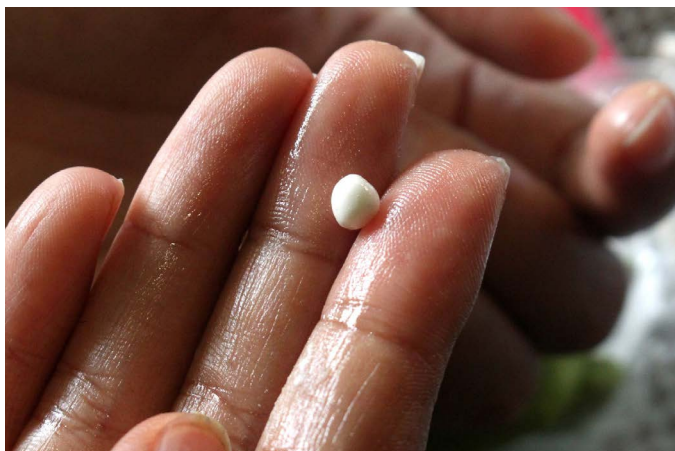
Step 27 - And complete the first round (~5-6 green elements).



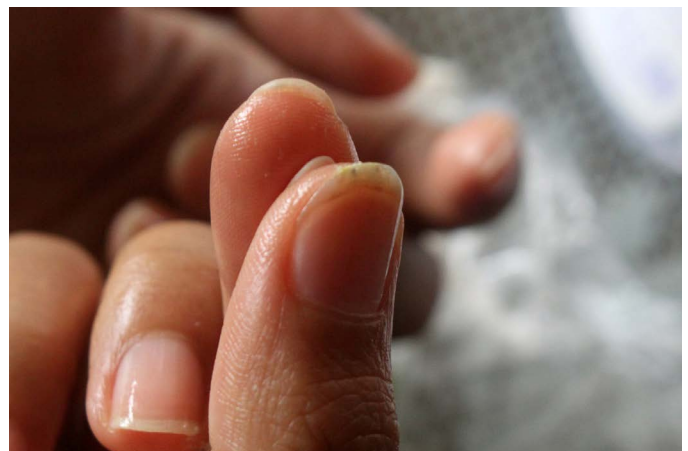
Step 28 - Continue to do the second round, adding elements one by one.



Step 29 - Add green rounds until the green elements cover about half of the white base of the head.

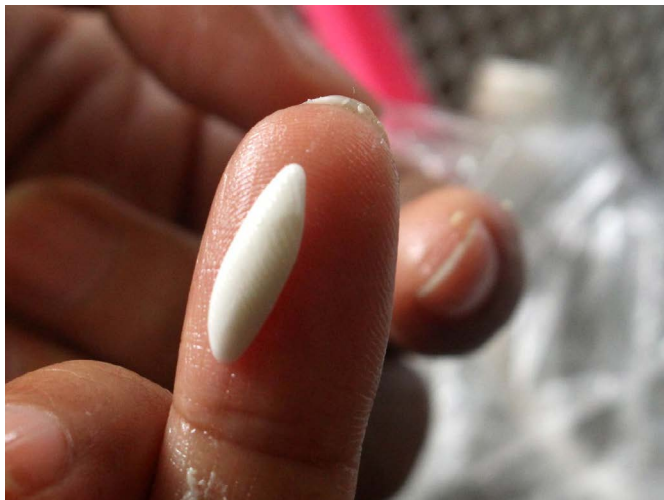


Step 30 - Next, we start adding the white elements - take a small piece from the main white dough.



Step 31 - This time, do not roll, but apply pressure between your fingers.

Making the Head (#7)



Step 32 - until the element is long and flat.



Step 33 - Next, add the element under the green elements.



Step 34 - In the same fashion, add another element next to the first one, we work in rounds with the white elements as well.



Step 35 - Keep adding elements in the first round, when its done, move on to add elements below.



Step 36 - Add the next rounds only slightly below the round before, this would me the head more and more chunky at the bottom.



Step 37 - Keep adding the rounds until you feel the head is finished.

Finishing the Blossom

Once all blossom elements are done (petals & head), we move on to assembling all elements together to create one blossom.

You'll need :

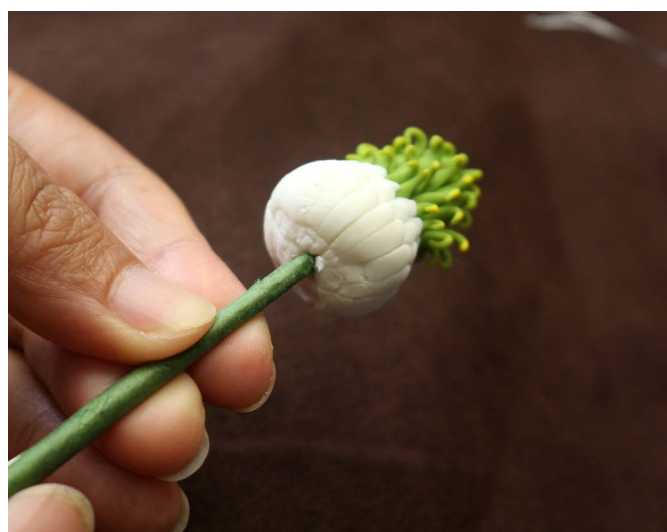
- 3 x Petal #1.
- 3 x Petal #2.
- 3 x Petal #3.
- Head.
- Hot Glue.
- Florist stub stem gauge 16 or 18.
- Floral tape (dark green color).
- Cutter, scissors, tweezers.



To make the blossom, first make the head ready by attaching it to the stem. Next, we glue the petals layer by layer. First layer is being glued to the head, second layer to the first layer and the last layer to the second one.

To prepare the petals for arranging, it is recommended to iron them first and shape them into a slightly curved shape using a ball tool (or simply your fingers), and to softly squeeze the tip with your fingers to make it slightly pointy.

Follow the photo guide below to see how to finish the blossom :



Step 1 - Softly, push the stem at the bottom hole of your head. Not too strong, as it could break the head.



Step 2 - Wrap floral tape around the base of the head and down the stem around "2-3 (~4-6cm), to attach both elements together.

Finishing the Blossom (#2)



(After floral tape stage is done - step 2)



Step 3 - Prepare Petal #1, by folding its base, we're going to apply glue to the base.



Step 4 - Place it so the edge of the elongated base is touching the head.



Step 5 - Apply hot glue to the section that touches the head,



Step 6 - Press and hold against the head for several seconds.



Step 7 - Repeat steps 3-6 with the next petal, placing this petal in the same vertical position. And only slightly overlapping horizontally.

Finishing the Blossom (#3)



Step 8 - Petals are at the same height, and only slightly overlap.



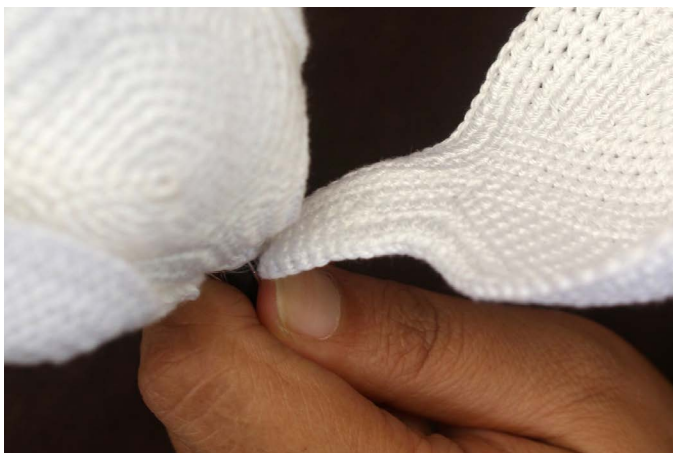
Step 9 - A view from the top.



Step 10 - Next, do the second layer, placing each petal between two petals of the first layer and apply glue to the base.



Step 11 - Apply only a few drops of glue, as you want only the base to be glued.



Step 12 - Place the second layer only slightly below the first layer,.



Step 12 - Once second layer is done - second layer petals should almost entirely cover the first layer petals.

Finishing the Blossom (#4)



Step 13 - Move on to the third layer, place each petal between two petals of the second layer.



Step 14 - Apply glue only to the base of the petal.



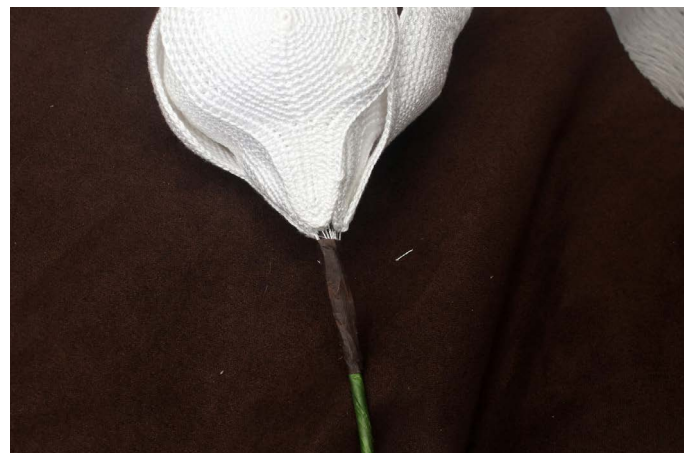
Step 15 - This is, roughly, how the blossom should look once the petals are done, before arranging.



Step 16 - Another view.



Step 17- Next, wrap floral tape around the base of the blossom and the stem.



Step 18 - Wrap 2-3 layers of floral tape, around "2-3 (4-6cm) in length, and cut the metal wire tails.

Finishing the Blossom (#5)



Step 19 - To complete the stem section, we'll wrap some paper towels around the base area, blow the blossom.



Step 20 - Wrap enough paper towels, until the section feels firm and a bit chunky.



Step 21 - Add a few layers of floral tape on top, to make it firmer.



Step 22 - And the blossom is finished!

That's it :) Your glorious Magnolia Grandiflora is done! Hope you had fun making it, and now its time to enjoy its beauty! Try it in a vase, as an arrangement, for table decor or, if you didn't add it to a stem - as a hair flower!



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	ch	sl st	sc	hdc (htr)
Magic Ring / Magic Loop	Chain	Slip Stitch	Single Crochet	Half Double Crochet
				
dc (tr)	tc (dtr)	qc, dtc (ttr)	2-st sc inc	2-st hdc inc
Double Crochet	Triple Crochet	Quadruple Crochet	2 sc in same stitch	2 hdc in same stitch
				
2-st sc dec	sc through blp	back post sc	tss v#1 (misc #1)	3-st hdc inc
2 sc converge to same stitch	Sc through back loop only		Variation on Tuni- sian Simple Stitch	3 hdc in same stitch
				
3-hdc puff	qc-tc Y stitch	Cut Thread	Start	back post sc