

Flower Moon Mandala



This design was born on the eve before the full moon of May 2023 - the flower moon.

This full moon landed on the 5th day of the 5th month and this pattern is based around the number 5 to celebrate this relationship.



This pattern flowed from me, needing to be brought forth. Coinciding with the inaugural Mandala Day, 7th May 2023, this is my contribution to the celebration of crochet mandalas which have been a huge part of my own crochet journey.



Materials

I used two different yarns by Vegan Yarn UK for this pattern. The blue mandala was made in organic cotton which has a slubby texture and creates a really interesting effect. The lilac mandala was made in thin seaweed yarn which is an unusual fibre but is a joy to work with. Both yarns and more can be found on www.veganyarn.co.uk.

- 4 ply yarn - approximately 10 - 20g
- 4mm hook
- 20cm metal hoop
- Scissors
- Needle for weaving in ends

Gauge

Gauge is not important for this pattern, but bear it in mind if you would like to fit your mandala into a hoop. I used a 20cm hoop and my mandala measured approximately 14cm across at the end of round 6, before attaching to the hoop on round 7.

Stitches

This pattern is written using US crochet terms. If you prefer to use UK terms, please see the UK terms version that is also available.

ch ~ chain

sc ~ single crochet (UK double crochet)

dc ~ double crochet (UK treble crochet)

BS ~ bean stitch (description opposite)

yo ~ yarn over

sl st ~ slip stitch

sp ~ space

st ~ stitch

sk ~ skip

Bean Stitch (BS)

I have seen a few versions of how this stitch is made, so to save confusion I have written here how I have made it in this pattern.

Yo, insert hook into st, pull up loop, yo, insert into same stitch and pull up loop, yo, insert into same stitch and pull up loop, yo and draw through all loops (you will have 7 loops on your hook to draw through).

Chainless tr

Pull up a long loop to the height of a dc st then wrap it around the hook (the hook goes underneath the loop) - this creates 2 loops on the hook. Insert hook into the st, yo and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops, yo and pull through 2 loops.

Pattern

The mandala is worked right-side facing up, there is no turning after each round.

Ch5, sl st to first ch to join into a ring.

Round 1: (BS, ch3) repeat 5 times. Sl st to top of first BS.
(5 BS and 5x ch3 sp)

Round 2: Chainless dc. (5dc into the ch3 sp, dc into the top of BS) repeat 5 times.
(30 dc)

Round 3: BS, chl, BS in next st. Ch5, sk 3 dc.
((BS, chl, BS, chl, BS) over the next 3 dc. Ch5, sk 2 dc) repeat 4 times.
BS in last dc, chl and sl st to top of first BS.
(15 BS, 5x ch5 sp, 10x chl sp)

Round 4: BS, chl, BS in the top of the next BS, chl, BS into ch5 sp.
((Ch3, BS into ch5 sp, chl, (BS, chl) into the top of the next 3 BS, BS into the ch5 sp)) repeat 4 times.
BS into ch5 sp, chl, BS into last unworked BS, chl, sl st to first BS.
(25 BS, 5x ch3 sp, 4x chl sp)



Round 5: Chainless dc. (Dc into chl sp, dc into top of BS) twice. 3dc into the ch5 sp from round 3, going over the ch3 sp of round 4.

(Dc into each BS and chl sp (total of 9 dc), 3dc into the ch5 sp from round 3, going over the ch3 sp of round 4) repeat 4 times.

(Dc into top of BS, dc into ch 1 sp) twice. Sl st to top of chainless dc.
(60 dc)

Note: the 3dc made into the ch5 sp and ch3 sp need to be made so they are the height of your dc of round 5 so that the round looks even.

Round 6: (BS, dc) 3 times. 3dc into next st, dc.
((BS, dc) 5 times, 3dc into next st, dc) repeat 4 times.
(BS, dc) twice. Sl st to the top of the chainless dc.
(25 BS, 45 dc)

Round 7: Ch1, sc in each stitch around. Close the round with an invisible join and fasten off.
(70 sc)

On round 7, if you work your sc around a 20cm metal hoop (like in the blue version below), the mandala will become more circular than a pentagon.

Sew in your ends and your Flower Moon Mandala is finished.



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