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Crochet Pattern: Lavender bouquet



LAVENDER BOUQUET

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Materials

Scheepjes Maxi Sweet Treat

(100% Mercerised Cotton; 25g/140m)

Yarn A 113 Delphinium x 1 ball

Yarn B 412 Forest Green x 1 ball

1.5mm crochet hook

35cm (13½in) floral wire, 0,8mm thick one for each stem of Lavender

Measurements

Stems approx. 35cm (14in) long, can be adjusted by trimming or using a longer wire

Abbreviations (UK terms)

[] number of sts on a given round/row

ch(s) chain(s) or chain stitch(es)

dc double crochet

dtr double treble crochet

htr half treble crochet

rep repeat

RS right side

ss slip stitch(es)

st(s) stitch(es)

yoh yarn over hook

***.....; rep from * once more/twice more/3 more times/**

to end work instructions after * and then repeat that section as specified

Instructions

LAVENDER BUD CLUSTERS & TOP CLUSTER (Make 5-9) and Top Cluster (make 1)

Using Yarn A, make magic ring.

Round 1 (RS) *Ch5, 2dtr in fourth ch from hook, remove hook from loop, insert hook through ch before first dtr, put loop back on hook and pull loop through ch, ch3, ss in same ch as 2 dtr, ss in next ch, ss in mr; rep from * 4 more times or 2 more times for Top Cluster. Do not fully tighten ring at this point, leave an opening of about 2cm. Fasten off. Move yarn ends to front, which will be bottom of the cluster.

Note: To form the tidy shaping of bud, roll each bud between fingers.

ASSEMBLY AND LEAVES

1. Attach Top Cluster: Tighten magic ring around floral wire. Slide top cluster about 0.5-1cm from wire's end, then fold wire over between first and last bud to anchor it. Push cluster to the very top and secure it by tying a few alternating half knots around the wire.

2. Add Second Cluster: Position second cluster just

below top one, covering yarn ends of the first. Tighten the magic ring and secure it with alternating half knots.

3. Attach Yarn B: Thread all remaining bud clusters for this stem (bottom-first) onto Yarn B, pushing them down to make room to work. Tie Yarn B onto the stem just below second cluster, covering any yarn ends.

4. Wrap the Stem: Use Yarn B to wrap stem, covering knots and working downward. Wrap 0.5-3cm, depending on your desired spacing. Lock thread in place by twisting a loop, passing it over the stem, and pulling it tight. Trim any visible ends from the first two clusters. If leaving a larger gap, you can trim ends before wrapping the full section.

Note: Spacing between clusters is up to you and depends on how full you want your Lavender to look.

5. Add Remaining Clusters: Slide next cluster up from bottom of wire. Tighten magic ring around wire, Yarn B, and any untrimmed ends. Secure with alternating half knots. Rep Step 4 to continue wrapping stem. Rep until all clusters are attached.

6. Add Leaves (optional): Continue wrapping the stem until you reach the point where you'd like to add a Leaf. Periodically lock Yarn B using the loop-and-pull method to prevent unravelling.

To Make a Leaf:

- Hold the unwrapped section of wire opposite to hook. With your hook, reach under the stem and pull up a loop of Yarn B over the wire. Yoh and pull through one loop to secure.

- Ch11. Working into the back bumps (or third loops): 1ss in third ch from hook, 1ss, 2dc, 2htr, 2dc, 1ss. 1dc around wire.

- Pull the loop large, remove the hook, and pass the loop over the end of the wire and pull tight to secure.

7. Finish the Stem: Wrap the rest of the wire, adding leaves as you go. Knot Yarn B at the end; add glue for extra hold if needed.

TO FINISH

Shaping

Wet entire stem, then press it between a towel to remove excess water. Gently pull each bud away from the stem, then roll and press it between your fingers to shape a tight bud. Once all buds are formed, lightly brush them upward towards top of stem. Allow stem to dry completely.

Tip! To add a natural green tint where the stem meets the bud, gently brush on pastel dust (light green with a touch of yellow) using a small flat brush.