

Flower Potholders for 2011 Potholder Swap by Jennifer Martin

This is how I make my potholders- it is similar to the Gehaekelte Topflappen, but more of an adaptation. Please let me know if you have any questions or comments- via Ravelry PM (user: Bluej) or email below.

Finished size 7.5" (aprox. 9cm) in diameter

Supplies

Hobby Lobby I Love This Cotton! Solids (100g, 165m/180yds)

US size F hook (3.75mm)

Yarn needle

Plastic or bone ring (optional)

Gauge is not essential- it's more important to have a tight fabric than to get the exact dimensions. If using thinner yarn, repeat row 6 once more and adjust joining instructions accordingly.

Front and Back (make 2)

- 1) Starting with a magic loop, ch 3 and dc 15 in loop. Join with sl st. (15 sts)
- 2) Ch 3, 2dc in each dc around. Join with sl st. (30 sts)
- 3) Ch 3, * dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc. Repeat from * around. Join with sl st. (45 sts)
- 4) Ch 3, dc in same st, ch 1, 2dc in same st, * skip 2 sts, (2dc, ch 1, 2dc) in next st. Repeat from * around. Join with sl st. Then sl st 2 more sts in order to end the round in a ch 1 space. (15 shells)
- 5) Ch 3, dc in same st, ch 1, 2 dc in same st, * (2dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch 1 space. Repeat from * around. Join with sl st. Sl st 2 more to end round in ch 1 space.
- 6) Ch 3, 2dc in same st, ch 1, 3dc in same st, * (3dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next ch 1 space. Repeat from * around. Join with sl st. Sl st 3 more to end round in ch 1 space.
- 7) Ch 3, 6dc in same st, * 7dc in next ch 1 space. Repeat from * around. Join with sl st. Fasten off. *Weave ends in.*

Joining Front & Back

(The petals are made while joining, outlining the edges, then going towards the middle through front and back.)

Make sure the right side is facing out on front and back. Line up the edges.

Pull up a loop in between two of any of the shells.

Ch 1, * sc in next 7 sts (making sure to go through both layers). Sc in between the 2 shells.

Ch 1, sc around the row below (in between the same 2 shells you just did, only on row 6).

Ch 1, sc around row 5.

Ch 1, sc around row 4 (there are 2 skipped sts available, 1 sc into the closest one, ch 1, then sc into the other).

Ch 1, sc around row 5.

Ch 1, sc around row 6.

Ch 1, sc around row 7.

Repeat from * around, until you arrive where you started. Sc around a plastic or bone ring, then fasten off.

Alternately you could chain your own hook, or leave it off entirely. Weave in ends!