

## Large Flower Decoration

### Yarn Bombing Flower

This makes a fairly stiff flower that will hold its shape.

**Yarn:** 2 strands of worsted weight held together throughout. 90 total yards (1.7 oz) It works better if the yarn isn't too soft. I used Red Heart Super Saver. One combo of colors for the center, and one for the petals. I used:

Center: Yellow and Cream - Petals: Aqua and Light Blue

**Hook:** J (6mm)

**Notes:** Leave long tails to tie flowers to a fence or other object if desired.

**Finished size:** 9" across

### Special stitch:

**Puff Stitch:** yo, insert hook in st, pull this and all the loops up to the height of a dc, (yo, insert hook in same st, pull up a loop) 3 more times, yo and pull through all loops on hook. Ch 1 to close the stitch.

### Abbreviations:

St = stitch, yo = yarn over, sc =single crochet, dc = double crochet, tr = triple crochet, sl st = slip stitch

**Center:** (with yellow and cream held together)

Round 1: In a magic ring make 5 sc (don't join, you will make a small spiral)

Round 2: (work over the starting tail in this round to secure) 2 sc in first 2 sts, 1 sc in next st, 2 sc in next 2 sts, join to 1<sup>st</sup> sc of round - 9 sc.



Round 3: Ch 2, Puff st in same st as join, ch 1 (this is in addition to closing ch of Puff st). (Puff st, ch1) in each st around – 9 puff sts, 9 ch spaces). Join to first puff st with a sl st. End yarn.

**Petals:** (with aqua and blue held together)

**Round 4:** You will be creating something that looks like spokes on a wheel to make a base for each petal. Join the aqua and blue in any ch space between puff sts. Sc in same sp, ch 7. Working back down the ch – sk first ch, sc in next 6 ch. 2 sc in same ch space. \*(2 sc in next sp, ch 7, sk 1<sup>st</sup> ch, sc in next 6 ch, 2 sc in same sp) repeat from \* around. 1 sc in starting sp. Don't join. 9 spokes formed.



**Round 5:** \*sc in first sc. Now working up the spoke: sc in remaining loop on first ch of the first spoke. Hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 ch, tr in next 2 ch. Working into the chain that you skipped when you turned at the top of the spoke: make 5 dc into the skipped ch.



Now working into the sc on the other side of the spoke: tr in first 2 sc, dc in next 2 sc, hdc in next, sc in next in next, now working between the spokes, sc in next sc, sk 2 sc (between the spokes) repeat from \* around. Join to first sc.



**Round 6:** remove hook from loop, insert hook in the last sc of the petal you just made, then insert hook back into the loop, and then from back to front in the first sc of the next petal, yo and pull through all loops on hook (see picture 1 below). \*Sl st in next st and in each st around petal to the last sc on the petal – as you go around the curve of the petal, pull your sl sts long enough so your petals stay flat. insert hook in the sc, then skip 2 sts and insert your hook into the first sc on the next petal from back to front, yo and pull through all loops on hook. Repeat from \* around. On the last petal, sl st into the last hdc, then into the starting joining st and end off.



Picture 1: First join (live loop is in middle)



Picture 2: Rest of joins (live loop on right)

