THE MINI BLOOM BALLOON

Designed by Crocheted by Tess in collaboration with Falkgarn

Skill level

Intermediate

Materials

Yarn: Falkgarn - Emma

Colors:

Vit (White) - 851

Ljusblå (Light blue) - 834

Jeans (Jeans) - 346

Grön kaki (Green kaki) - 823

Ecru (Ecru) - 005

Crochet hook: Clover Amour 2,5 mm

Other materials are a piece of fishing thread to hang it up with when finished, some stuffing, scissor and needle.

Stitch markers, a big warming cup of tea and something sweet to nibble on is not mandatory but well recommended.

Abbreviations (US terms) - *The stitches marked with * describes further below the headline "Special stitches".*

mc - magic circle

s - stitch

ss - slip stitch

ch - chain stitch

ch-sp - chain space

sc - single crochet

asc - attaching single crochet*

hdc - half double crochet

dc - double crochet

sdc - standing double crochet (can be replaced by 2 ch)

tr - treble crochet

ttr - triple treble crochet

fp - front post

bp - back post

dtr - double treble crochet

fp.ttr.2tog - front post triple treble two together

fp.ttr.tr.ttr.3tog - front post triple treble, treble, triple treble three together

pc1 - picot 1*

pc2 - picot 2*

pop - popcorn *

s.pop - start popcorn*

r - round

flo - front loop only

blo - back loop only

inc - increase (2 stitches in one)

dec - decrease (2 stitches together)

{...} - crochet all in the same stitch

… -repeat instructions the entire round, or as many times as stipulated

(...) - total number of stitches for the round

Special stitches

- asc - attaching singel crochet

Begin as a regular single crochet (two loops on you hook). Put the hook through the stated stitch, yarn over and pull through all four loops (the two green ones from the leaf and the blue ones from the balloon).

- pc1 - picot1

Chain 2, and make a single crochet through the first chain stitch you made.

- pc2 - picot2

Chain 3, and make a single crochet through the first chain stitch you made.

- pop - popcorn

Make 4 double crochet in the specified stitch, drop the loop and then insert the hook in the first double crochet you made. With the hook still placed through the first double crochet: grab the dropped loop and pull it through. Secure with a chain stitch.

- s. pop - start popcorn

It's just the same as a regular popcorn but you begin with a standing dc, or 2 chain stitches, then crochet 3 double crochets in the same stitch. Finish as a regular popcorn.

Other information

- The finished mini bloom balloon measures approximately 6 cm wide and 15 cm tall.

- Crochet the front post stitches a bit looser to have more "give" to them.

- If nothing else is stated; each round ends with a slip stitch in the first stitch. The following round begins with a chain stitch to get the proper height and does not count as a stitch in the pattern.

- Please keep counting your stitches throughout the pattern. It's really important for the overlays to end up correctly.

Pattern

The bottom piece - 834

Crochets in a spiral.

R1. 7 sc in a mc. (7 sc)

R2. *inc*. (14 sc)

R3. *sc, inc*. (21 sc)

Cut the thread and secure. Put aside until the end.

The balloon basket - 005

Crochets in a spiral.

R1. 6 sc in mc. (6 sc)

R2. *inc*. (12 sc)

R3. *sc, inc*. (18 sc)

R4. 2 sc, *hdc, {2 dc, ch, 2 dc}, hdc, 3 sc,* sc. (9 sc, 6 hdc, 12 dc, 3 ch)

R5. *ss in flo*. (30 ss)

R6. Is worked in blo! ch, ss in blo from round 5. *dec, 2 sc*, 2 sc. (23 sc)

R7. *hdc*. (23 hdc)

R8. *sc*. (23 sc)

R9. *ss, {ss, pc2, ss}*. (32 ss, 11 pc2)

The center of the flower - 851

R1. 7 sc in a mc. (7 sc)

R2. S.pop, *pop*. (7 pop)

Cut the thread and fast off. You will now continue on with the beginning of the balloon. We'll get back to the flower after this.

The balloon - 834

R3. Work this round entierly in the chain stitches from round 2.

If you're not use to work those standing stitches you can do chains instead: attach the yarn with a slip stitch in the chain stitch from round 2, then work 2 chain stitches.

{sdc, dc}, *inc*. (14 dc)

Now, place a stitch marker around the **last two double crochets** you just did. It's really important that you start round 14 in these and in no other pair.

When finished this round you'll notice that you work is bending a lot (!) and that's perfectly fine. It's meant to do so, don't worry about it.

R4. *sc, inc*. (21 sc)

R5. *2 sc, inc*. (28 sc)

R6. inc, *3 sc, inc*, 3 sc (35 sc)

R7. *4 sc, inc*. (42 sc)

R8. 3 sc, *inc, 5 sc*, inc, 2 sc. (49 sc)

Don't cut the thread, just secure it with a stitch marker and leave it be for the time.

The flower petals - 346

The first layer.

Join with a ss in a pop from round 2.

R9. *ch 2, ss in the next pop*. (7 ch sp, 7 ss)

R10. Work only in the ch sp:s from round 9: skip all the ss.

{ss, hdc, dc, hdc, ss}. (14 ss, 14 hdc, 7 dc)

You'll now have made seven petals, the next round is worked in these.

R11. Skip all the ss:s from round 10. *ss in the hdc, {2 sc, pc1, sc} in the dc, ss in the hdc*. (14 ss, 21 sc, 7 pc1)

The second layer.

R12. Work behind the first petal layer and begin with a ch followed by a ss in the ss from round 10 (see pic).

ch 3, ss. (7 ch sp, 7 ss)

 The needles shows where to place the ss:s.

R13. Work entirely in the ch sp:s from round 12.

{ss, hdc, dc, tr, dc, hdc, ss}. (14 ss, 14 hdc, 14 dc, 7 tr)

Cut the thread and fast off (ONLY 346!).

Flower leaf - 823

It's time to make those three flower leafs. Join with a ss through the **last (!)** two dc:s from round 3 on the balloon (se pic). You'll now be pretty happy that you placed a stitch marker around these because it can be quite hard to tell otherwise.

R14. *ch 3, ss* 5 times, ch 4, skip a petal, ss in the next two dc:s. (6 ch sp, 6 ss)

R15. Please note that each leaf is worked over two ch sp:s!

{ss to the next ch sp, sc, hdc, dc, dc, tr, tr, pc2}, {tr, tr, dc, dc, hdc, sc, ss}.

(6 ss, 6 sc, 6 hdc, 12 dc, 12 tr, 3 pc2)

Cut the thread and fast off (ONLY 823!). Let's continue with the balloon again.

The balloon - 834

R16. It's now time to fasten the leaf to the balloon so grab the loop from before. It's happening a lot this round so I've listed the steps to clarify. Please be careful not to skip any stitches, the hidden ones behind the fp.tr:s are easy to miss.

Fp.tr:s are worked around the ss from round 14, (between the leafs). The needle shows where they are to be placed.

5 sc, asc,

8 sc, fp.tr,

8 sc, asc,

7 sc, fp.tr,

8 sc, asc,

7 sc, fp.tr,

3 sc.

(46 sc, 3 asc, 3 fp.tr)

R17. Please note that all decreases is worked in the fp.tr:s and the following stitch from the previous round.

14 sc, dec, 15 sc, dec, 15 sc, dec, 2 sc. (49 sc)

R18-19. *sc*. (49 sc)

R20.

8 sc, fp.tr around the leaf,

8 sc, fp.tr around the fp.tr from round 19,

9 sc, fp.tr around the leaf,

7 sc, fp.tr around the fp.tr from round 19,

9 sc, , fp.tr around the leaf,

7 sc, , fp.tr around the fp.tr from round 19, sc. (49 sc, 6 fp tr).

R21. 8 sc, dec, 7 sc, dec, 8 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 8 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec. (49 sc)

R22. *sc*. (49 sc)

R23. 3 sc, dec, *5 sc, dec*, 2 dec. (42 dec)

R24. Now comes the tricky part: you will make three legs that will begin from the fp tr coming down **from** the leafs. And around the other fp tr:s that are coming down **between** the leafs you will make two fp tr together. Crystal clear? Hihi. You can do it! Let's go.

 4 sc, fp.ttr.2tog around the right and the fp.tr from round 20

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4 sc, fp.ttr.2tog.,

7 sc, fp.ttr.2tog.,

4 sc, fp.tr,

3 sc, fp.ttr.2tog.,

7 sc, fp.ttr.2tog.,

4 sc, fp.tr,

3 fm, rel.tst.fram.2tills.,

2 sc.

(42 sc, 3 fp tr, 6 fp.ttr.2tog.)

R25. 4 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 2 sc, dec, 6 sc, dec, 3 sc, dec, 2 sc, dec, sc. (42 sc)

R26. 2 sc, dec, *4 sc, dec*, 2 sc. (35 sc)

R27. Now you'll make the bottom part of the pattern by crocheting around those fp stitches from round 24. See pics below!

8 sc, fp.ttr.tr.ttr.3tog.,

12 sc, fp.ttr.tr.ttr.3tog .,

12 sc, fp.ttr.tr.ttr.3tog., 3 sc.

(35 sc, 3 fp.ttr.tr.ttr.3tog.)

R28. 8 sc, dec, 11 sc, dec, 11 sc, dec, 2 sc. (35 sc)

R29. *sc*. (35 sc)

R30. 2 sc, dec, *3 sc, dec*, sc. (28 sc)

R31. *sc*. (28 sc)

R32. *2 sc, dec*. (21 sc)

R33. Crochet each fp.ttr around the fp.ttr.tr.ttr.3tog from round 27.

7 sc, fp.ttr, 8 sc, fp.ttr, 6 sc, fp.ttr. (21 sc, 3 fp.ttr)

R34. 7 sc, dec, 7 sc, dec, 4 sc, dec. (21 sc)

R35. *sc*. (21 sc)

R36. Crochet each fp.dc around the fp.ttr from round 33.

sc, fp.dc, 8 sc, fp.dc, 8 sc, fp.dc, sc. (21 sc, 3 fp.dc)

R37. sc, dec, 7 sc, dec, 7 sc, dec, 3 sc. (21 sc)

Now its time to stuff, but don't cut the thread. You'll use it to attach the bottom piece to it.
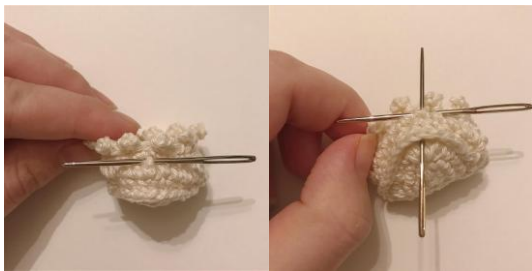
Assembly

1. The balloon and bottom piece

Place the bottom piece against the opening of the balloon and join together with slip stitches. (21 ss)

Finish off with an invisible join and put the needle through the balloon several times to secure. Shape the balloon with your hands.

2. The balloon, the basket and the ropes

Make a ss in the hdc (basket, round 7) that is placed right above the ch from round 4.

Chain 15 and attach the rope to the balloon around the fp dc (balloon, round 36).

Cut the thread but keep a bit of lenght. Attach it by putting the needle through the balloon several times.

Repeat these steps for the other two ropes.

2. Hanging

This is for sure the easiest step in the pattern. Tie a fishing line in the middle of the flowers center, make a loop at the other end and then voila! It's done.

Well done!

A final little thing before you put this pattern away: please let me know if you find any faults or things to be unclear. And I would absolutely love to see your progress and finished balloons so please tag me in your pics in social media.

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I hope you've had a great time and will enjoy your balloons!

//Tess

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