

Develop your amigurumi skills with these cheerful flower pots

Ever tried transforming an empty paper cup into a beautiful crocheted item? Well, here's your chance! Upcycling is a hot trend right now and Lynne Rowe has been really innovative creating these stunning crocheted pot plants. Formed by working around reused fast food drink containers (washed and dried first, of course!), these glorious floral displays will brighten up any desk or windowsill, while allowing you to practise all kinds of stitches during the making process. Best of all, these are two plants that will never need watering!

Stitches used:

Double crochet (dc)
Treble (tr)
Slip stitch (sl st)
Double crochet two together (dc2tog)
Magic ring
Chain (ch)
Double treble (dtr)

Large flower in pot

flower pot

Rnd 1: using 5.5mm hook and yellow yarn and using magic ring method form a loop and work 6dc into ring. Six sts. Pull tail end of yarn tight to close loop

Rnd 2: 2dc into every st. 12 sts

Rnd 3: (1dc, 2dc into next st) six times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: (1dc, 1dc, 2dc into next st) six times. 24 sts

Rnd 5: (1dc, 1dc, 1dc, 2dc into next st) six times. 30 sts

Rnd 6: working in back loops only for this rnd, 1dc into every st

Rnds 7-9: 1dc into every st
 Change to blue yarn

Rnds 10-11: 1dc

into every st

Rnd 12: (1dc into each of next 14 sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 32 sts

Change to yellow yarn

Rnd 13: 1dc into every st

Rnd 14: 1dc into each of next seven sts, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next 15 sts, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next eight sts. 34 sts
 Change to white yarn

Rnd 15: 1dc into every st

Rnd 16: (1dc into each of next 16 sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 36 sts

Rnd 17: 1dc into every st

Change to yellow yarn

Rnd 18: 1dc into each of next nine sts, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next 17 sts, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next eight sts. 38 sts

Rnd 19: 1dc into every st
 Change to blue yarn

Rnd 20: (1dc into each of next 18 sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 40 sts

Rnd 21: 1dc into every st

Rnd 22: 1dc into each of next nine sts, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next 19 sts, 2dc into next st, 1dc into each of next ten sts. 42 sts
 Change to yellow yarn

Rnd 23: 1dc into every st

Rnd 24: (1dc into each of next 13 sts, 2dc into next st) three times. 45 sts

Rnds 25-27: 1dc into every st

Rnd 28: working in front loops only for this rnd, (3tr into next st, miss one st, sl st in next st) to end
 Sl st into next st, cut yarn and pull through st on hook

Tie off and trim all loose yarn ends inside flower pot

pistil and stem

Rnd 1: using 5.5mm hook and yellow yarn and magic ring method form a loop and work 8dc into ring. Eight sts. Pull tail end of yarn tight to close loop

Rnd 2: (1dc, 1tr into next st) eight times. 16 sts

Rnd 3: (1tr, 1dc, 1tr into next st, 1dc, 1tr, 1dc into next st) four times. 24 sts

Rnd 4: (1dc, 1tr, 1dc, 1tr into next st) eight times. 32 sts
 Sl st into next st.

Remove hook, turn work so that underside is facing and replace hook into st. **Note:** underside is RS of flower head and is now facing you. Smooth side is

inside of flower head

Rnd 5: working in back loops only for this rnd, 1dc into every st

Rnd 6: 1dc into every st

Rnd 7: working in back loops only for this rnd, (2dc, dc2tog) eight times. 24 sts

Rnd 8: (1dc, dc2tog) eight times. 16 sts

Fill flower head firmly with toy filling

Rnd 9: (1dc, 1dc, dc2tog) four times. 12 sts

Change to green yarn

Rnd 10: Work in front loops only for this rnd, 1dc into every st

Rnd 11: (1dc into each of next four sts, dc2tog) twice. Ten sts

Rnd 12: (1dc into each of next three sts, dc2tog) twice. Eight sts

Use blunt end of crochet hook to push more toy filling into flower head until it is firm

Rnd 13: 1dc into every st, cont to work in a spiral on these eight sts, working 1dc into every st until stem meas approximately 15cm

to make up

Place chopstick into lid with thinner end sticking out at the top, make a mark with a pencil at the

point where chopstick meets lid. Place crocheted stem over chopstick and check that it covers

chopstick up to pencil mark. Crochet a few more rnds if necessary. Carefully remove stem and chopstick from cup lid. Wrap wadding lengthways around top end of chopstick, as far as pen mark. Wrap it tightly, making sure it overlaps around chopstick. Trim any wadding that lies beneath pen mark. Stitch wadding firmly around chopstick and

stitch across top securely, so that chopstick won't push its way out. Gently push covered chopstick into stem until you reach toy filling in flower head. Place chopstick back through lid to make sure stem is still long enough to reach lid. Crochet an extra rnd





or two if necessary
Note: you will need to crochet around chopstick as follows:

grass

Note: hold stem upside down and crochet around chopstick

- Rnd 1:** working in front loops only for this rnd, 2dc into every st. 16 sts
 - Rnd 2:** (1dc, 2dc into next st) eight times. 24 sts
 - Rnd 4:** (1dc, 1dc, 2dc into next st) eight times. 32 sts
 - Rnd 5:** (1dc, 1dc 1dc, 2dc into next st) eight times. 40 sts
 - Rnd 6:** (1dc, 1dc, 1dc, 1dc, 2dc into next st) eight times. 48 sts
 - Rnd 7:** 1dc into every st
 - Rnd 8:** work in back loops only for this rnd, 1dc into every st
 - Rnd 9:** (1dc into each of next five sts, dc2tog) seven times. 42 sts
- Sl st into next st, cut yarn and pull through loop on hook. Grass will fit snugly over lid and around sides



MEET OUR DESIGNER

“I had such fun designing these plants. They are admired by visitors and are certainly a conversation piece. They make a perfect gift for someone who isn't great at keeping houseplants alive!”

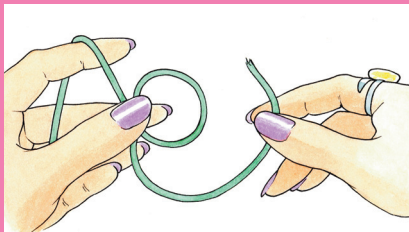
Lynne Rowe was taught to knit and crochet as a child and is now a successful designer and runs knit and crochet workshops. You can find more patterns from Lynne in her folksy shop: www.lynnespatternparlour.folksy.com

Stitch Dictionary
 double treble (dtr)

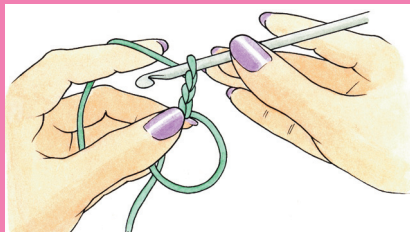
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MAGIC RING

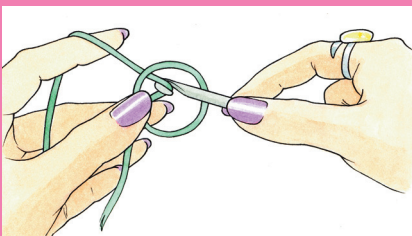
The magic ring is an easy way of beginning to work in the round, often used when making amigurumi toys



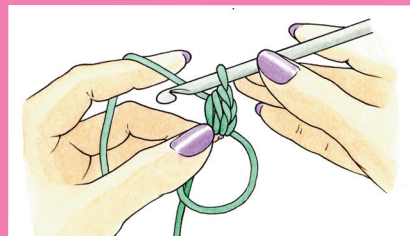
1 Make a large loop by putting the yarn tail behind the working yarn.



3 3 ch (counts as first treble). Tr into the loop, crocheting over the tail.



2 With your hook, draw the working yarn through the loop, so you have one loop on the hook.



4 Continue to work as many stitches as needed into the loop. Once finished, untwist the tail if necessary then pull to close the loop.

Let's Get Together

Made one of these crochet flower pots? We'd love to see your photos of them! Join the conversation:

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pot plant

flower petals

(make six)

Rnd 1: using 5.5mm hook and pink yarn and magic ring method, form a loop and work 5dc into ring. Five sts. Pull tail end of yarn tight to close loop

Rnd 2: 2dc into every st. Ten sts

Rnd 3: (1dc into each of next four sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 12 sts

Rnd 4: (1dc into each of next five sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 14 sts

Rnd 5: (1dc into each of next six sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 16 sts

Rnd 6: (1dc into each of next seven sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 18 sts

Rnd 7: (1dc into each of next eight sts, 2dc into next st) twice. 20 sts

Rnds 8-9: 1dc into every st

Rnd 10: (1dc into each of next eight sts, dc2tog) twice. 18 sts

Rnd 11: (1dc into each of next seven sts, dc2tog) twice. 16 sts

Rnd 12: (1dc into each of next six sts, dc2tog) twice. 14 sts

Rnd 13: (1dc into each of next five sts, dc2tog) twice. 12 sts

Rnd 14: (1dc into each of next four sts, dc2tog) twice. Ten sts

Rnd 15: 1dc into every st

Sl st into next st. Cut yarn and pull through loop on hook. Make two more pink petals. Make three white petals, changing to pink at Rnd 13

to make up

Pin petals in place around pistil, then stitch firmly along edge of each petal and up side of each petal for approx 1cm. This will help petal to lean forwards. Tie off all loose ends of yarn and trim. Add seed beads or a button to centre of flower. Fill cup with modelling clay until approx 2-3cm high, making a higher mound in the middle to support chopstick. Place lid on cup. Place cup into crocheted flowerpot and fold top edge of flowerpot down 2cm. Place chopstick, stem and flower into cup lid, pushing chopstick down into modelling clay. Gently ease grass over lid and sides. Fold flowerpot up around sides of lid and grass and pin into place, then stitch around with matching yarn from outside, using small running stitches underneath the frill

flower pot

Work as for Large Flower, using orange yarn instead of yellow. Fill cup with modelling clay for approx 2cm to add weight to pot. Place lid onto cup and insert cup into crocheted flower pot

grass

Rnd 1: using 5.5mm hook and green yarn, work 1dc into each back loop of flowerpot at Rnd 28. 45 sts

Rnd 2: (1dc, 1dc, 1dc, dc2tog) nine times. 36 sts



Rnd 3: 1dc into every st

Rnd 4: (1dc, 1dc, dc2tog) nine times. 27 sts

Rnd 5: (1dc, dc2tog) nine times. 18 sts. Fill gap between lid and grass with toy filling to create a small mound

Rnd 6: (dc2tog) nine times. Nine sts

Rnd 7: (1dc, 1dc, dc2tog, 1dc, 1dc, 1dc, dc2tog). Seven sts

Cut yarn and pull through loop on hook. Flatten out grass and

pull flower pot back into shape

flowers

Rnd 1: Using 5.5mm hook and orange yarn make a magic ring and work 3ch (does not count as st). 15tr into ring. Sl st into third of first 3ch. 15 sts

Pull magic ring tight to close hole

Change to blue yarn
Rnd 2: make five petals over three sts as folls: (1dc, 1tr into next st, 1tr, 1dtr, 1tr into next st, 1tr 1dc

into next st) five times. Five petals made. Sl st into first dc. Cut yarn and pull through loop on hook. Tie off and trim loose yarn ends, then stitch a button to flower centre. Make six more flowers in foll colours: Orange centre, blue petals; Yellow centre, white petals; White centre, blue petals; Blue centre, white petals;

Yellow centre, blue petals; White centre, pink petals. Stitch flowers to grass

leaves

Using 5.5mm hook and green yarn make 9ch

Row 1: miss first ch, 1dc, 1tr, 1tr, 1dtr, 1dtr, 1tr, sl st. Cut yarn and pull through loop on hook. Use yarn ends to stitch leaves between flowers



take it further

Why not try making Karen Wiederhold's crocheted garland for additional floral home decor? Turn to page 17



LGC says...

"Who knew a paper cup could end up looking so pretty? I'd love to have a few of these flowerpots in the office!"

Gabriella Blake, Editorial Assistant

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