Simple Tunisian Flower (Crochet)

with YouTube Help Video

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Here's a nice flower with petals made with the Tunisian simple stitch. You do not need any special Tunisian or afghan hook – your regular crochet hook will work just fine. You can adjust the size of the flower by using a different weight thread or yarn. The sample flowers use DK weight yarn; however, you can use a worsted weight for a larger flower, and a bulky weight for an even larger flower. Just because the word simple is in the title - it's not necessary an extremely easy flower or one for beginners. Its name comes from the Tunisian Simple Stitch - or TSS - which is used to create the petals. Check out the how-to video on the Naztazia YouTube channel here: http://youtube.com/naztazia And feel free to Pin photos or check out other info at: http://naztazia.com

Materials:

Small amounts of Red Heart Baby Hugs Light yarn (DK weight). You can use Red Heart Super Saver for a larger flower. You can use 1 color or 2 colors (Color A = center; Color B = petals).

Size F (3.75 mm) crochet hook. A regular crochet hook works just fine. No need for a Tunisian or afghan hook. Sewing yarn needle. Scissors.

Optional button for center decoration.

Visit http://naztazia.com for where to purchase supplies.

Size/Gauge

Size 4 inches in diameter.

Terminology:

CH = Chain	DC = Double Crochet	RPT = Repeat
SLST = Slip Stitch	ST= Stitch	TSS = Tunisian simple stitch

Instructions:

Watch the YouTube tutorial video here: http://youtube.com/naztazia Look for "Simple Tunisian Flower."

CENTER:

RND 1: With Color A, make a magic ring. CH 3. Make 11 DC in ring. Close ring. SLST to 3rd CH.

PETALS:

RND 2: Change to Color B (optional). RPT [CH 3, skip 1, SLST in next ST) around. Total 6 CH-loops.

RND 3:

Petal #1:

ROW 1: SLST into adjacent loop. CH 5. Using Tunisian simple stitch style crochet, draw up loops in the 4 CHs. Draw up 1 loop in the CH-3 loop. Yarn over, pull through first loop. RPT [Yarn over, pull through next 2 loops] until 1 loop remains.

ROWS 2-4: Draw up loops under the next 4 bars. Draw up 1 loop in the CH-3 loop. Yarn over, pull through first loop. RPT [Yarn over, pull through next 2 loops] until 1 loop remains.

ROW 5: SLST loosely down the petal along the 4 bars. SLST into 1 more loop. SLST into the next CH-3 loop.

Petals #2-5:

RPT Petal #1.

FINISH:

Fasten off. Secure all ends. If you like the petals to slightly curl, leave as is. If you want a flatter flower, wet or steam block the item. Sew or glue on a decorative button in the center if desired.