

Crochet Succulents

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Warmer temperatures and longer days have me yearning for Spring! I've started getting into gardening again. While I was propagating succulents I thought, "Why not crochet one?". This thought prompted a crochet succulent journey. I've experimented with a few patterns & techniques to come up with something that I think looks really true to nature.



Rosette Succulent

a free crochet pattern from picotpals.com

Finished Size

3" in diameter (7.62 cm)

Materials

- 3.25 mm crochet hook (this one is my favorite)
- worsted weight cotton or acrylic yarn
- tapestry needle

Abbreviations (US terms)

- BLO – back loop only
- ch – chain
- ch sp – chain space
- dc – double crochet
- hdc – half double crochet
- inc – single crochet increase
- mc – magic circle
- p – picot (see special stitches)
- sc – single crochet
- sl st – slip stitch

Special Stitches

picot – ch 2, skip first ch from hook, sl st

Pattern Notes

- Rows 1-4 are Worked in joined rounds
- Rows 2-4 are worked in the BLO.
- Rows 1-4 make a base for the other rows to be worked on top of.



Pattern Instructions

Row 1: 6 sc in mc (6)

Row 2: inc in each st (12)

Row 3: *inc, sc* 6 times (18)

Row 4: *inc, 2 sc* 6 times (24)

Finish Off. Weave in ends on the wrong side of your work.

Reattach yarn in the 1st st of row 1.

Row 5: *ch 2, skip next st, sc* 3 times. (the last sc will be worked in the first st of the row)

Work on top of row 5.

Row 6: *sl st into ch sp, ch 1, sc, ch 1, 2 hdc, ch 1, sc, sl st* 3 times

Finish Off. Weave in ends on the wrong side of your work.

Reattach yarn to 2nd st of row 2.

Row 7: *ch 4, skip 3 st, sc* 3 times. (the last sc will be worked in the first st of the row)

Work on top of row 7.

Row 8: *sl st into ch sp, ch 1, 4 dc, ch 1, sl st* 3 times

Finish Off. Weave in ends on the wrong side of your work.

Reattach yarn to 1st st of row 3.

Row 9: *ch 3, skip 2 st, sc* 6 times (the last sc will be worked in the first st of the row)

Work on top of row 9.

Row 10: *sl st into ch sp, sc, ch 1, 2 dc, p, 2 dc, ch 1, sc, sl st* 6 times

Finish Off. Weave in ends on the wrong side of your work.

Reattach yarn to 1st st of row 4.

Row 11: *ch 4, skip 3 st* 6 times (the last sc will be worked in the first st of the row)

Work on top of row 11.

Row 12: *sl st into ch sp, sc, ch 1, 2 dc, p, 2 dc, ch 1, sc, sl st* 6 times

Finish Off.

Weave the tail through the loops underneath each petal and pull tightly.

Weave in ends on the wrong side of your work.

If you're having trouble figuring out this pattern, try watching this tutorial by Crochet Owl:

It's time to color in your succulent! You can use a bunch of different items from around your home. Here are a few items that can be used to color crochet:

- chalk pastels
- eye shadow (I can confirm that this works well!)
- hair chalk
- alcohol inks (these dry down quickly)
- watered down acrylic paints
- fabric markers
- brush pens

I used brush pens, cotton swabs, and a little bit of water to paint my succulents. You can get the same pens that I used [here](#).



Once I applied the ink, I used a damp cotton swab to distribute the color a little more evenly for a natural looking effect. This seemed to work well on both acrylic and cotton yarns.



I had a lot of fun experimenting with different pigments! The one to the far left was colored with a reddish toned eye shadow. The one in the center is bare. The one to the far right was painted with green and pink brush pens.

I'll definitely be making more of these! I love DIYs that satiate my succulent obsession.

