

Holiday Poinsettia

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Materials: Red and yellow yarn or thread and hook appropriate for yarn or thread used
Photo shows worsted weight yarn, an I hook

Size: Depends on materials used
Poinsettia in photo: small leaves are about 4" and large leaves about 5"

Abbreviations:

ch - chain
dc - double crochet
hdc - half double crochet
sc - single crochet
sl st - slip stitch
st - stitch
tr - triple crochet

Special Stitches:

Picot - ch 2, sl st in second chain from hook

Instructions:

With yellow, make an adjustable ring

Round 1: ch 1, work 10 sc in ring, join in front loop only with a sl st, and pull ring closed

Note: Do not sew that tail in yet as the adjustable ring tends to reopen as you do the next rounds. You can pull it closed again if you need to later.

Round 2: working in front loops only (ch 3, sl st same stitch), (sl st in next st, ch 3, sl st in same st) in each sc around (10 ch-3 spaces—count them) join with a sl st to first st, finish off yellow.

Round 3: Join red with a sc in back loop of any sc from round 1, (hdc, dc) in same stitch, in next back loop work (dc, hdc, sc), * in next back loop work (sc, hdc, dc), in next back loop work (dc, hdc, sc), rep from * rep from * around, join with sl st to top of beg sc

Round 4: ch 1 (counts as first sc), hdc in hdc from previous round, (dc, tr) in dc from previous round, picot for tip, (tr, dc) in next dc from previous round, hdc in next stitch, sc in next st, * sc in sc, hdc in hdc, (dc, tr) in dc from previous round, picot for tip, (tr, dc) in next dc from previous round, hdc in next stitch, sc in next st, rep from * around, join with sl st, finish off (5 points)

Now turn your poinsettia over. You will be working in the ch-3 loops with red. Holding piece with a point on top, there are two ch-3 loops associated with it (and each 2 shell leaf). Choose the one on the left to begin.

Round 5: Join red with sc in the ch-3 space from round 2 indicated above, (dc, tr, picot) in same space, in next ch-3 space (tr, dc, sc), * in next ch-3 space work (sc, dc, tr, picot), in next ch-3 space (tr, dc,

sc), repeat from * around. Join with a sl st to beginning sc.

Note: Your purpose is to get the points of this round BETWEEN the points of the previous round, so if you note that is not happening, then start over, beginning one ch-3 space over from where you joined before.

Finish off.

Sew in tails.

Blocking:

You can use your favorite method for blocking the type of material you used.

I used acrylic worsted weight yarn. This is how I blocked mine:

Lay completed poinsettia on your blocking material. I used a piece of foam which I sat on top of a small box. Another idea is to wrap a piece of cardboard in felt. You can find other ideas on the Internet with information on how to make your own blocking board or you can purchase materials specifically made for blocking.

With rust proof pins, pin it into the proper shape. With a spray bottle, spray water on your poinsettia. Blot it with a towel to remove excess moisture. Allow to dry. When thoroughly dry, remove pins and enjoy your poinsettia.