Crochet Layered Rose: Free Pattern for a Rose Appliqué and Brooch

Crochet a small ring, work three layers of five petals around it, each new layer behind the one before and a little bigger, then roll a strip into a tight spiral and sew it into the middle. In DK yarn on a 3.5 mm hook the rose comes out about 6 cm across. Sew it to a bag, put a brooch pin on the back, or tie it onto a present.

This is our own design. A script checks every round against the one before it, and the size is an estimate worked out from a gauge.

Not for babies. A rose on a brooch pin or a hair clip is a small part, so keep it to bags, gift wrap and grown-up accessories. The handmade baby gift safety checklist (https://crochetbabygifts.com/handmade-baby-gift-safety-checklist/) explains why.

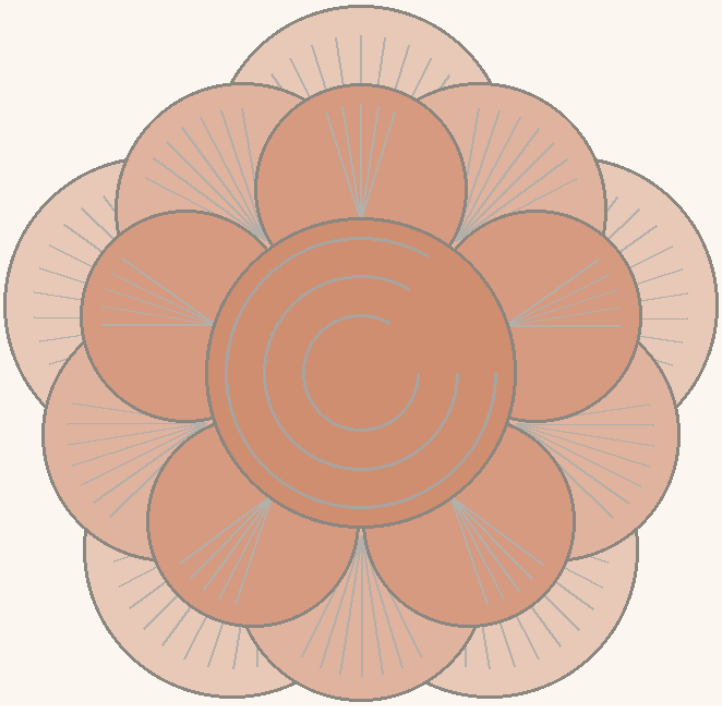
The layers

Layer	Petals	Loop	Each petal	Stitches a petal
Inner	5	ch 3	sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc	7
Middle	5	ch 5	sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc	9
Outer	5	ch 7	sc, hdc, 7 dc, hdc, sc	11

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Layered rose: three layers of petals

Front view, drawn to scale. Each layer sits behind the one before, turned half a petal.



About 6.0 cm across. Loops of 3, 5, 7 chains.

Measurements from the layer table in this article **crochetbabygifts.com**

Each petal is as wide as the chain loop it sits in, and each layer's loop is two chains longer, so the petals grow outwards and peep out between the ones in front.

What you need

Every tool our patterns use is on the Crochet essentials (https://crochetbabygifts.com/essentials/) page.

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- DK (#3) yarn, a cotton for crisp petals, about the amount below. A red rose and a green leaf from scraps make a good pair.
- A 3.5 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letter near it.
- A tapestry needle and scissors. For a brooch, a brooch pin back; for a hair clip, a plain clip.

Abbreviations

US crochet terms throughout. The UK name is in brackets.

- ch: chain. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es).
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet). hdc: half double crochet (UK: half treble). dc: double crochet (UK: treble).
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into that loop, then pull the tail to close the hole.
- Round the post: put the hook in from the front, round the back of the stitch's upright post and out to the front again, then finish the stitch. It anchors a new loop behind the petals in front.

The video

Knitting Love's short video makes a different rose, so its rounds and counts are not the ones on this page. It is worth watching for how a rose is shaped from rounds of petals.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE6tOIuaDFU

- Starting the rose from 0:30.
- The petals from 1:10.
- Shaping the rose from 2:00.
- Finishing from 2:50.

Video: Knitting Love, "Beautiful Crochet Rose: Easy Flower for Bags, Brooches & More!" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iE6tOIuaDFU), 2026, 4 minutes. A different design; the pattern on this page is our own.

The pattern

Join each round with a sl st in the first stitch and start the next with ch 1, which does not count as a stitch.

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1. Petals

- Rnd 1: 10 sc in a magic ring. [10 sts]
- Rnd 2: [sc 1, ch 3, skip 1] 5 times. [5 loops]
- Rnd 3: in each ch-3 loop: sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc. [5 petals]
- Rnd 4: working behind the petals, [sc round the post of the next Rnd 2 sc, ch 5] 5 times. [5 loops]
- Rnd 5: in each ch-5 loop: sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc. [5 petals]
- Rnd 6: working behind the petals, [sc round the post of the next Rnd 4 sc, ch 7] 5 times. [5 loops]
- Rnd 7: in each ch-7 loop: sc, hdc, 7 dc, hdc, sc. [5 petals]

Fasten off, leaving a 30 cm tail for sewing. Pull the magic ring's tail tight first, so the middle closes.

2. Centre

- Centre: ch 21. Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across. [19 sts]

The strip curls on its own. Roll it up tightly from one end, with the hdc tops facing up, and stitch through the bottom of the roll a few times so it holds.

3. Put it together

Sew the rolled centre into the middle of the petals with the long tail, going through the base of the roll and the ring several times. Weave in every end on the back. For a brooch or a clip, sew the pin back or the clip across the back of the ring, over the stitches, not through a single loop.

Yarn and time

A rose takes about 15 m. The amount comes from counting every stitch and allowing a published length of yarn per stitch for DK, so it is an upper estimate.

It is about 180 stitches, a small project.

Frequently asked questions

Can I make it bigger? Use a thicker yarn and a bigger hook with the same rounds, or add a fourth layer: [sc round the post of the next Rnd 6 sc, ch 9] 5 times, then sc, hdc, 9 dc, hdc, sc in each loop.

How do I add a leaf? Ch 8 in green. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, work sc, hdc, dc, dc, dc, hdc, sc, one in each of the 7 chains, then the same along the other side of the chain, sl st in

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the first sc and sew the leaf under one petal.

Is it a good first project? Yes. Every round is short, and the only new move is working round the post behind the petals.

Can I put it on a stem? This rose is made to sew onto a bag, a brooch pin or a present. For a rose on a long wire stem, make our crochet rose with stem (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-rose-with-stem/).

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