Crochet Rose Bouquet: Free Pattern for Roses With Stems and Leaves

Crochet each rose as one short strip, a row of V-stitches with a petal in every V, then roll it up from the small petals and sew it onto a wire stem. Add a green sepal under the rose and a leaf on the stem, make nine, and tie them together with a ribbon. In DK cotton on a 3.5 mm hook each rose comes out about 5.5 cm across.

This is our own design. A script checks every row, and the sizes and yarn amounts are estimates worked out from a gauge.

Not for babies or small children. The stems are wire, and a cut wire end is sharp. Fold every end over as step 4 shows, and keep the bouquet out of reach of little hands. The handmade baby gift safety checklist (https://crochetbabygifts.com/handmade-baby-gift-safety-checklist/) explains why.

The petals

Every rose has 12 petals, one in each V-stitch, growing from small to large so the small end rolls into the centre.

Petals	How many	In each ch-2 space	Stitches a petal
Centre	4	5 hdc	5
Middle	4	7 dc	7
Outer	4	9 dc	9

Roll from the centre petals. The rolled base holds the rose together, so the outer petals open out round the tight middle.

The bouquet pieces

Piece	For the bouquet	Colour	Yarn each
Rose	9	5 red, 4 cream	about 11 m
Sepal	9	green	about 2 m
Leaf	9	green	about 2 m
Stem wrap	9	green	about 2 m

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What you need

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

- DK (#3) cotton yarn in three colours: red, cream and green, about the amounts in the yarn section. Cotton holds the petals crisp.
- A 3.5 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letter near it.
- Nine lengths of 18-gauge floral wire, about 1 mm thick, and wire cutters and small pliers. Floral wire is sold in straight lengths at craft shops.
- Green floral tape to bind the stems together, and about 60 cm (24 in) of ribbon for the bow.
- A tapestry needle and scissors. Tacky craft glue helps the yarn wrap grip the wire, but it is optional.

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).
- V-st (V-stitch): (dc, ch 2, dc) all in the same stitch. The ch-2 space in the middle of the V holds a petal.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first stitches into that loop, then pull the tail to close the hole.

The video

meea's video makes a bouquet of red and cream roses. Her rose starts the same way as ours, with a row of V-stitches, but her stitch counts, sepal and leaf are her own, so follow the counts on this page. It is worth watching for how the strip turns into a rose.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sqYNUMDSlQ

- The V-stitch row from 2:55.
- Turning to work the petals from 4:20.
- A five-point sepal from 13:00.

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- The leaf from 16:00.

Video: meea, "How to crochet easy rose flower" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1sqYNUMDSlQ), 2026, 24½ minutes. A different design; the pattern on this page is our own.

The pattern

Each piece is worked flat. Turn at the end of a row; the turning chain is given in each row.

1. Rose

Make 5 in red and 4 in cream.

- Foundation: ch 36.
- Row 1: (dc, ch 2, dc) in the 3rd ch from the hook, [skip 2 ch, (dc, ch 2, dc) in the next ch] 11 times. [12 V-sts]

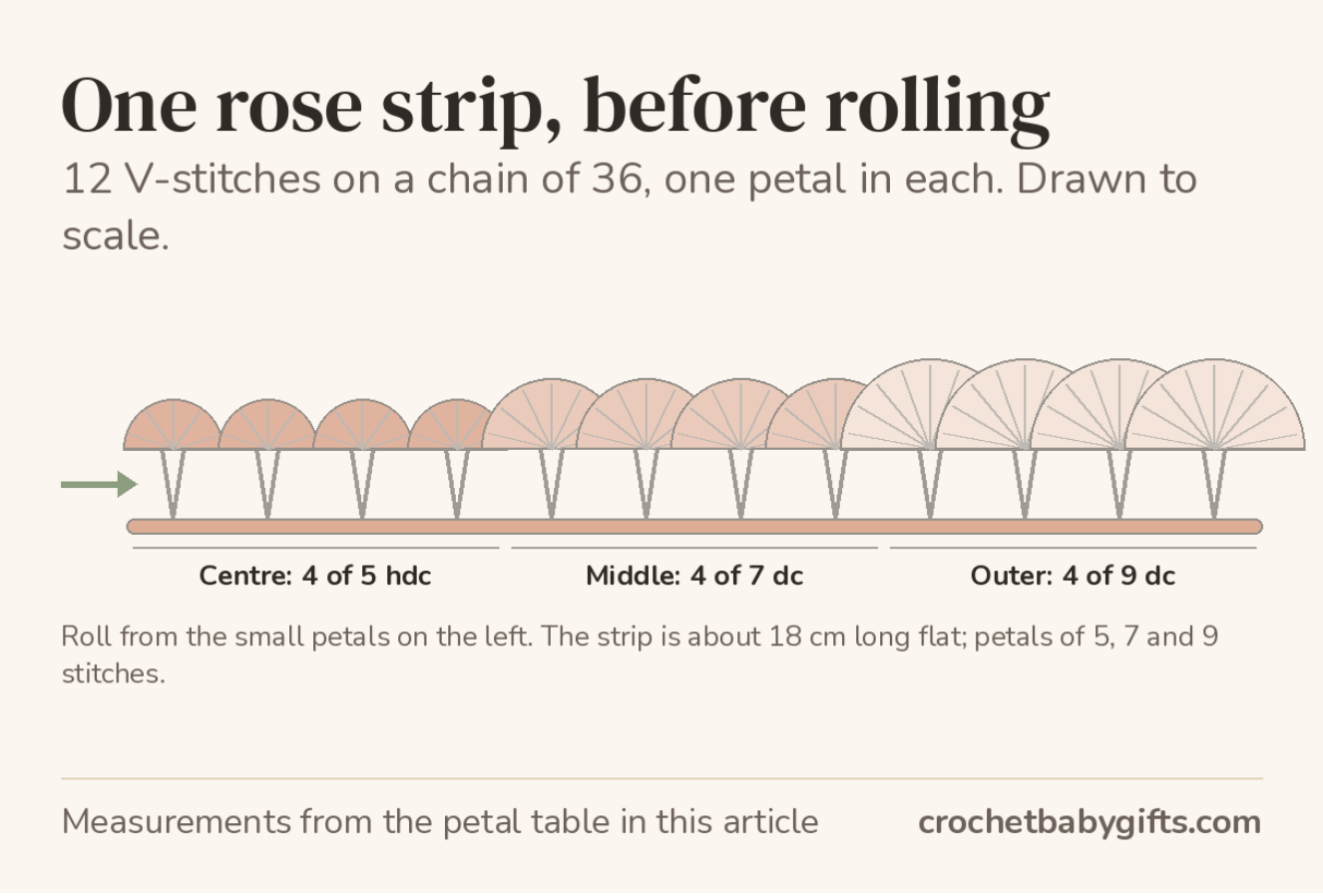
The last V lands in the last chain. If it does not, count the chain again: every V uses three chains.

Row 2: turn. Ch 1, sl st in the first dc. Then:

- Centre petals: [5 hdc in the next ch-2 space, sl st between this V and the next] 4 times.
- Middle petals: [7 dc in the next ch-2 space, sl st between this V and the next] 4 times.
- Outer petals: [9 dc in the next ch-2 space, sl st between this V and the next] 4 times.

The last sl st goes in the top of the last dc. [12 petals] Fasten off and leave a 30 cm (12 in) tail for sewing.

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2. Roll the rose

Start at the end with the small petals. Roll the strip up on itself with the foundation chain at the bottom, keeping that edge level. Roll the centre petals tightly, then roll more loosely so the outer petals open out.

Thread the tail on the needle and push it straight through the bottom of the roll, through every layer, then back the other way at a right angle. Do this twice more round the base, then pull firmly so the base feels solid. Keep the tail for sewing the rose to its stem.

3. Sepal and leaf

Make 9 of each in green.

- Sepal: in green, in a magic ring, [ch 4, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next 2 ch, sc in the ring] 5 times. [5 points] Pull the ring closed, but leave a hole just big enough for the wire. Fasten off with a 20 cm tail.
- Leaf: in green, ch 8. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, work sc, hdc, dc, dc, dc, hdc, sc, one in each ch. Work 3 sc in the end of the chain, then sc, hdc, dc, dc, dc, hdc, sc along the other side, one in each ch. [17 sts] Sl st in the first sc and fasten off with a 20 cm tail.

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4. Stem

- Stem: a 30 cm (12 in) length of 18-gauge floral wire for each rose.

1. With the pliers, bend the top 1 cm of the wire into a small closed loop.
2. Push the wire up through the middle of the rose's base from below, until the loop sits inside the base. Sew round the loop and through the base several times with the rose's tail.
3. Slide a sepal up the wire from the bottom, points towards the rose, and sew it to the underside of the rose with its tail.
4. Starting just under the sepal, wrap green yarn tightly round the wire, each turn touching the last, all the way down. A dot of glue at the top and at the bottom holds the ends.
5. At the bottom, bend the last 1 cm of wire back up into a closed loop and wrap over it, so no sharp end is left.
6. Sew a leaf to the stem about 8 cm (3 in) below the rose, stitching through the yarn wraps.

5. Make the bouquet

- The bouquet: 5 red roses and 4 cream roses, as in the drawing at the top of the page.

Hold one red rose in the middle, a little higher than the rest, and add the others round it, red and cream in turn. Bend the stems gently so the roses face outwards. Wrap the stems together with floral tape from just below the leaves, about 8 cm down, then tie the ribbon in a bow over the tape.

Yarn and time

The bouquet takes about 55 m of red, 45 m of cream and 45 m of green. The amounts come from counting every stitch and allowing a published length of yarn per stitch for DK, so they are upper estimates.

A rose is about 120 stitches. Make one and check it before making the other eight.

Frequently asked questions

Can I make a smaller rose or a bud? Make the rose with fewer V-stitches: ch 18 and 6 V-stitches, then 2 petals of each size. It rolls into a smaller, tighter rose that fills the gaps in a bouquet.

Can I use other colours? Yes. Pink and white, or all one colour, all work the same way. Keep green for the sepals, leaves and stems so the roses stand out.

Can I skip the wire? Yes. Without stems, sew the roses and leaves onto a hair band, a bag or a gift box instead.

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Is it a good first project? Yes. The rose is two short rows, and the only new stitch is the V-stitch. Rolling it evenly can take a few tries.

Can I make one long-stem rose instead? Yes. Our crochet rose with stem (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-rose-with-stem/) is a single rose on a long wire stem, with wired petals you can curl open, a calyx and leaves.

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