Crochet Rose With Stem: Free Pattern for a Long-Stem Rose With Leaves

Crochet a small closed centre and 12 wired petals in three sizes, wrap them round the top of a wire stem, then add a calyx and two sprigs of leaves. The thin wire inside each petal's edge lets you curl it open like a real rose. In DK cotton on a 3.5 mm hook the rose comes out about 10 cm across on a 30 cm (12 in) stem.

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

Not for babies or small children. The petals and stem have wire inside, and a cut wire end is sharp. Fold every end over as the steps show, and keep the rose out of reach of little hands. The handmade baby gift safety checklist (https://crochetbabygifts.com/handmade-baby-gift-safety-checklist/) explains why.

The petals

Petal	Make	Chain	Round 1	Round 2	Wire each
Small	3	ch 6	15 sts	22 sts	20 cm
Medium	4	ch 8	21 sts	30 sts	25 cm
Large	5	ch 10	27 sts	38 sts	30 cm

Each size is two chains longer than the one before, so the petals step out from the centre: the small ones close round it, the large ones open out.

What you need

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

- DK (#3) cotton yarn in red and green, about the amounts in the yarn section.
- A 3.5 mm crochet hook. The hook size chart (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-hook-size-chart/) gives the US letter near it.
- Thin floral wire, about 4 m of 26-gauge wire for the petals and leaves. It is thin enough to crochet over and holds a curl.
- One 30 cm (12 in) length of 18-gauge floral wire for the stem, about 1 mm thick, and wire cutters and small pliers.

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- A tapestry needle, scissors and a few yarn scraps to fill the centre. Tacky craft glue helps the stem wrap grip, 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). inc: 2 sc in the same stitch.
- sc: single crochet (UK: double crochet). hdc: half double crochet (UK: half treble). dc: double crochet (UK: treble).
- Sc over the wire: hold the wire along the top of the stitches and work each sc round it as well as into the stitch, so the wire ends up inside the edge.
- 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

Crochet Everyday's video makes a rose the same way in outline: separate wired petals, a calyx and wired leaves, put together on a stem. Her petals come in two sizes and her stitch counts are her own, so follow the counts on this page. It is worth watching for how a wire goes into a petal's edge and how the petals are layered.

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JqbhpzXjk4

- A small petal and adding the wire from 0:13.
- A medium petal from 3:27.
- The calyx from 7:48.
- The leaf from 9:18.
- Putting the rose together from 12:14.

Video: Crochet Everyday, "Crochet Rose Flower for Bouquet" (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JqbhpzXjk4), 2026, 14 minutes. A different design; the pattern on this page is our own.

The pattern

Work the centre and the petals in red, the calyx and the leaves in green.

1. Centre

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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- Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring. [6 sts]
- Rnd 2: [inc] 6 times. [12 sts]
- Rnds 3–6: sc in each st. [12 sts]

Fasten off with a 30 cm (12 in) tail. It makes a small closed cup.

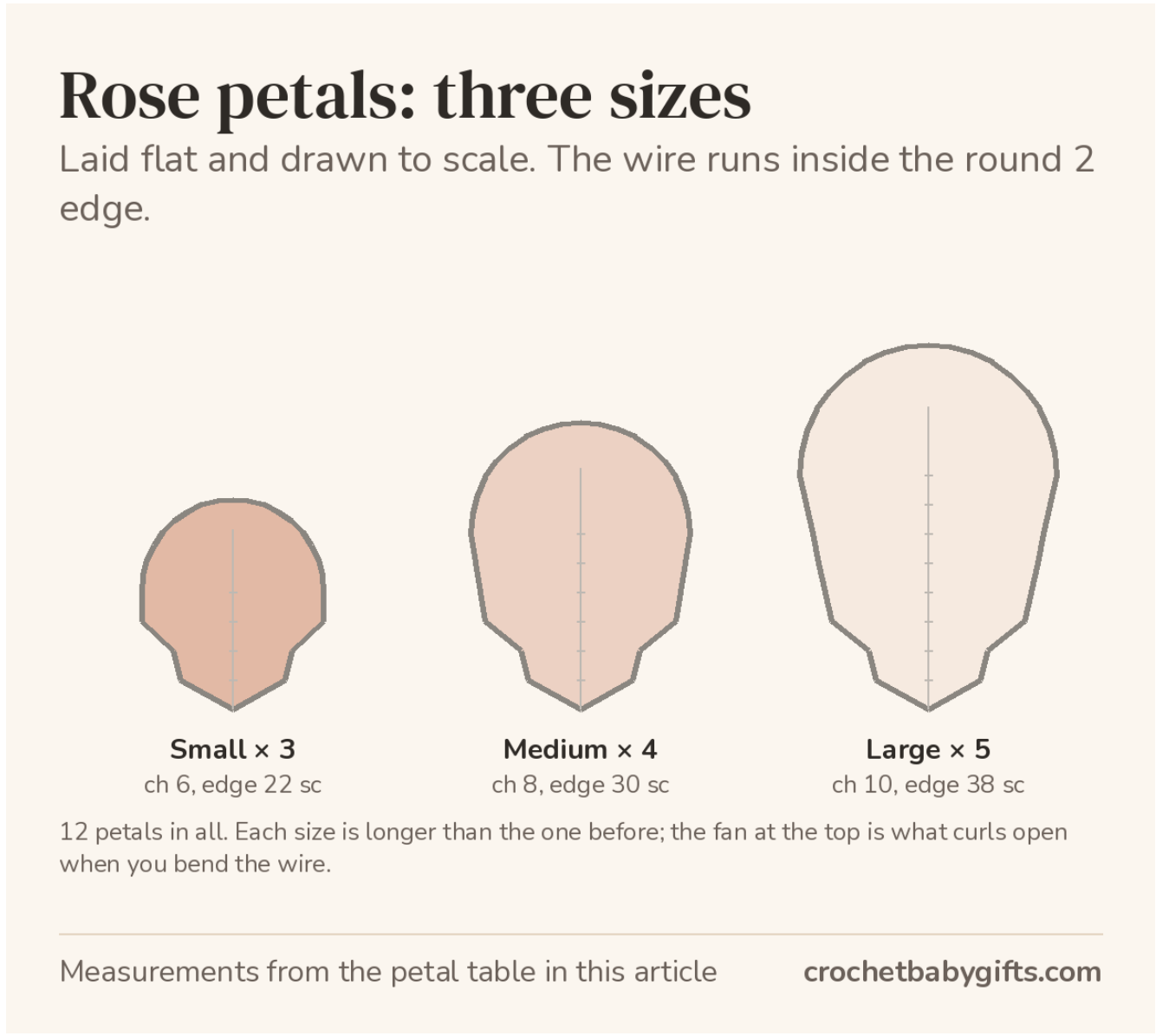
2. Petals

Petal sizes are written Small first, then Medium and Large in brackets. Make 3 (4, 5).

- Foundation: ch 6 (8, 10).
- Rnd 1: starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc, hdc, dc in the next 2 (4, 6) ch, 7 (9, 11) dc in the last ch, then along the other side of the chain dc in the next 2 (4, 6) ch, hdc, sc. Join with a sl st in the first sc. [15 (21, 27) sts]
- Rnd 2: with a 20 (25, 30) cm piece of 26-gauge wire held along the edge, sc over the wire in each st round, working 2 sc in each of the 7 (9, 11) top dc. [22 (30, 38) sts]

Sl st in the first sc and fasten off. Pull the two wire ends level at the bottom of the petal, where the foundation chain started, and twist them together once.

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3. Calyx and leaves

- Calyx: in green, in a magic ring, [ch 6, sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc, hdc, dc, dc, one in each ch, sc in the ring] 5 times. [5 points] Pull the ring closed, leaving a hole just big enough for the stem. Fasten off with a 20 cm tail.

Make 6 leaves.

- Leaf: in green, ch 12. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, work sc, hdc, dc, dc, dc, dc, dc, dc, dc, hdc, sc, one in each ch. Work 3 sc in the end of the chain, then sc, hdc, dc, dc, dc, dc, dc, dc, dc, dc, hdc, sc along the other side, one in each ch. [25 sts] Sl st in the first sc and fasten off.

For each leaf, thread a 15 cm piece of 26-gauge wire up through the back of the leaf along its middle, out at the tip and back down beside itself, then twist the two ends together under the

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leaf. The twisted ends are its stalk.

Make two sprigs. For each, twist the stalks of three leaves together, with the middle leaf 2 cm (¾ in) further out than the other two, so it sits at the tip with one leaf on each side.

4. Stem

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

1. With the pliers, bend the top 1 cm of the wire into a small closed loop. Push a few yarn scraps into the centre cup, push the loop in after them, and sew the opening closed round the wire with the centre's tail.
2. Place the 3 small petals round the centre, each overlapping the last by about half, with their tops level with the top of the centre. Twist each petal's wire ends tightly round the stem just below the centre.
3. Add the 4 medium petals in the gaps between the small ones, a little lower, then the 5 large petals round the outside the same way.
4. Curl the top edge of each petal outwards over a pencil. The wire holds the curl: curl the large petals most and the small ones least, so the rose opens from the middle.
5. Slide the calyx up the stem from the bottom, points towards the rose, and sew it over the twisted petal wires.
6. Starting just under the calyx, wrap green yarn tightly down the stem, each turn touching the last. About 10 cm (4 in) below the rose, lay one sprig's twisted stalk along the stem and wrap over it; add the second sprig about 4 cm lower on the other side.
7. 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. A dot of glue at the top and at the bottom of the wrap holds the ends.

Yarn and time

The rose takes about 50 m of red and 20 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.

It has 12 wired petals, so make one of each size first and check the shape before making the rest.

Frequently asked questions

Can I make it without wire? Yes, but the petals will not hold a curl. Leave out the wire in round 2, sew the petals round the centre instead, and sew the rose onto a bag or a hair band rather than a stem.

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Can I make a bunch of them? Yes. Each rose is complete on its own stem, so make three, five or a dozen and tie them with a ribbon. Our crochet rose bouquet (https://crochetbabygifts.com/crochet-rose-bouquet/) uses a quicker rolled rose if you want many.

Why does my petal twist? The wire was pulled tight while crocheting over it. Hold it loosely along the edge and straighten the petal before twisting the wire ends.

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