

FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Crochet Tulip

A realistic little tulip with a cup-shaped bloom, a slim stem and a single leaf. Make a few in different colors for a bouquet that lasts all year.



SKILL LEVEL Easy	FINISHED SIZE About 6–7 in (15–18 cm) tall	YARN WEIGHT Light
HOOK 3.25 mm (US D–3)	TIME About 1½ hours	TERMS US terms

Gauge: Not critical. Keep stitches tight so the stem and bloom hold their shape.

Materials

- ☐ DK cotton in a petal color — About 12 yd (11 m)
- ☐ DK cotton in green — About 12 yd (11 m)
- ☐ 3.25 mm (US D–3) crochet hook
- ☐ Floral wire or a pipe cleaner (optional) — About 8 in (20 cm) (Not for items given to children)
- ☐ A little polyester fiberfill, a stitch marker and a tapestry needle

Abbreviations

MR — magic ring

sc — single crochet

dc — double crochet

inc — increase — work 2 stitches in the same stitch

rnd(s) — round(s)

[] — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the * — repeat from the asterisk as instructed number of times stated

() — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a group worked into one stitch

ch — chain

hdc — half double crochet

sl st — slip stitch

st(s) — stitch(es)

rep — repeat

Notes before you start

- The bloom and stem are worked in continuous spiral rounds. Use a stitch marker to track the start of each round.
- The leaf is worked along both sides of a foundation chain.
- Written in US crochet terms.

The pattern

Bloom

Use your petal color.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(6)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc in each st around. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** [Sc 1, inc] 6 times. **(18)**
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** [Sc 2, inc] 6 times. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnds 5–9:** Sc in each st around for 5 rounds. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnd 10 (petals):** *Sl st in the next st, sc in the next st, hdc in the next st, (dc, ch 1, dc) in the next st, hdc in the next st, sc in the next st, sl st in the next 2 sts; rep from * 2 more times.
- ☐ **Finish:** Fasten off and weave in the end. Push a small ball of fiberfill into the base of the bloom to help it hold its shape.

Stem

Use green.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. **(6)**

- ☐ **Rnds 2–25:** Sc in each st around. If using wire, trim it a little shorter than the finished stem (about 4 in / 10 cm), bend both ends into small closed loops so they can't poke through, and slide it into the tube once it is a few rounds long. **(6)**
- ☐ **Finish:** Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.

Leaf

Use green.

- ☐ **Foundation:** Ch 16.
- ☐ **Side 1:** Sl st in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next 2 ch, hdc in the next 3 ch, dc in the next 4 ch, hdc in the next 3 ch, sc in the next ch, 3 sc in the last ch.
- ☐ **Side 2:** Working along the other side of the foundation chain: sc in the next ch, hdc in the next 3 ch, dc in the next 4 ch, hdc in the next 3 ch, sc in the next 2 ch, sl st in the last ch.
- ☐ **Finish:** Join with a sl st to the first sl st. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

Assembly

- ☐ **Bloom to stem:** Center the open top of the stem on the magic ring at the base of the bloom and sew all the way around it.
- ☐ **Leaf:** Sew the rounded end of the leaf (the end with 3 sc) to the stem about 2 in (5 cm) above the bottom, then wrap the leaf gently around the stem.

Note: Leave out the wire if the tulip might be handled by young children.

Finishing

- ☐ **Shape:** Pinch each petal point gently into shape and weave in any remaining ends.

Tips

- Cotton gives crisp, well-defined petals; soft acrylic makes a rounder, cuddlier tulip.
- For a closed bud, work only Rnds 1–9, stuff lightly and gather the top closed.
- If you can see gaps between stitches, try a slightly smaller hook.

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