

# Kiku Tawashi Pattern

## Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Suggested Yarn:**
  - Red Heart Luster Sheen Solid
  - Approximate equivalent: #3 crochet cotton (available in more colors)
- **Yarn Measurements:** Sport weight yarn (12 wpi)
- **Hook Size:** 3.25 mm (D)
- **Pattern Measurements:** Finished size resemble a circle-shaped chrysanthemum-like scrubber.
- **Needle:** Optional for weaving in ends.

## Abbreviations: (US Crochet Terms):

- **ch:** chain
- **sc:** single crochet
- **dc:** double crochet
- **sl st:** slip stitch
- **sp:** space

## Special Stitches:

- **Surface Crochet:** Used to create raised detailing for a more realistic chrysanthemum effect.
  - **Technique:** With yarn held in the background, insert the hook into the fabric's surface, yarn over, and pull through. Repeat as indicated in the pattern.

## Stitching Instructions for Kiku Tawashi Pattern:

### Base of the Tawashi

- **Round 1:**
  - Ch 4, join with a sl st to form a ring.
  - Work 8 sc into the ring. (Make sure to work tightly to create a sturdy base.)
  - Join with a sl st to the first sc. (8 sc)
- **Round 2:**
  - Ch 1, work 2 sc in each sc around (this doubles the stitch count to expand the circle).
  - Join with a sl st to the first sc. (16 sc)
- **Round 3:**
  - Ch 1, *sc in the next sc, 2 sc in the next sc*. Repeat from *to* around. (This continues to increase the circle evenly.)
  - Join with a sl st to the first sc. (24 sc)
- **Round 4:**
  - Ch 1, *sc in the next 2 sc, 2 sc in the next sc*. Repeat from *to* around.
  - Join with a sl st to the first sc. (32 sc)
- **Tip:** Ensure your work lays flat as you increase. If it begins to curl, loosen your tension slightly.

### Creating the Petal Details

- **Round 5 (Petal Base):**
  - Ch 1, *sc in the next sc, ch 3, skip 1 sc, sc in the next sc*.
  - Repeat from *to* around to form evenly spaced ch-3 loops.
  - Join with a sl st to the first sc. (16 ch-3 loops formed)
- **Round 6 (Petals):**
  - Sl st into the first ch-3 loop to position your hook correctly.
  - *Work [sc, 3 dc, sc] into the ch-3 loop* to create a single petal.

- Repeat from *to* in each ch-3 loop around to form 16 petals.
- Join with a sl st to the first sc.
- **Tip:** Ensure that each petal lies neatly side by side. You may want to fluff and adjust them as you go.

### Adding Surface Crochet Details

- **Surface Crochet (Optional):**
  - Using a contrasting or matching yarn, add raised lines to mimic the chrysanthemum's texture:
    - With your yarn held behind the work, insert your hook into a stitch on Round 3 or 4.
    - Yarn over and pull up a loop to create the first surface crochet stitch.
    - Continue inserting the hook into the stitches of the chosen round, working surface crochet to create radial lines or spirals.
- **Tip:** Use light tension for surface crochet to avoid puckering the fabric.

### Finishing

- **Weave in Ends:** Using a needle, securely weave in all loose ends at the back of your work to prevent unraveling.
- **Shape the Scrubber:** Gently stretch and flatten the scrubber into a circular shape. Adjust the petals to make them even and well-defined.

Your **Kiku Tawashi** is now complete! Use it as a durable, attractive scrubber or gift it as a handmade keepsake.