

Tiny Peony Free Pattern



Pattern Description:

This is a crochet pattern for creating **tiny peony flowers** in three sizes: a 1-inch bud, a 1.5-inch smaller flower, and a 2.5-inch larger flower, along with a small leaf.

The pattern includes step-by-step instructions for working each component in joined rounds and rows, featuring the signature ruffly layers of a peony. French knots are added for detail using yellow yarn.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:**
 - Green yarn (specifically, Lion Brand Baby Soft in Pistachio is mentioned as an example).
 - Pink yarn (specifically, Paintbox Yarns Simply DK in Bright Peach is mentioned as an example).
 - Yellow yarn (specifically, Vanna's Choice in Mustard is mentioned as an example).
- **Yarn Weight:**
 - DK weight for green and pink yarns.
 - Worsted weight for yellow yarn.
- **Hook:** 2.75 mm crochet hook.
- **Notions:** Tapestry needle.

- **Measurements:**
 - **Bud:** 1 inch (2.54 cm) in diameter.
 - **Smaller flower:** 1.5 inches (3.81 cm) in diameter.
 - **Larger flower:** 2.5 inches (6.35 cm) in diameter.
 - **Leaf:** 0.5 x 2.25 inches (1.27 x 5.7 cm).

Stitches & Abbreviations Used (US terms):

- **BLO** - back loop only
- **ch** - chain
- **dc** - double crochet
- **dc inc** - double crochet increase
- **3 dc inc** - 3 double crochet in 1 stitch
- **FLO** - front loop only
- **inc** - single crochet increase
- **mc** - magic circle
- **sc** - single crochet
- **sl st** - slip stitch

Instructions for Making the Tiny Peony Pattern:

Larger Flower (2.5 inches in diameter)

This flower begins with a **magic circle (mc)** and expands over seven rows, creating its signature layered look.

- **Row 1:** Begin with **4 sc in mc** (resulting in 4 stitches).
- **Row 2:** Work **4 inc** (to 8 stitches).
- **Row 3:** Continue by working **8 BLO inc** (to 16 stitches), utilizing the back loop only to prepare for subsequent layers.
- **Row 4:** Create the base for the next layer with **BLO sc, BLO inc 8 times** (to 24 stitches).
- **Row 5:** This row forms the first set of petals: **(sl st, ch 2, dc) (dc inc) (dc) (dc inc) (dc, ch 2, sl st) 5 times**. The last stitch set of the last petal should be worked into the sl st row.
- **Row 6:** A new layer of petals is formed by working in the **FLO of row 4**. Start with a **sl st in the first FLO of row 4**, then **(sl st, ch 2, dc) (dc inc) (dc inc) (dc, ch 2, sl st) 4 times**.
- **Row 7:** The final layer of petals is worked in the **FLO of row 3**. Begin with a **sl st in the first FLO of row 3**, followed by **(sl st, ch 2, dc) (3 dc inc) (dc, ch 2, sl st) 3 times**.
- After completing Row 7, **finish off** the yarn and **stitch in any loose ends**.

Smaller Flower (1.5 inches in diameter)

Similar to the larger flower, this version also starts with a **magic circle** and builds outward for five rows to create its petals.

- **Row 1:** Start with **4 sc in mc** (4 stitches).
- **Row 2:** Work **4 inc** (to 8 stitches).
- **Row 3:** Continue with **8 BLO inc** (to 16 stitches), setting up for the next layer.
- **Row 4:** This row forms the first set of petals: (**sl st, ch 2, dc**) (**dc inc**) (**dc inc**) (**dc, ch 2, sl st**) **4 times**.
- **Row 5:** The final layer of petals is constructed by working the last stitch set of the last petal into the sl st row, then (**sl st, ch 2, dc**) (**3 dc inc**) (**dc, ch 2, sl st**) **3 times**.
- Once Row 5 is complete, **finish off** and **stitch in any loose ends**.

Flower Bud (1 inch in diameter)

The bud is constructed in five rows, with a **color change** from pink to green to mimic a blooming flower.

- **With pink yarn:**
 - **Row 1:** Begin with **5 sc in mc** (5 stitches).
 - **Row 2:** Work **5 sc** (5 stitches).
 - **Row 3:** Increase with **5 inc** (to 10 stitches).
- **With green yarn:**
 - **Row 4:** Work **10 sc** (10 stitches).
 - **Row 5:** Decrease with **10 dec** (to 5 stitches).
- To finish, **tuck any loose ends into the flower bud**. **Finish off** the yarn, then **weave the yarn tail through each stitch of Row 5 and pull tight like a drawstring** to close the bud.

Leaf (0.5 x 2.25 inches)

The small leaf is crocheted in green yarn to complement the flowers.

- Start by chaining **ch 16**, then **turn**.
- Work **sc in 3rd ch from hook, 11 dc, sc, sl st, ch 2**.
- **Turn** again, then work **sl st, sc, 11 dc, sc, sl st in 2 ch space before first sc**.
- **Finish off** the yarn and **stitch in loose ends**.

Assembly

Once the flowers are crocheted, **yellow yarn and a tapestry needle** are used to add detail.

French knots are created in the **first two rows of the flowers** to represent the pollen or center of the peony.