



CROCHET PATTERN • US CROCHET TERMS

Little Cactus Pot

A cactus with two arms and a flower, in a terracotta pot

SKILL

Easy



FINISHED SIZE

8 cm / 3.1 in tall

YARN

DK (weight 3)

HOOK

3.0 mm (between US C-2
and D-3)

WELCOME

Hello, maker!

Welcome to Little Cactus Pot: a plant that never needs watering. Put it on your desk, a windowsill or a bookshelf, or give it to a friend who forgets their real plants.

The pot, the soil and the cactus are separate pieces, so you can mix and match colours. Make a little row of them in different pots.

With love, YaraDream



● At a glance

SKILL	Easy
TIME	3 to 4 hours
SIZE	About 8 cm / 3.1 in tall and 5 cm / 1.9 in across the rim, with DK yarn and a 3.0 mm hook
YARN	DK (weight 3), about 18 g in 5 colours (amounts per colour on page 3)
HOOK	3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3)
PIECES	Pot x1, Soil x1, Cactus x1, Cactus arms x2, Flower x1
WORKED	In spiral rounds; the flower is joined
TERMS	US crochet terms; abbreviations on page 4

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Tick as you go

Every round has a box. Tick it when it is done, on paper or on a tablet.

Count your stitches

The number at the end of each round is your stitch total.

US crochet terms

Prefer UK terms? The UK-terms files are in your download.

Safety. A decoration, not a toy. If you add a weight bag, it must be sealed and the pot kept away from small children and pets.

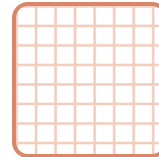
BEFORE YOU START

Materials & tools

Five colours of DK yarn. Cotton holds the shapes best.



● Gauge



About 24 sc and 26 rounds = 10 cm (4 in) in single crochet worked in the round. Gauge is not critical for a toy, but the fabric must be tight: if stuffing shows between the stitches, go down a hook size. A thicker yarn or a looser tension makes a bigger piece.

● Yarn

A		Terracotta DK cotton	7 g / 15 m
B		Soil brown DK cotton	3 g / 5 m
C		Cactus green DK cotton	6 g / 12 m
D		Spines white Any DK (optional spines)	1 g / 3 m
E		Flower pink Any DK	1 g / 2 m

Amounts come from the stitch totals of this pattern, plus about 25% for tails and tension.

● Tools & notions

- ☐ 3.0 mm (between US C-2 and D-3) crochet hook, or the size that gives a tight fabric
- ☐ Polyester fibrefill, about 20 g
- ☐ A cardboard circle the size of the pot base (about 4 cm), for a flat base
- ☐ Tapestry needle
- ☐ Stitch markers
- ☐ Sewing pins
- ☐ Scissors

● Good to know

- For a heavier pot that does not tip, put a small bag of rice or plastic pellets in the bottom, inside a sealed bag (not for toys).
- Short white straight stitches over the cactus make cute spines.

STITCH GUIDE

Stitches & abbreviations

This copy uses US crochet terms. The UK name of each stitch is shown beside it.

US	UK	WHAT IT MEANS
[] n times	[] n times	repeat the stitches inside the brackets n times
ch	ch	chain
dc	tr	double crochet
inc	inc	increase: 2 sc in the same stitch
MR	MR	magic ring (also called magic circle)
Pts	Pts	the number of points or petals made in the round
Rnd	Rnd	round
sc	dc	single crochet
sl st	sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	st(s)	stitch(es)
Sts	Sts	the stitch total at the end of the round or row

● Magic ring

A closed centre with no hole. Every piece in this pattern starts with one.

1. Wrap the yarn twice around two fingers, crossing it over itself.
2. Insert the hook under both strands, catch the working yarn and pull up a loop.
3. Chain 1 to secure. This chain does not count as a stitch.
4. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over both strands and the tail.
5. Pull the tail firmly to close the centre, then continue with round 2.



● Working in a spiral

Amigurumi rounds are not joined, so there is no seam.

1. After the last stitch of a round, go straight on into the first stitch of the next round.
2. Put a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up as you go.
3. Count the stitches at the end of every round. The number in the pattern is the total you need.

● Joined rounds

Some small pieces are joined at the end of each round instead of worked in a spiral.

1. At the end of the round, slip stitch into the first stitch of the round.
2. The slip stitch does not count as a stitch. Begin the next round as written.

● Stuffing

Firm, even stuffing gives a smooth, round shape.

1. Use small tufts of polyester fibrefill, not one big lump.
2. Fill the far end first and work towards the opening, shaping with your fingers.
3. Stuff firmly: the piece should hold its shape but not stretch the stitches open.

● Sewing pieces together (whipstitch)

A neat, strong seam for ears, arms and heads.

1. Pin the piece in place first and check it from every side.
2. With the long tail on a tapestry needle, go under one stitch of the piece, then under the stitch beside it on the body.
3. Repeat all around, pulling each stitch snug so the seam hides.
4. Knot the tail, push it into the body and trim.



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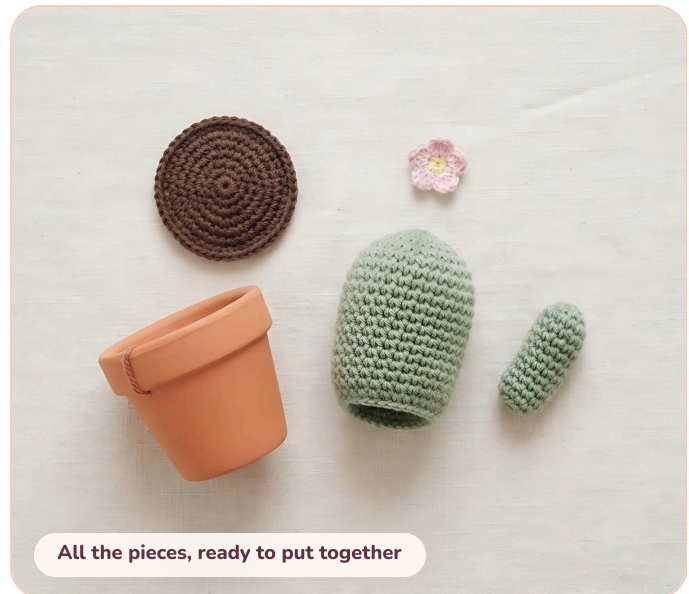
Pattern notes

● Before you start

- Rounds are worked in a continuous spiral unless the round says to join. Mark the first stitch of each round.
- The number in the pill at the end of a round is the stitch total for that round. Count before you move on.
- Work into both loops of each stitch unless the round says back loop (BLO) or front loop (FLO) only.
- Brackets [] are repeated the number of times shown after them.
- Leave a long tail (about 30 cm) when you fasten off a piece that will be sewn on.
- BLO and FLO rounds shape the pot: the back-loop round turns the base into the wall, the front-loop round makes the fold line of the rim.
- The pill in the Flower table counts petals, not stitches.

● Construction at a glance

- 1 Pot**
Make 1 · 16 rounds · colour A
- 2 Soil**
Make 1 · 6 rounds · colour B
- 3 Cactus**
Make 1 · 15 rounds · colour C
- 4 Cactus arms**
Make 2 · 6 rounds · colour C
- 5 Flower**
Make 1 · 2 rounds · colour E



LET'S MAKE IT

The pattern

Five pieces. Make the pot first, then the soil, so you can check the fit.

<div><div>1</div><div>Pot</div><div>Worked from the base up, with a folded rim.</div></div> <div><div><div></div>A · Terracotta</div><div>Make 1</div></div>		
RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
☐ Rnd 3	[sc in next st, inc] 6 times.	18
☐ Rnd 4	[sc in next 2 sts, inc] 6 times.	24
☐ Rnd 5	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times.	30
☐ Rnd 6	Working in back loops only: Sc in each st around.	30
<div>Tip. The back-loop round makes a crisp bottom edge so the pot stands flat.</div>		
☐ Rnds 7–9	Sc in each st around.	30
☐ Rnd 10	[sc in next 9 sts, inc] 3 times.	33
☐ Rnds 11–12	Sc in each st around.	33
☐ Rnd 13	[sc in next 5 sts, inc, sc in next 5 sts] 3 times.	36
☐ Rnd 14	Working in front loops only: Sc in each st around.	36
<div>Tip. This front-loop round makes the fold line for the rim. It also leaves the back loops of Rnd 13 free inside the pot: the soil is sewn to them.</div>		
☐ Rnds 15–16	Sc in each st around. Fasten off and leave a 40 cm tail. Fold Rnds 14 to 16 down over the outside and tack the edge down with a few stitches.	36

2

Soil

A flat disc that closes the top of the pot.

● B · Soil brown

Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
☐ Rnd 3	[sc in next st, inc] 6 times.	18
☐ Rnd 4	[sc in next 2 sts, inc] 6 times.	24
☐ Rnd 5	[sc in next st, inc, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times.	30
☐ Rnd 6	[sc in next 4 sts, inc] 6 times. <i>Fasten off and leave a 60 cm tail. The disc stays flat.</i>	36

3

Cactus

A rounded tube, open at the bottom.

● C · Cactus green

Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	Inc in each st around.	12
☐ Rnd 3	[sc in next st, inc] 6 times.	18
☐ Rnds 4–15	Sc in each st around. <i>Fasten off and leave a 30 cm tail. Stuff firmly. Leave the bottom open.</i>	18

4

Cactus arms

Make two.

● C · Cactus green

Make 2

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	STS
☐ Rnd 1	6 sc in a magic ring.	6
☐ Rnd 2	[sc in next st, inc] 3 times.	9
☐ Rnds 3–6	Sc in each st around. <i>Fasten off and leave a 20 cm tail. Stuff lightly.</i>	9

5

Flower

A tiny joined flower for the top of the cactus.

E · Flower pink

Make 1

RND	INSTRUCTIONS	PTS
☐ Rnd 1	5 sc in a magic ring, sl st to the first st to join.	5
☐ Rnd 2	[(sl st, ch 2, dc, ch 2, sl st) in the next st] 5 times. <i>Five petals made. Fasten off and leave a 20 cm tail.</i>	5

PUTTING IT TOGETHER

Putting your cactus together

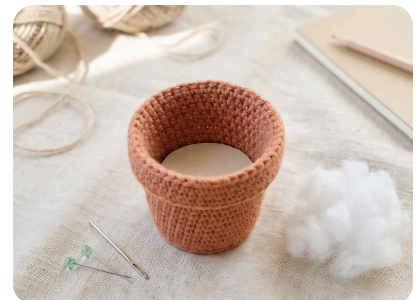
● Placement guide

- Cactus: centred on the soil disc. Sew each stitch of its open edge to a stitch of Rnd 3 of the soil (18 to 18).
- Arms: one on each side of the cactus, one at Rnd 7 and one at Rnd 10, so they are not level. Point them upwards.
- Flower: on the top of the cactus, slightly to one side.
- Soil: inside the pot. Sew each stitch of its last round to one of the 36 free back loops of pot Rnd 13 (36 to 36).

- ☐ **1 Cactus to soil.** Pin the open end of the cactus in the centre of the soil disc and sew all round. Sew on the arms and the flower.



- ☐ **2 Fill the pot.** Put the cardboard circle in the base, then stuff the pot firmly up to Rnd 12.



- **3** **Close the pot.** Set the soil disc inside the pot. Whipstitch each stitch of its last round to one free back loop of Rnd 13, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches.



● **Finishing & care**

- Weave in all the ends.
- Spot-clean with a damp cloth.

HELP IS HERE

Troubleshooting

The questions makers ask most, answered before you need to ask.

The rim folds inwards.

Fold it the other way along the front-loop line and tack it down with a few stitches at 4 or 5 points.

The pot is not flat on the bottom.

Use the cardboard circle, and press it flat before you stuff.

The soil disc does not fit.

Check both counts: the soil ends on 36 and Rnd 13 of the pot has 36 free back loops. One stitch goes to one loop.

My cactus leans.

Stuff it firmly and sew all round its base, not just at a few points.

The petals are uneven.

Pull the starting ring tight before you work the petals.

My stitch count is off.

Count from the marker and frog back to the last round that matched its pill.

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Project tracker

Keep this page next to your work. Tick off each piece and round.

YARN USED

HOOK SIZE

STARTED

FINISHED

MADE FOR

FINISHED SIZE

Pieces

1	Pot	Make 1	☐
2	Soil	Make 1	☐
3	Cactus	Make 1	☐
4	Cactus arms	Make 2	☐ ☐
5	Flower	Make 1	☐

Round counter

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

My notes



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Terracotta

Classic clay pot, green cactus, pink flower.



Pastel pot

Lilac pot, sage cactus, yellow flower.



White pot

Cream pot and a deep green cactus.

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