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# CROCHET CACTUS GARDEN

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## **A** ADVANCED

### WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g:  
2 x Colour 1 (C1) Rust, 2 x Colour 2 (C2) Shitake, 3 x Colour 3 (C3) Emerald, 2 x Colour 4 (C4) Pale Green, 1 x Colour 5 (C5) Dusty Blue, 1 x Colour 6 (C6) Wisteria, 1 x Colour 7 (C7) Pale Pink, 1 x Colour 8 (C8) Mint, 1 x Colour 9 (C9) Charcoal.
- 4mm crochet hook
- Polyester fill
- Scissors, yarn needle, stitch marker, tape measure

### SIZE

Approx. 28cm diameter across top of pot

### TENSION

Correct tension is not required for this project.

### SPECIAL STITCH

**Crab st (reverse double crochet)** – insert hook from front to back in the st to the right (or left if left-handed) and draw a loop through, the yarn over hook and draw through two loops on hook. **Fltr** (front loop treble) – make a tr in the front loop only of the st indicated.

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### ECHINOPSIS (Round Cactus)

Using '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g – C3.

#### LARGE (make 9 lobes)

##### BEG LOBE

Using 4mm hook and C3, make a magic ring,

**1st round** – 1ch, 6dc in ring, sl st into dc at beg.

**2nd round** – 1 ch, 2dc in same st, 2dc in each st around, sl st into dc at beg ... 12 sts.

**3rd round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in next st, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in next st, rep from \* around, sl st into dc at beg ... 18 sts.

**4th round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, rep from \* around, sl st into dc at beg ... 24 sts.

**5th round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, rep from \* around, sl st into dc at beg ... 30 sts

**6th round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 4 sts, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 4 sts, rep from \* around, sl st into dc at beg ... 36 sts.

**7th round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, rep from \* around, sl st into dc at beg ... 42 sts.

**8th round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, rep from \* around, sl st into dc at beg ... 48 sts.

**9th round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 7 sts, rep from \* around, sl st into dc at beg ... 54 sts. Do not fasten off.

Place a 2cm wad of polyester fill in the middle of the disc and fold disc in half so that the fold runs between the first and last dc and. Work edge row through both layers at once.

**Edge row** – 1ch, turn folded disc to work backwards, crab st in each st to last st, reverse sl st into last st. Fasten off.

### FINISHING

Using yarn needle and length of C3 yarn, pass yarn through the centres of the straight edges of all 9 lobes and fasten firmly. Do the same at the top and bottom, leaving a long tail at the bottom for stitching on to soil.

**MEDIUM** (make 9 lobes)

Work as for large to the end of 5th rnd.

Fold in half but do not stuff. Complete edge as for large cactus. Make up as for large cactus.

**SMALL** (make 9 lobes)

Work as for large to the end of 3rd rnd.

Fold in half but do not stuff. Complete edge as for large cactus. Make up as for large cactus.

**FENESTRARIA** (Straight Cactus)

Using '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g - C3 and C4

**SMALL** (make 7, altering lengths by increasing or reducing a few rnds)

Using 4mm hook and C3, make a magic ring.

**1st round** - 1ch, 8dc in ring, sl st in dc at beg.

Change to C4, **2nd round** - 1ch, 1dc in back loop of same st, 1dc in back loop of each st around, sl st in dc at beg.

**3rd - 10th rounds** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st around, sl st in dc at beg.

**11th round** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in last st, sl st in dc at beg ... 6 sts.

**12th - 16th rounds** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st around, sl st into dc at beg. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing on to soil.

**MEDIUM** (make 6, altering lengths by increasing or reducing a few rnds)

Using 4mm hook and C3, make a magic ring.

**1st round** - 1ch, 6dc in ring, sl st in dc at beg.

**2nd round** - 1ch, 2dc in same st, 2dc in each st around, sl st into dc at beg ... 12 sts.

Change to C4, **3rd round** - 1ch, 1dc in back loop of same st, 1dc in back loop of each st around, sl st in dc at beg.

**4th - 14th rounds** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st around, sl st in dc at beg.

**15th round** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 4 sts, dc2tog,

1dc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in dc at beg ... 10 sts.

**16th - 20th rounds** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st around, sl st into dc at beg. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing on to soil.

**TALL** (make 3, altering lengths by increasing or reducing a few rnds)

Using 4mm hook and C3, make a magic ring.

**1st round** - 3ch, 7tr in ring, sl st in 3rd of 3ch at beg.

**2nd round** - 1ch, 2dc in same st, 2dc in each st around, sl st into dc at beg ... 16 sts.

Change to C4, **3rd round** - 1ch, 1dc in back loop of same st, 1dc in back loop of each st around, sl st in dc at beg.

**4th - 10th rounds** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st around, sl st in dc at beg.

**11th round** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 6 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in dc at beg ... 14 sts.

**12th - 16th rounds** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st around, sl st into dc at beg.

**17th round** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in next st, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 5 sts, dc2tog, 1dc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in dc at beg ... 12 sts.

**18th - 30th rounds** - 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each st around, sl st into dc at beg. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing on to soil.

**RUFFLED ECHEVERIA**

Using '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g - C5, C6 and C7

**CENTRE LEAF** (make 6)

Using 4mm hook and C5, make 7ch.

**1st row** - Miss first ch, 1dc in each ch to end ... 6 sts..

**1st round** - 3ch (counts as tr throughout), 1tr in front loop of each st to end, rotate to work in the back loops of the foundation row, 1tr in what is now the front loop of each

st to end, sl st into 3rd of 3ch art beg ... 12 sts. Continue to work in the round.

**2nd round** – 3ch, 1tr in next st, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, sl st in 3rd of 3ch at beg ... 16 sts.

**3rd round** – 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 6 sts, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, sl st in 3rd of 3ch at beg ... 20 sts.

Change to C6, **4th round** – 3ch, 1tr in each st around, sl st in 3rd of 3ch at beg.

Flatten leaf to work through two layers at once, **2nd row** – 1ch, 2dc in both first and last st together, 2dc in each st to end ... 20 sts.

Change to C7, **3rd row** – 1ch, 3dc in same st, 3dc in each st to end. Fasten off.

#### **OUTER LEAF** (make 4)

Using 4mm hook and C5, make 9ch.

**1st row** – Miss first ch, 1dc in each ch to end ... 8 sts..

**1st round** – 3ch (counts as tr throughout), 1tr in front loop of each st to end, rotate to work in the back loops of the foundation row, 1tr in what is now the front loop of each st to end, sl st into 3rd of 3ch art beg ... 16 sts. Continue to work in the round.

**2nd round** – 3ch, 1tr in each of next 2 sts, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 6 sts, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, sl st in 3rd of 3ch at beg ... 20 sts.

**3rd round** – 3ch, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 8 sts, 2tr in each of next 2 sts, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, sl st in 3rd of 3ch at beg ... 24 sts.

**4th round** – 3ch, 1tr in each st around, sl st in 3rd of 3ch at beg.

Change to C6 and flatten leaf to work through two layers at once, **2nd row** – 1ch, 2dc in both first and last st together, 2dc in each st to end ... 24 sts.

**3rd row** – 1ch, 3dc in same st, 3dc in each st to end. Fasten off.

#### **FINISHING**

Using yarn needle and length of C5 yarn, stitch one centre leaf into a rough tube. Stitch the other centre leaves around it, then the outer leaves. Leave a long tail at the bottom for stitching on to soil.

#### **LITHOPS** (Stone plant)

Using '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g – C5 and C9

#### **SMALL** (make 6 of each colour)

Using 4mm hook, make a magic ring.

**1st row** – 1ch, 4dc in ring, turn.

**1st round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 2dc in each st to end, rotate to work along straight side, work 3dc evenly along side, place stitch marker in last st. Continue to work in a spiral ... 11 sts/rnd.

**2nd round** – 1dc in back loop of each st around.

**3rd round** – 1dc in each st around, 1dc in next st past stitch marker, sl st in next st. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

#### **MEDIUM** (make four in C5 and two in C9)

Using 4mm hook, make a magic ring.

**1st row** – 1ch, 4dc in ring, turn.

**2nd row** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 2dc in each st to end, turn ... 8 sts.

**1st round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in next st, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in next st, rep from \* to end, rotate to work along straight side, work 5dc evenly along side, place stitch marker in last st. Continue to work in a spiral ... 17 sts/rnd.

**2nd round** – 1dc in back loop of each st around.

**3rd – 4th rounds** – 1dc in each st around, 1dc in next st past stitch marker, sl st in next st. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

## **LARGE** (make four in C9)

Using 4mm hook, make a magic ring.

**1st row** – 1ch, 4dc in ring, turn.

**2nd row** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 2dc in each st to end, turn ... 8 sts.

**3rd row** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in next st, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in next st, rep from \* to end ... 12 sts.

**1st round** – 1ch, 2dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, \* 2dc in next st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, rep from \* to end, rotate to work along straight side, work 7dc evenly along side, place stitch marker in last st. Continue to work in a spiral ... 23 sts/rnd.

**2nd round** – 1dc in back loop of each st around.

**3rd – 5th rounds** – 1dc in each st around, 1dc in next st past stitch marker, sl st in next st. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

## **FINISHING**

Using yarn needle and length of same-coloured yarn, stitch two semi-circles of the same size and colour together along the straight sides. Leave a long tail at the bottom for stitching on to soil.

## **SCHLUMBERGERER** (Christmas Cactus)

Using '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g – C6 and C8

Make in 6 lengths: L1 (make 3), L2 (make 3), L3 (make 2), L4 (make 2), L5 (make 2), L6 (make 2) and L7 (make 2).

## **LEAF STRANDS**

Using 4mm hook and C8, make 21 (27, 33, 39, 45, 51, 63) ch.

**1st round** – Miss 1ch, working up one side of ch, sl st in next 3 sts, 1htr in next st, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, 3ch, sl st into ch at base of tr just made, \* sl st in next st, 1htr in next st, 1tr in each of next 4 sts, 3ch, sl st into ch at base of tr just made, rep from \* to end, rotate to work up other side of ch, 3ch, 1tr in

same ch as sl st just made, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1htr in next st, sl st in next st, \*\* sl st in next st, 3ch, 1tr in same ch as sl st just made, 1tr in each of next 3 sts, 1htr in next st, sl st in next st, rep from \*\* to last 2 sts, sl st in last 2 sts. Fasten off.

## **FLOWERS**

### **INNER** (make 6)

Using 4mm hook and C6, make 7 ch.

**1st row** – Miss 1ch, sl st in next ch, 1dc in each ch to end.

**2nd row** – 1ch, 1dc in same st, 1dc in each of next 2 sts, 4ch.

**3rd row** – Miss 1ch, sl st in next ch, 1dc in each of next 2ch, 1dc in each of next 3 dc.

**4th – 5th rows** – Rep 2nd and 3rd rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

### **OUTER** (make 6)

Work as for inner to end of 5th row.

**6th – 7th rows** – Rep 2nd and 3rd rows. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

## **FINISHING**

Tightly roll inner flower piece and stitch together. Roll an outer flower piece tightly around the rolled inner piece, and stitch together, so that the inner piece protrudes from the outer piece. Gently press the leaf strands. Using the 7-lobe and 10-lobe leaf strands as bases, stitch the shorter lengths as randomly as possible to them between lobes, making 'branches'. Stitch the flowers to the ends of leaf strands as desired.

## **SOIL**

Using '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g – C2

## **BEG**

Using 4mm hook and C2, make a magic ring,

**1st round** – 2ch, 10htr in ring, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 10 sts.

**2nd round** – 2 ch, 2htr in same st, 2htr in

each st around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 20 sts.

**3rd round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in next st, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in next st, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 30 sts.

**4th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 2 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 40 sts.

**5th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 3 sts, rep from \* around, miss 1ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 50 sts

**6th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 4 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 60 sts.

**7th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 5 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 5 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 70 sts.

**8th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 6 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 6 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 80 sts.

**9th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 7 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 7 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 90 sts.

**10th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 8 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 8 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 100 sts.

**11th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 9 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 9 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 110 sts.

**12th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 10 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 10 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 120 sts.

**13th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 11 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in

each of next 11 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 130 sts.

**14th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 12 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 12 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 140 sts.

**15th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 13 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 13 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 150 sts.

**16th round** – 2ch, 1htr in same st, 1htr in each st around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg.

**17th round** – 2ch, 2htr in same st, 1htr in each of next 14 sts, \* 2htr in next st, 1htr in each of next 14 sts, rep from \* around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg ... 160 sts.

**18 – 19th rounds** – 2ch, 1htr in same st, 1htr in each st around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

## POT

Using '4 Seasons' Pure Wool 8ply 50g – C1 and C9

## BEG

Using 4mm hook and C1, work as for soil to end of 19th rnd.

**20th round** – 2ch, 1htr in back loop of same st, 1htr in back loop of each st around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg.

**21st – 23rd rounds** – 2ch, 1htr in same st, 1htr in each st around, miss 2ch, sl st into htr at beg.

Change to C9, **24th round** – Rep 21st rnd.

Change to C1, **25th round** – Rep 21st rnd

Change to C9, **26th round** – Rep 21st rnd.

Change to C1, **27th – 28th rounds** – Rep 21st rnd. Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing.

## FINISHING

Fold top two rows inside of pot and stitch in place with tail.

## FINISHING

Do not press (except Schlumbergerer). Insert polyester fill into Fenestraria and Lithops. Sew the cacti to the soil, clumping the same species together and filling empty areas with the Lithops. Sew the soil to the inside of the pot most of the way around; fill gently with polyester fill so that soil does not rise higher than edge of pot, then sew closed.