

# Sweet Magnolia

Crochet flower and leaf patterns

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Spring is my favorite time of year, mainly because I absolutely adore flowering trees. Cherry blossoms are my all-time favorite, but magnolias come in at a very close second. It's quite simply just a beautiful sight--a tree that has been nothing more than bare branches all winter is suddenly covered in thousands of gorgeous blossoms...

Like most varieties of flowering plants and trees, magnolia flowers come in various shapes, sizes and colors, and although my favorite is the dark rose colored flower with narrow petals, as a crochet flower, the rounded petals of the white magnolia flower look much nicer.

When it comes to crochet flowers, I'm always looking for no-sew options. It's rather difficult and unwieldy to sew petals together (at least it is for me!), and the more petals, the more likely it is that things will be less symmetrical. And I'm all for symmetry. So, this design was borne out of a desire to create a pattern that wouldn't require all 9 petals to be made individually, then sewn together.



Instead, the flower is made in three separate parts: the outer petals, the inner petals, and the center piece. Sewing three pieces together is much simpler than sewing 10 pieces together!

Instructions for a large magnolia leaf are also included.

A text only version of the pattern can be found at the end for your printing convenience.

## **Materials:**

Worsted weight yarn in desired colors

(Color suggestions: white, pink, yellow, green)

4.00mm crochet hook

Tapestry needle

## **Abbreviations:**

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet

Dtr = double treble crochet

Hdc = half double crochet



Hdtr = half double treble crochet

Htrc = half treble crochet

Sc = single crochet

Sl st = slip stitch

Trc = treble crochet

### Outer Petals

Step 1:

Ch 6. Sl st in first ch to create circle.

12 sc in circle.

Sl st in first sc to join. You have just created what I will refer to as the **foundation ring**. This is the foundation upon which your 6 base petals will be created.

Step 2:

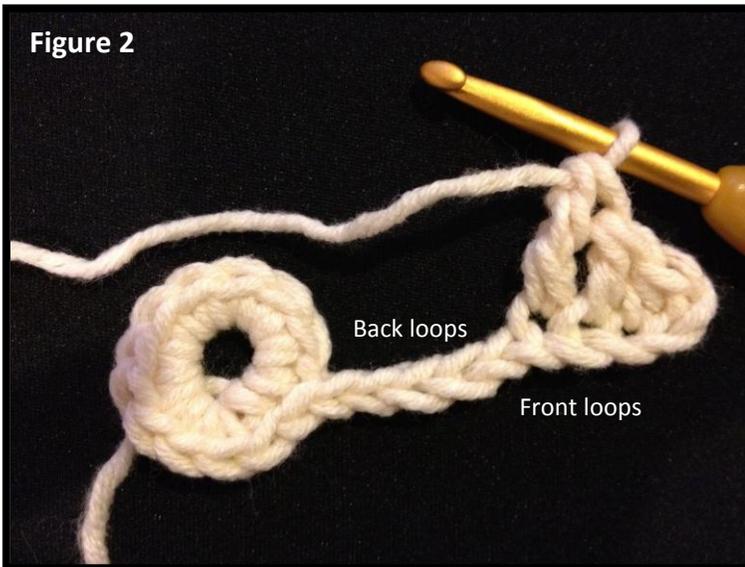
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be sure to keep the working yarn in the back. Now, the front loops, which were on the bottom of your work, are on the top, and the **foundation ring**, which was on your left side is now on your right. See Figure 3.

Step 6:

Once the work has been rotated, ch 1. See Figure 4. Now, the petal is very secure, and this also prevents the petal from twisting in the wrong direction.

Step 7: As you work the second half of the petal and make your way back up, you will be working into the



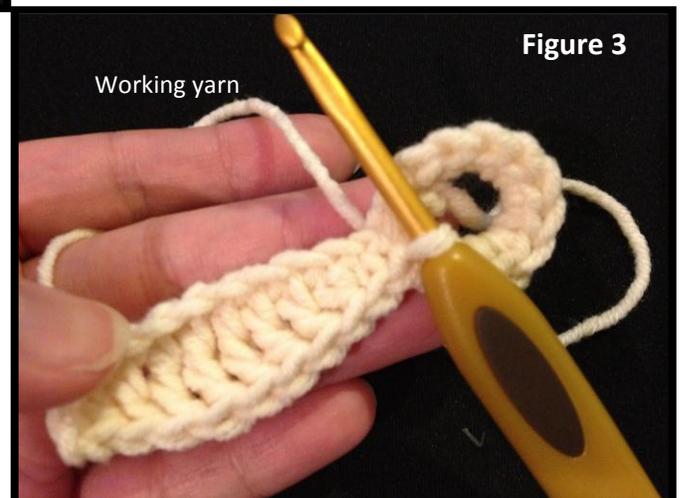
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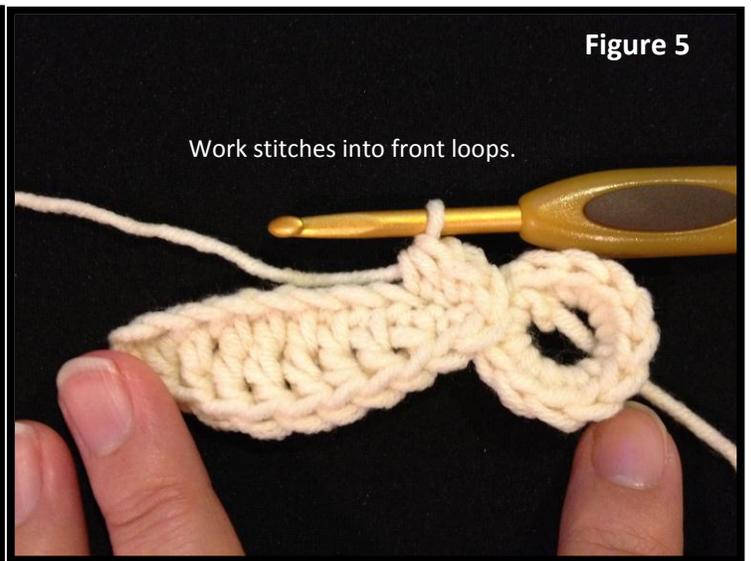
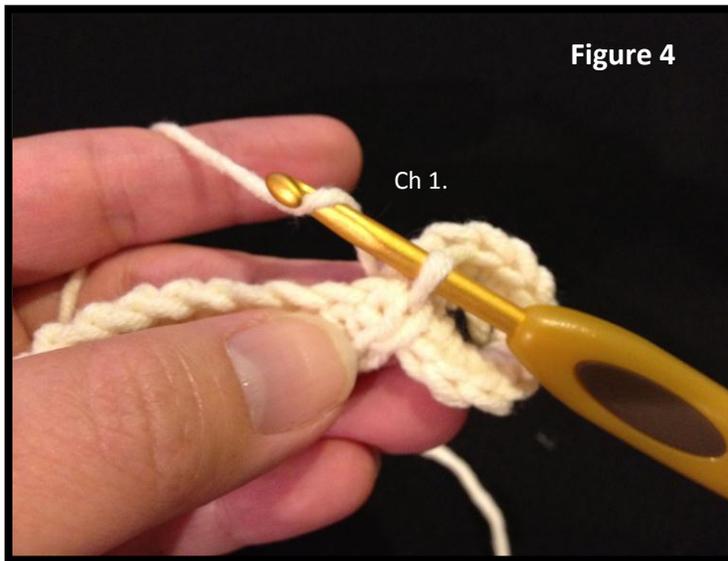
your petal in place. The sl st should go in the same sc that your **foundation chain** for the petal began.

Step 5:

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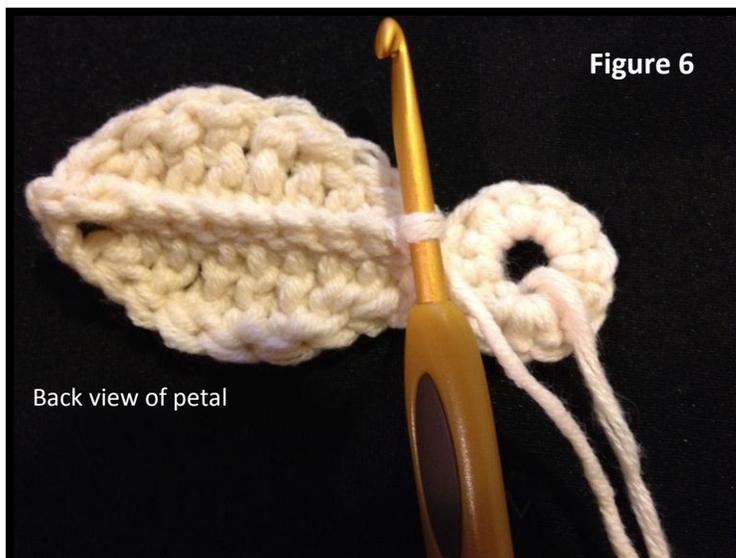
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Step 8: Next, you will need to make your way back to the **foundation ring** since you're at the top of the petal and need to get down to the **foundation ring** for the next petal. This next step takes care of that as well as providing additional support to the petal.

Ch 1. Turn your work around so that you're at the back of the petal. Since you worked both the front and back loops of the **foundation chain**, you will now be working into the "bump" on the backside of the **foundation chain**. If you have difficulty finding this bump, gently pull the petal on either sides to reveal the center spine.

Sl st down the center spine of the petal. You should have 9 sl sts by the time you get to the bottom of the petal. Ch 1. Sl st to join with next sc on **foundation ring**. See Figure 6.



Begin the next petal. Repeat Steps 2-8 five more times.

Once you have completed the last petal, bind off, leaving a tail that is long enough to use for sewing the flower onto something later!

### **Inner Petals:**

Making the inner petals is almost identical to making the outer petals, only you will be making three petals instead of six.

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When you have completed the 3rd petal, bind off, leaving a tail long enough for sewing the inner petals to the outer petals.

### **Center Piece:**

With yellow yarn, ch 2. 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Join with sl st to first sc in round.

Working in front loops only, sc around for two rounds.

In the 3rd round, sc2tog. Break yarn, leaving a long enough tail to thread down through the center of the cylinder shape.

Now, returning to the base of the cylinder, join pink yarn to the outer loop (or back loop) of the

original ring of 6 sc that you made. Work the following stitches in the back loop only.

\*Ch 8 and join with sl st to the same sc, creating what is essentially a very large picot. Sl st in next sc. Repeat from \* 5 more times.

Break yarn.

### **Construction:**

Putting the pieces together is quite easy. First, sew the inner petals to the outer petals. Then sew the center piece onto the flower. And you're done!

### **Magnolia Leaf:**

For one half of the leaf, you will be crocheting into the back loops only as you did with the petals of the flower. Then, for the second part, you will rotate the work and crochet into the front loops only.

Ch 33.

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Join with sl st to first sc on opposite side of leaf. Bind off.

Additional Images:

Outer Petals



Inner Petals



Completed flower



Petals combined



Flower with leaf



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Join with sl st to first sc on opposite side of leaf. Bind off.



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