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Cherry Blossom NECKLACE

Design your own beautiful Japanese Sakura necklace, the winner of the Craftster.org and *Crochet Today!* online Jewelry Challenge last April.

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What You'll Need

YARN

Small amounts of fingering weight yarn:

- Brown (A)
- Light Pink (B)
- Medium Pink (C)
- Dark Pink (D)
- Green (E)

CROCHET HOOK

- Size C/2 (2.75mm) crochet hook
or any size to obtain correct gauge

NOTIONS

- Gel super glue (optional)
- Stitch marker
- Yarn needle

Skill Level: Intermediate



FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approx 19"/48.5cm long

GAUGE

Flower is .75"/2cm diameter

Remember to check gauge for best results! If necessary, adjust hook size to obtain correct gauge.

NOTES

1 Length of necklace is made in 3 pieces: Toggle Side Chain, Loop Side Chain, and Center Branch Design. All 3 pieces are sewn together to achieve full length of necklace after each separate piece is worked.

2 To make small branch, ch 7, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in last ch.

3 To make medium branch, ch 9, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs, ch 7, sl st in 2nd

ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in remaining 6 chs.

4 To make large branch, ch 15, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in remaining 5 chs.

5 To make extra-large branch, ch 9, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs, ch 12, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, ch 10, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in next 8 chs, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 chs, sl st in remaining 8 chs.

NECKLACE

Toggle Side Chain

Round 1 Starting at back of neck with A, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Do not join,

but work in a spiral. Insert stitch marker in first st and move up as work progresses.

Round 2 Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Round 3 [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 4 times, sl st in next sc, leaving remaining sts unworked—12 sc.

Row 1 [Ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook] 6 times. If desired, work more or less repeats for desired length of this section. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing onto Center Branch Design.

Loop Side Chain

Starting at back of neck with A, ch 11, sc in first ch to form a ring.

Row 1 [Ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook] 6 times. If desired, work more or less repeats for desired length of this section. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing onto Center Branch Design.

Center Branch Design

With A, [ch 14, sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 chs] 3 times, ch 11—41 chs.

Row 1 Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each unworked ch across—40 sc.

Note Refer to pattern notes for working branches on Row 2.

Row 2 Ch 1, turn; sl st in first 4 sc, *work small branch, sl st in next 4 sc, work medium branch, sl st in next 4 sc, work small branch*, sl st in next 4 sc, work large branch, sl st in next 4 sc, work extra-large branch, sl st in next 4 sc, work large branch, sl st in next 4 sc, repeat from * to * once, sl st in last 4 sc—9 branches (4 small, 2 medium, 2 large and 1 extra-large). Fasten off.

Flowers (Make 8, or desired number)

With B, ch 4, (dc, ch 3, sl st) in 4th ch from hook (first petal made), *(ch 3, dc, ch 3, sl st) in same ch (petal made); repeat from * 3 more times—5 petals. Fasten off.

Tip

Loop Side Chain and Toggle Side Chain can be reversed when sewing onto Center Branch Design.

Flower Center

With yarn needle and C, insert needle from front to back through center of flower, then back up to front again, approx 1/8-1/4"/3-.6cm away. Cut yarn, leaving a 4-6"/10-15cm tail on both ends. Tie tails in a knot, then tie in a knot again. Cut tails .25"/.5cm from ends.

Flower Buds

(Make 11, or desired number)

With D, leaving a 4"/10cm tail, ch 2, sc in 2nd ch from hook, ch 1. Fasten off, leaving a 4"/10cm tail. Tie tails together in a knot to make a small bud.

Leaves

(Make 5, or desired number)

With E, ch 6, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, (sl st, ch 2, sl st) in last ch, working in free loops on opposite side of chs, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, (hdc, ch 1, sl st) in last ch—6 sts (excluding sl sts). Fasten off.

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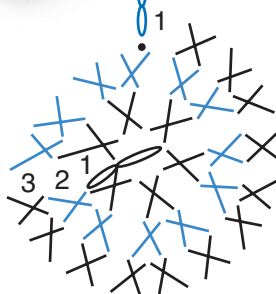
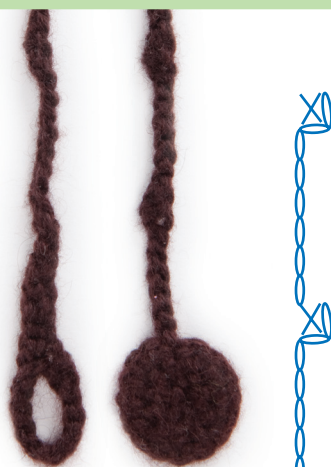
Assembly

Sew end of Toggle Chain to left edge of Center Branch Design and Loop Chain to right edge of Center Branch Design. Sew (or glue) flowers, flower buds and leaves on front of branches on Center Branch Design, placing pieces randomly, or as shown in photograph.

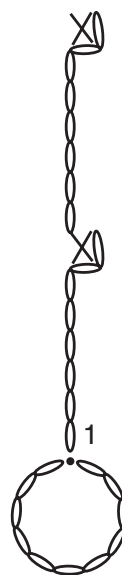
FINISHING

Weave in all ends ☀

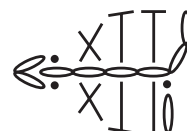
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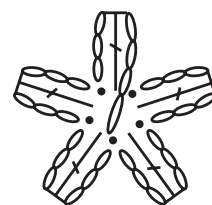
TOGGLE SIDE
CHAIN



LOOP SIDE
CHAIN



LEAF



FLOWER



FLOWER BUD