

Crocheted Pansy badge



The Pansy is a longstanding symbol of freedom of thought.

Pansy flowers first became known as 'pansies' in mid-15c France, named after the French verb *pensér* "to think". Since the 17c, freethinkers all over the world have adopted the pansy as a symbol of Freethought.

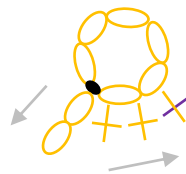
The term 'pansy' later became a homosexual slur, referring to effeminate men, pacifists, conscientious objectors, and 'pansy left' intellectuals.

Freethinkers traditionally indicated an affinity to Freethought by wearing a pansy. This step-by-step crochet pattern describes how you can make your own crocheted Pansy. Feel free to contact me if you see a mistake in the pattern, or can suggest improvements.

Happy crocheting! Emma (emlc1@le.ac.uk)

Centre:

Using yellow wool and a 3.5 or 4 mm crochet hook make 6ch and join with a slip stitch to form a ring. RS: Make 2ch, then 3dc in a ring (joining in the purple wool on the last dc). Fasten off the yellow.



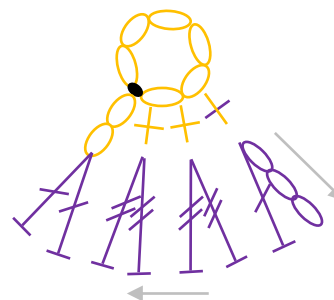
Abbreviations:

RS= right side
WS=wrong side

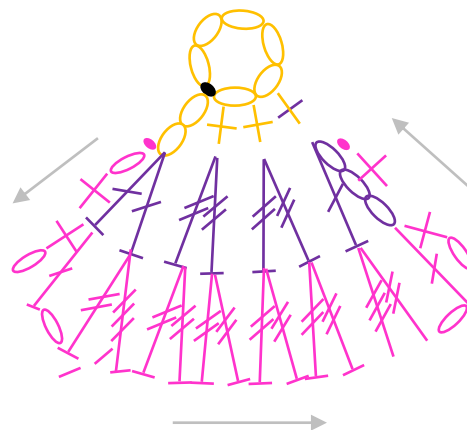
ss = slip stitch ●
ch = chain ○
dc = double crochet +
tr = treble crochet —+/
dtr = double treble crochet —///
trtr = triple treble crochet —///

Big petal:

WS: Now continuing with purple wool, make 3ch. In the first dc make 1tr. In the next two dc make 2dtr. In the top of the 2ch make 2tr. Fasten off the purple.



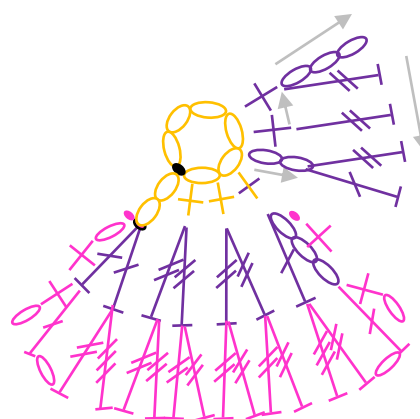
RS: Switch to **violet**: join in the wool in the base of the last **tr** of the previous row and make **1ch**. In the stem of the **tr** crochet **1dc**. Then in the top of the **tr** crochet **1dc, 1ch, 1tr**. Make **1ch**, then in the next **tr** crochet **1dtr, 1trtr**. In each of the next **4dtr** crochet **2dtr**. In the next **tr** crochet **1trtr, 1dtr**. In the top chain of the **3ch** crochet **1tr, 1ch, 1dc**. In the middle **ch** of the **3ch** make **1dc**, and in the last chain of the **3ch** fasten off with a **ss**.



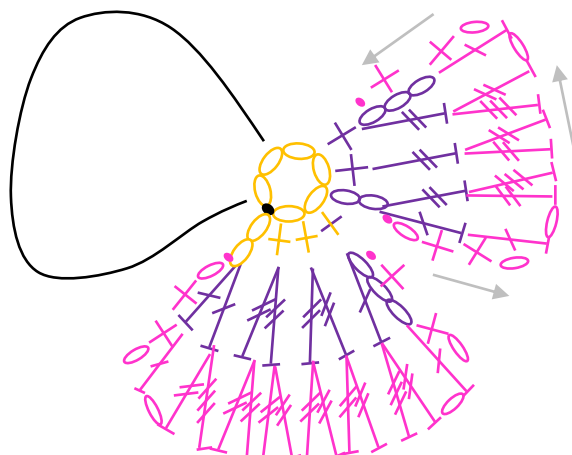
Smaller petals:

RS: Join **purple** in centre ring. Make **2ch, 2dc** in the ring.

WS: Make **3ch**. In the first **dc** make **1dtr**. In the second **dc** make **1dtr**. In the top chain of the **2ch** make **1dtr, 1tr**. Fasten off.



RS: Join the **violet** wool in the stem of the last **tr** of the previous row. Make **1ch**. In the stem of the **tr** make **1dc**. In the top of the **tr** make **1dc, 1ch, 1tr**. Make **1ch**. In the next **dtr** make **1dtr, 1trtr**. In the next **dtr** make **2dtr**. In the next **dtr** make **1trtr, 1dtr**. Make **1ch**. In the top of the **3ch** make **1tr, 1ch, 1dc**. In the middle chain of the **3ch** make **1dc**. In the last chain of the **3ch** fasten off with a **ss**.



Repeat for the third petal and darn in all the ends. Add a safety pin to wear as a brooch.