

Chrysanthemum

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Materials:

Mercerised crochet cotton size 20 in any chrysanthemum colour.

24 gauge green wire approx 15cm long

Medium sized yellow bead.

Large sized green bead.

Craft glue.

Version One:

Large Petal (make three)

Centre r 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 1 cl. Tie ends and dab knot with glue.

Wind shuttle and do not cut from ball, j to any p on centre r.

*Ch 5ds, 1 dropped picot (dp) worked by 1st half of ds do not flip and draw almost up to last ds leaving a gap of 2mm to make a very small picot, 2nd half of ds do not flip and draw completed non-flipped ds very close to last ds, (It is very important to draw the non-flipped ds as close as possible at this point otherwise it will not draw up when you continue to tat in the normal way.), 4 ds, 1dp, 4 - (all p are lp) 1 - 1 - 5 + (to last dp made) 5 + (to first dp made) 5ds, j to same p on centre r, 2ds, j to next p on centre r, rep from * and continue all the way around making 6 petals in all and joining last 2ds to starting point.

Small Petal (make two)

Centre r 1 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 1 cl. Tie ends and dab knot with glue.

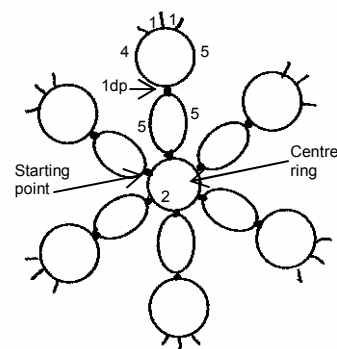
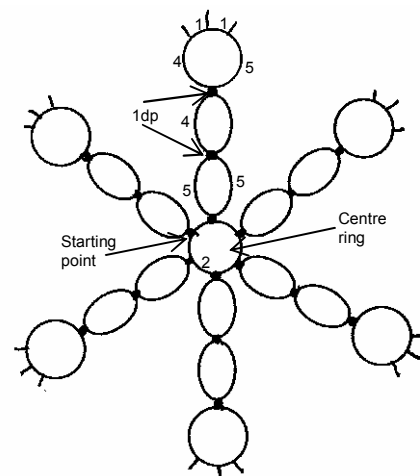
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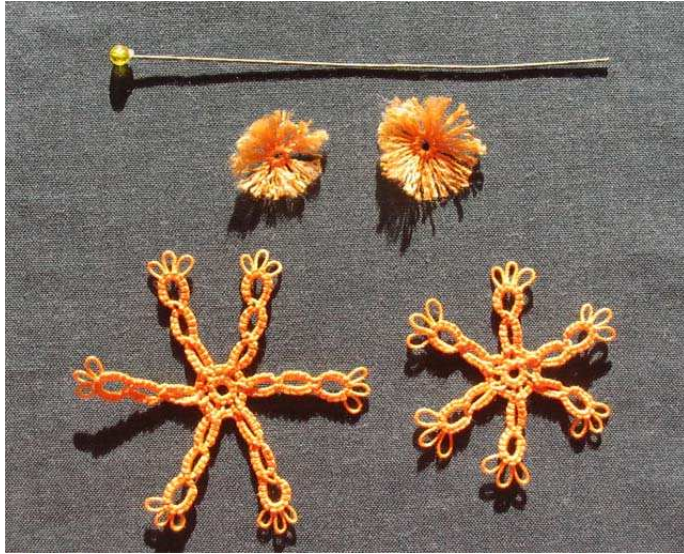
Ch 5ds, 1dp, 4 - 1 - 1 - 5 + (to dp) 5ds, j to same p on centre r, 2ds, j to next p on centre r, rep from * and continue all the way around making 6 petals in all and joining last 2ds to starting point.

Make 2 rings with extra long picots sep by 1ds - 1 with 12 p and one with 9 p. Trim the ends to the same length as the picots and snip all the picots. Using a pin/needle separate all the snipped picot threads and fray as much as possible.

To Make Up:

1. Make all the tatted parts required for one complete flower.
2. Cut a wire to approx 15cm (6 inches) long.
3. Glue a yellow bead to one end of the wire.
4. Always threading from the bottom of the wire, glue the smaller long picot ring to the bead. (I always glue this and the next ring with the "wrong side upper" so that the picots curve upwards.)
5. Next glue the larger long picot ring to the base of the last ring.
6. Now the sequence is the two smaller petals and then the three larger petals, but this time make sure that the "right side" of the petals is uppermost so that the petals will curve naturally downwards as in a real chrysanthemum. Make sure that each petal does not sit exactly on top of each other, the petals need to be offset.
7. Glue the large green bead (to replicate a seed pod) to the base of the petals.
8. When completely dry, curve the petals into a natural shape.





Version Two:
Continue in the same way as
version one until you reach the
lps at the tip of the petals. In
version two separate the long
picots with 2ds.
Make 2 rings with extra long
picots but this time do not snip

