

Crochet Butterfly Mobile

A kaleidoscope of crochet butterflies flutter round this mobile made with the pastel collection of Planet Penny COLOURS mercerised cotton yarn.
A beautiful gift for the nursery or a little girls bedroom.

Materials:

1 pastel pack of Planet Penny Cotton Colours yarn
1 Sewing needle with large eye.
1 sewing needle
7" wooden hoop
Hot glue gun



Abbreviations: (British terms**)

ss Slip stitch
ch Chain
dc Double crochet
tr Treble crochet
ch sp Chain space

** US crochet terms
dc = single crochet
tr = double crochet

Butterflies (Make 14)

Round 1: Start with a 'Magic Circle' (see <http://planetpenny.co.uk/the-magic-circle/> for a detailed explanation) and work 3ch (stands as 1st tr), 2tr, 2ch, 3 tr, 2ch, *3tr,2ch, 3tr, 2ch, rep from * until you have 8 groups of 3tr separated by 2ch. Join with a ss into the top of the 3ch at the start of the round. If you are using 3 colours fasten off yarn and leave a tail to stitch in. (Figs 1 -2)

Round 2: Join new yarn in any ch.sp. Work 3ch (stands as 1st tr) 2 tr, 2ch, 3 tr, into that ch.sp. then work 3tr, 2ch, 3tr into each ch sp in the round, join with a ss into top of 3ch. (Eight 3tr,2ch,3 tr groups) Fasten off yarn leaving as before.(Fig 3)

Round 3: Join new yarn in any ch sp in the centre of a group. Work 3 ch(stands as 1st tr), 7 tr. SS into space between tr group. *Work 8tr into next ch sp, ss into space between group rep from * to complete round. Join with a ss going through the space between the groups and the top of the starting ch at the same time. Fasten off as before. (Figs6&7)

To Make Up:

Pull ends through at the back of the work to hide and cut off. Pull the end at the centre to close the hole and fasten off. Fold the work in half so that you have 2 scallop wings on each side.(Fig 6)

Antennae:

Cut a piece of your chosen colour about 12"/30cm long. Twist between the fingers in the direction of the twist in the yarn so that it 'twizzles' up on itself and pull into 2 antennae. (Fig 7) Knot the ends as in Fig 9. Place the antennae in the centre of the butterfly as shown in Fig 8, wrap the yarn twice round to make the body and stitch in ends.



Flowers (make 22)

Round 1: Start with a 'magic circle' as before and work 6 dc.

Round 2: Into each stitch work 1dc, 1 tr, 1 dtr, 1 tr, 1 dc, ss. Work the last ss of the round into the base of the 1st petal group. (6 petals)

Pull up end to close circle. Fasten off ends.



Leaves (Make 22)

Make a chain of 10 st.

Into 2nd ch from hook work 1ss then work 2dc, 1htr, 1tr, 1htr, 2dc, 3ss in end then repeat back up the other side of the chain to make a leaf shape. Ss to finish and fasten off.



The wooden hoop can be left bare, painted or stained or, as I have done, crocheted over with the main colour.

Then make 3 chains 50 sts long and attach to the hoop as shown and tie the ends together at the top to make a hanging loop.

At this stage test that it is straight by hanging up so you can make adjustments.



Pin the flowers and leaves around the hoop and when you are happy with your arrangement, glue into place using a hot glue gun.



At this stage the hoop would make a perfect coronet from which to hang drapes at the head of a little girls bed!



Finally, hang the butterflies using fine fishing line spacing them equally round the frame and varying the length of each thread to give the effect of a cloud of flying butterflies.



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