



ADINDA'S CUSHIONS



THE DAHLIA

ENGLISH (US TERMS)





Hallo Happy Crocheter!

I'm glad you've chosen to crochet the Dahlia, a bright and cheerful cushion I have designed with great pleasure.

It's again been very much a joy for me to work on this project and I hope it will make you just as happy once you're done!

Think of it as a project without pressure, no rushing.

Find joy in the journey....

LOVE,
ADINDA



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Materials

“Colour Crafter” yarn by Scheepjes

100% premium acrylic, 300 m in 100 grams (DK)

Colors:

please choose different colors to your liking to crochet the different sections of this cushion. You can also base your choice of colors on the various photographs in this pattern.



Dimensions:

The size of the finished cushion will vary according to the thread and crochet hook size you use, and your own personal crocheting tension. Adinda’s cushion has an average diameter of 16 inches (abt. 40 cm).

Pattern notes:

Adinda crocheted the whole central section of the cushion using a size K-10.5 (7 mm) crochet hook with two strands of yarn put together.

Should you wish to crochet with a different type of yarn, you should consider selecting a type of yarn suitable to working with a crochet hook size K-10.5 (7 mm). If your individual crocheting tension is rather tight, you can opt to use a size L-11 (8 mm) crochet hook.

Crochet symbols and abbreviations

- slip stitch (ss)
- 0 chain (ch)
- + single crochet (sc)
- ∨ 2 single crochets in same stitch (increase)
- ∧ 2 single crochets closed together (decrease)
- ∧∧ 2 double crochets closed together (decrease)
- ∨∨ 2 single crochets in same stitch (increase)
- ⌊ double crochet (dc)
- ⌋ treble crochet (trc)
- ⌋⌋ double treble crochet (dtrc)
- ⌋⌋⌋ 5 treble crochet cluster (5-trc cluster)
- ⌋⌋⌋⌋ 4 treble crochet cluster (4-trc cluster)
- ▶ start here
- stitch (st), stitches (sts)
- round (rnd), rounds (rnds)





Base discs

The cushion's top and back base discs are done in double crochet, using two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and a size K-10.5 (7 mm) crochet hook.

Choose a color for your discs:

you will need to crochet 2 of them, one for the front / top section and one for the back section of the cushion.

Foundation: ch 3 and ss 1 to join.

Round 1: ch 2, dc 9 in ring, ss 1 to join (10).

Round 2: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, dc 2 in every st around, ss 1 to join round (20).

Round 3: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, *dc 1 in next st around, dc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join round (30).

Round 4: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, *dc 1 in next 2 stitches around, dc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join round (40).

Round 5: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, *dc 1 in next 3 stitches around, dc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join round (50).

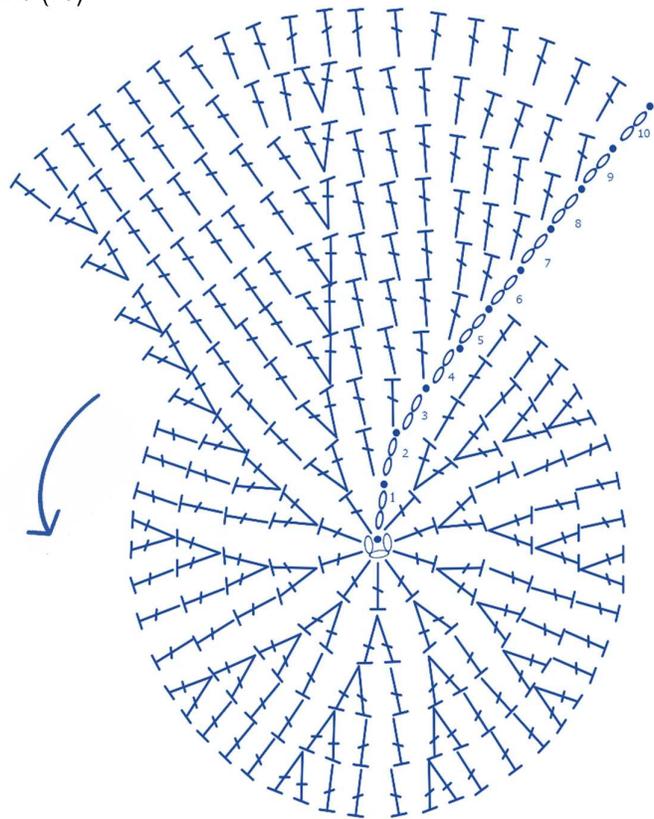
Round 6: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, *dc 1 in next 4 stitches around, dc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join round (60).

Round 7: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, *dc 1 in next 5 stitches around, dc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join round (70).

Round 8: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, *dc 1 in next 6 stitches around, dc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join round (80).

Round 9: ch 2 (counts as first dc) and dc 1 in first st, *dc 1 in next 7 stitches around, dc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join round (90).

Round 10: ch 2 (counts as first dc), then dc 1 in each st around, ss 1 to join round (90).



Base of cushion diagram



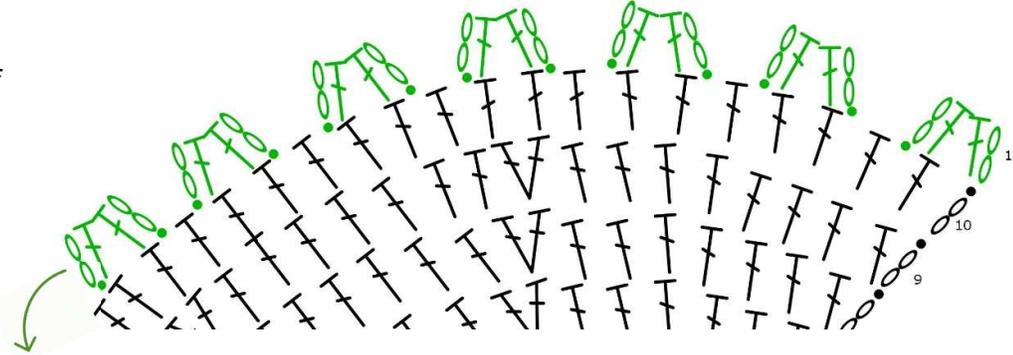


Scallop edging around top disc

The cushion's top disc also features a scallop edging, done using two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and a size H-8 (5 mm) crochet hook. Choose a color for your scallop edging:

Round 11: (only around top disc) join in yarn, then *ss 1, ch 2, dc 1 in same st, then dc 1, ch 2 and ss 1 in next st, skip 1 st*. Repeat from * to * to end of round, cut yarn, work in ends.

Detail of row 11 (scallop edging)



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Decorative surface-crochet border on top disc

This decorative border is worked directly around the top disc in **surface single crochet stitches**, with the yarn held above the top surface at all times.

On Adinda's World's YouTube channel you can view a brief tutorial on how to work the surface single crochet borders: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d1yZX4eEPBM>).

Choose a color for your surface-crochet border (2 strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and a size K-10.5 (7 mm) crochet hook). Join yarn in the color change spaces between top disc rows 10 and 11 and work a complete round of surface single crochet stitches. Ss 1 to join round. Cut yarn and work in ends.



Note:

All the sections that make up the flower shown on top of the cushion are crocheted directly on the cushion's top disc, therefore once you have completed the surface crochet border, you will continue crocheting the rows of flower petals **only on the top disc**.





Three center rows of petals

Crochet the three center rows of petals using two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 (7 mm), as follows:



First center row of petals:

Select a color for the inner portion of each petal. With the color you have chosen (two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 / 7 mm), first work a round of **surface single crochet** between rows 1 and 2 of the top disc (see photo). Ss 1 to join round.

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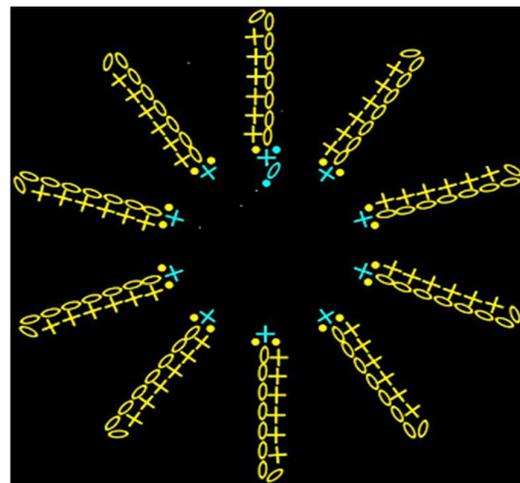


Now crochet as follows (see photos):

ch 8, insert hook in third chain from hook and sc 1 in each of the following 6 chains, then ss 1 directly into the st you started from.

Ss 1 in following st, and repeat from * to *.

Continue working the inner portion of the petals to end of round, then cut thread and work in ends.





Decorative edging around each inner portion of petals

Change color and with the new color you have chosen (two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 / 7 mm), crochet the decorative edging as follows:

join yarn at base of one of the petals, then
*ss 1 in each of the following 2 stitches,
sc 1 in each of the following 2 stitches,
dc 1 in each of the following 2 stitches,
sc 1 in next stitch:
(here you have completed the first half of the edging),
sc 1 in next stitch,
dc 1 in each of the following 2 stitches,
sc 1 in each of the following 2 stitches,
ss 1 in each of the remaining 2 stitches*.

Repeat same sequence around each petal to end of round.



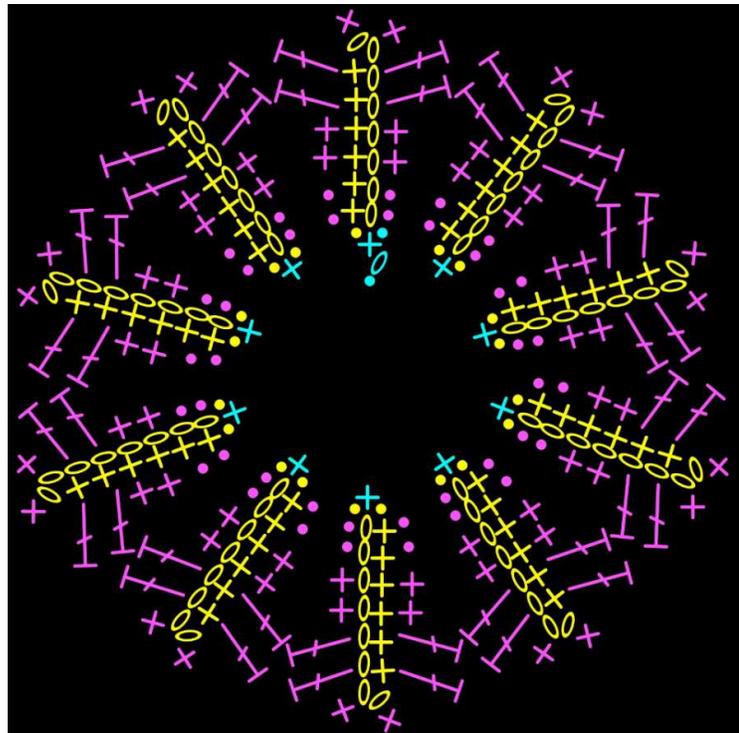
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This completes the first center row of petals.

2nd and 3rd center rows of petals:

Crochet the following two center rows of petals in exactly the same way, and using the exact same colors, but

- for the 2nd center row of petals work the initial round of **surface single crochet** between rounds 2 and 3 of the top disc, and
- for the 3rd center row of petals work the initial round of **surface single crochet** between rounds 3 and 4 of the top disc.





Two outer rows of petals

The 2 outer rows of petals are done using two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 (7 mm).

First outer row:

Select a color for the inner portion of the petals and crochet as follows:

Round 1: insert hook in the spaces between rounds 5 and 6 of the base disc, join in yarn and work a complete round of **surface single crochet**, ss 1 to close round.

Round 2: *ch 5, skip 3 stitches, ss 1 into the fourth stitch*. Repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to close round.

Round 3: in each ch 5 arch of the previous round, crochet *ss 1, ch 1, dc 1, tr 1, dtr 2, tr 1, dc 1, ch 1, ss 1, then ss 1 into the ss 1 between arches of the previous round*. Repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to close round.

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Decorative edging around petals

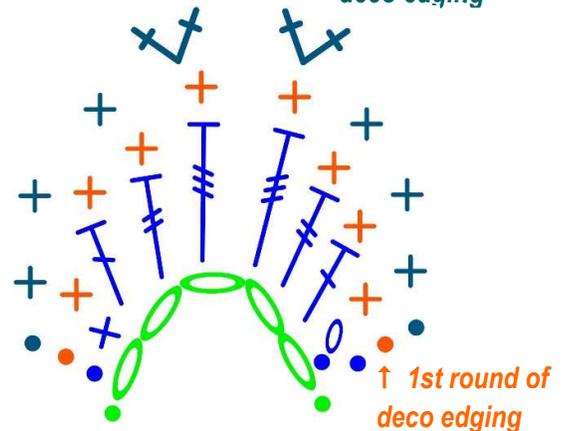


Each of the two outer rows of petals also have two rows of edging, each done in different colors.

1st round of decorative edging:

Choose a color for the 1st round of decorative edging, and with the color you have chosen (two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 / 7 mm), join in yarn in one of the ss between a petal of the previous round, and *sc 1 in each of the 8 stitches forming the petal, ss 1 into the ss 1 between each petal of the previous round*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

↓ 2nd round of deco edging



2nd round of decorative edging:

Choose a color for the 2nd round of decorative edging, and with the color you have chosen (two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 / 7 mm), join in yarn in one of the ss between a petal of the previous round, then:

sc 1 in each of the first 3 stitches forming the petal, sc 2 tog in next st, sc 2 tog in next st, then sc 1 in each of the last 3 st forming the petal, ss 1 into the ss 1 between each petal of the previous round. Repeat from * to * to end of round.





Last row of petals

Crochet the last row of petals using two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 / 7 mm).

For this last row of petals we suggest you select two different shades of green.

It is done exactly as the previous 2 outer rows of petals, with the exception that it only has 1 round of decorative edging (not 2).

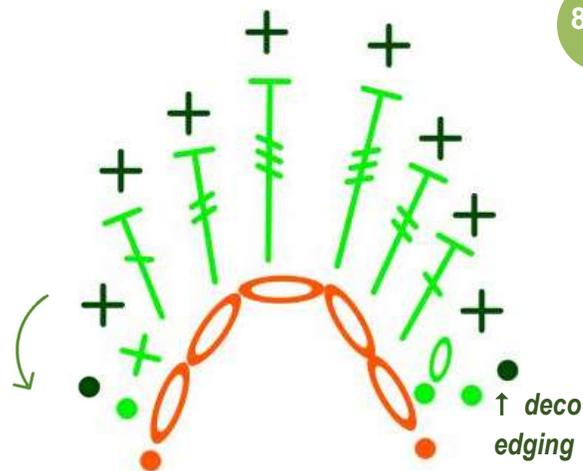
Work the last row of petals as follows:

Round 1: join in yarn of the first shade of green you have chosen between rows 6 and 7 of the top disc. Work a complete round of **surface single crochet**, ss 1 to close round.

Round 2: *ch 5, skip 3 stitches, ss 1 into the fourth stitch*. Repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to close round.

Round 3: in each ch 5 arch of the previous round, crochet *ss 1, ch 1, dc 1, tr 1, dtr 2, tr 1, dc 1, ch 1, ss 1, then ss 1 into the ss 1 between arches of the previous round*. Repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to close round.

Cut yarn and work in ends.



Round of decorative edging

With the second shade of green you have chosen (two strands of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 / 7 mm), join in yarn in the ss between one of the petals of the previous round, and *sc 1 in each of the 8 stitches forming the petal, ss 1 into the ss 1 between next petal of previous round*. Repeat from * to * to end of round.

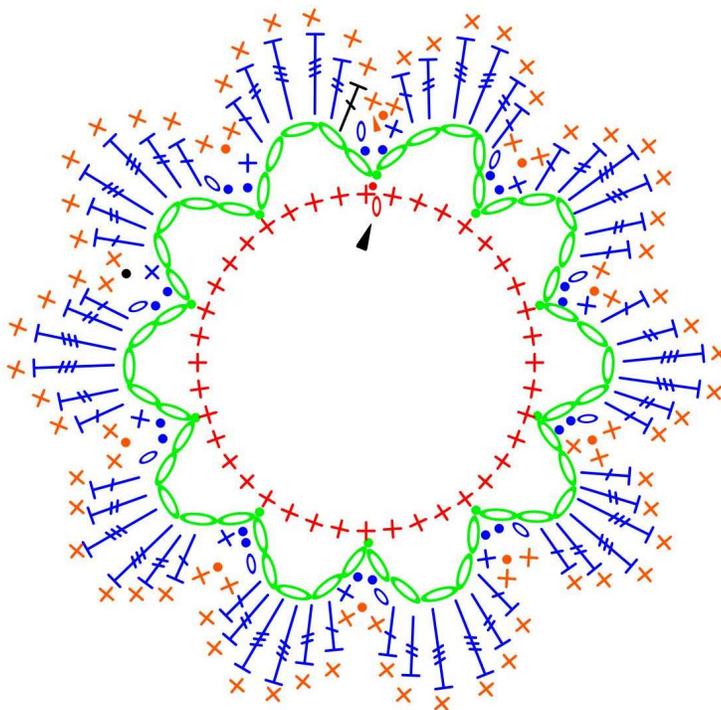


Diagram of the outer and last rows of petals, up to the 1st round of edging





Pistils at center

Crochet the pistils at center of flower using exactly the same shades of green you chose to crochet the last row of petals. Please note however that the pistils are done using Scheepjes Colour Crafter in **single (1)** strand, and a crochet hook size E-4 / 3.5 mm.

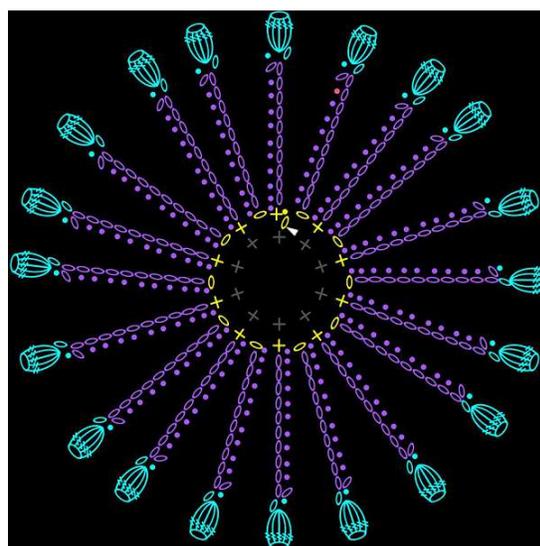


With the first shade of green:

Ss 1 to join yarn at center of the top disc i.e. between rows 1 and 2 and holding yarn above surface of work, *surface single crochet 1 and ch 1* in each stitch around so that at end of round you have 20 stitches. Ss 1 to join.
 Next, *ch 11, insert hook in third chain from hook, ss 1 in each of the following 9 chains, ss 1 directly into the st you started from*,
 ss 1 in next st. Repeat from * to * to end of round. (20 pistils).

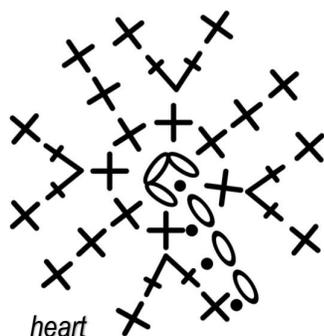
Decorative bobbles

With the second shade of green you have chosen: insert hook into the end tip of a pistil, pull up yarn and crochet a 5 tr cluster: *ch 3, tr 4, ss 1 into base of cluster to form a bobble, cut yarn and work in ends*.
 Repeat on end of each pistil to end of round.



The heart of the flower

The heart of the flower is done using **two strands** of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn put together and hook size K-10.5 (7 mm). It is sewn onto the flower separately.



Chain 3 and join with a slip stitch.

Round 1: ch 1, sc 7 in ring, ss 1 to join.

Round 2: Ch 1. *sc 1 in next st around, sc 2 in following st*, repeat from * to * to end of round, ss 1 to join.

Round 3: Ch 1. Sc 1 in each stitch of previous round, ss 1 to join.
 Cut yarn and work in ends.





Decorative bobbles

The decorative bobbles are done using a **single strand** of Scheepjes Colour Crafter yarn and hook size E-4 (3.5 mm), as follows:

- insert hook into chosen point of cushion base, join in yarn, ch 3 and work a 4 tr cluster in same base stitch (see photos below - once you've done the 4th tr of the cluster, pull through all loops on hook), then ss 1 into base of cluster to form a bobble. Cut yarn and work in ends.



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Work in as many bobbles as required - place them all around the last row of petals and space them out evenly to your liking. Also decorate the cushion's back disc with bobbles, arranging them all over the cushion's back surface to your liking.



decorative bobbles

Cut yarn and work in all loose ends. With wrong sides of both bases put together, sew edges all around with neat, even stitches leaving about a 4 inch space open – stuff with fiberfill or with a suitable pillow form then sew the section left open with neat, even stitches. Weave in all sewing ends.



