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Sugar Skull Woman's Headpiece

Celebrate the Day of the Dead holiday and please the spirits of loved ones. This headpiece is simply crocheted flowers and a skull attached to a crocheted base.

*For necklace and related patterns
see photo at end of pattern.*

Hat measures 20" (51 cm)
circumference at brim.

Note

Designer recommends hot glue to adhere flowers and skull to hat. An adult should always operate the hot glue gun.

Special Stitch

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

HAT Skull

Top

With **A**, ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 5 times; join with slip st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in first st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last st; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 5: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 5 times; join with slip st in first sc—30 sc.

Round 6: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 5 times, 2 sc in next st, sc in last 2 sts; join with slip st in first sc—36 sc. Do not fasten off. Continue in turned rows.

Bottom

Row 1 (right side): Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—8 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog, turn—6 sc.

Rows 4 and 5: Repeat Row 2.

Do not fasten off. Continue in rounds.

Border

Round 1: Ch 1, working in ends of rows, sc in each row across first edge of bottom; working in unworked sts of Round 6, sc in next st, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 4 times, 2 sc in next st; working in ends of rows, sc in each row across other edge of bottom, ch 1, sc in each st of Row 5, ch 1; join with slip st in first sc—47 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING Skull

Print template shown on page 2. For each skull, cut forehead flower, nose, and 2 eyes from felt. Apply a small amount of glue on center back of each piece. Referring to photo as a guide, position pieces on skull and, with **B** and straight stitches, sew each piece in place. With **B**, embroider straight stitch teeth. Weave in ends.

FLOWERS

Carnation (make 4: 1 each with C, D, E, and F)

Ch 4; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), 9 hdc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—10 hdc.

Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as first hdc), 2 hdc in same st as join, 3 hdc in each st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—30 hdc.

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Round 3: Ch 4 (counts as hdc, ch 2), hdc in same st as join, [ch 2, hdc] twice in each st around, ch 2; join with slip st in 3rd ch of beginning ch—60 hdc and 60 ch-2 spaces. Fasten off.

Large Flower (make 4: 1 each with C, D, E, and F)

Round 1 (right side): Work same as Round 1 of Carnation.

Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), working in front loops only, dc in same st as join, 2 dc in next st, [(ch 2, slip st, ch 2, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st] 4 times, ch 2; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—12 dc, 4 slip sts, 9 ch-2 spaces.

Round 3: Working in back loops only, slip st in same st as join, ch 2 (counts as first hdc), hdc in same st, 2 hdc in each st and ch around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—68 hdc.

Round 4: Ch 2, working in front loops only, dc in same st as join, 2 dc in next st, [(ch 2, slip st, ch 2, dc) in next st, 2 dc in next st] around, ch 2; join with slip st in top of beginning ch. Fasten off.

Small Flower (make 4: 1 each with C, D, E, and F)

Work same as Rounds 1–3 of Large Flower. Fasten off.

FINISHING Flowers

Weave in ends.

HAT Base

With **B**, ch 15.

Foundation Row: Working in back bars, hdc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—14 hdc. Do not turn.

Round 1: Ch 1, 4 hdc in end of last hdc made, working on opposite side of foundation ch, hdc in first 14 ch, ch 1, 4 hdc in beg ch of first hdc of Foundation Row, hdc in top of first hdc and in next 13 sts across; join with slip st in first hdc—36 hdc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 hdc in first 4 sts, hdc in next 14 sts, 2 hdc in next 4 sts, hdc in each remaining st; join with slip st in first hdc—44 hdc.

Round 3: Ch 1, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next st, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st] 3 times, hdc in next 14 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st] 4 times, hdc in each remaining st; join with slip st in first hdc—52 hdc.

Round 4: Ch 1, 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 2 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts] 3 times, hdc in each of the next 14 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts] 4 times, hdc in each remaining st; join with slip st in first hdc—60 hdc. Fasten off.

Top

With **B**, ch 15.

Foundation Row: Working in back bars, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across—14 sc. Do not turn.

Round 1: Ch 1, 2 sc in end of last sc made, working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in first 14 ch, ch 1, 2 sc in beg ch of first sc of Foundation Row, sc in top of first sc and in next 13 sts across; join with slip st in first sc—32 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in first 2 sts, sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next 2 sts, sc in each remaining st; join with slip st in first sc—36 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] twice, sc in each remaining st; join with slip st in first sc—40 sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc in next 14 sts, [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] twice, sc in each remaining st; join with slip st in first sc—44 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

ASSEMBLY & FINISHING

Weave in ends. Lightly stuff hat top with fiberfill, center it on hat base and sew in place.

Referring to photograph as a guide, arrange flowers and skull on hat and glue in place.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain(s); **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

See template and additional projects on next page...



