What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA’S® Classic Crochet Thread, Size 10: 1 ball each of 226 Natural A, 805 Blue Hawaii B, 310 Copper Mist C, 422 Golden Yellow D, 484 Myrtle Green E, 131 Fudge Brown F

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 2.25 mm [US B/1]

Size 1/5 darning needle (large eye, sharp point)

14 stitch markers

GAUGE: First 7 rounds = ½” (9 cm) in diameter. Circle = 1” (2.5 cm) in diameter. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge given.

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Sun Blossom Mandala Doily

Many people and cultures have found meaning in the mandala, the circle with a center. This one has been beautifully designed with interesting crochet stitches so that you can take your own journey as you create it and then display it.

Mandala measures 12” (30.5 cm) in diameter

SPECIAL STITCHES

cluster = Yarn over (twice), insert hook in designated space, yarn over, draw up a loop to the height of a dc, yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook, [yarn over, draw up a loop in same space, yo, draw through 2 loops] twice (5 loops on hook), yarn over, draw through 4 loops, yarn over, draw through last 2 loops.

tr2tog = “Yarn over (twice), insert hook in next st, draw up a loop, [yarn over, draw yarn through 2 loops on hook] twice; repeat from * once, yarn over, draw yarn through 3 loops on hook.

NOTE
Press mandala several times during construction to make it lay flat and show stitches clearly, especially after yellow circles and blossoms are added.

DOILY

With A, ch 3, join with slip st to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 14 dc in ring; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3—15 dc.

Round 2: Ch 3, dc in first st, 2 dc in each dc around; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3—30 dc.

Round 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next dc, *dc in next dc, 2 dc in next dc; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3—45 dc. Fasten off A.

Round 4: With right side facing, join B with slip st in any st, ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), skip first st, hdc in each dc around; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-2—45 hdc. Fasten off B.

Round 5: With right side facing, join A in any st, ch 3, 3 dc in same st, *[skip next 2 sts, 4 dc in next st] 3 times, skip next 3 sts, 4 dc in next st; repeat from * twice, skip next 2 sts, 4 dc in next st, skip next 2 sts; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-3—56 dc; 14 4-dc groups. Fasten off A.

Round 6: With right side facing, join C in first dc, ch 2, skip first st, hdc in each of next 3 dc, dc in space before next dc, *hdc into next 4 dc, hdc in space before next dc; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-2—70 hdc.

Round 7: Ch 2, skip first st, hdc in each of next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st, *hdc in each of next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next st; rep from * around; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-2—84 hdc. Fasten off C.

Prepare round for attachment of circles by placing 14 stitch markers evenly spaced around. Line them up with the center of each 4-dc group from Round 5, leaving 4 sts between markers.

Round 8: First Circle
With D, leaving a 5” (12.5 cm) tail, ch 3, join with slip st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 4 (counts as tr here and throughout), 19 tr in ring; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4, slip st in last st of Circle—20 tr. Fasten off D.

Second through Thirteenth Circles
With D, leaving a 5” (12.5 cm) tail, ch 3, join with slip st to form a ring.

Continued...
Round 1: Ch 4, 16 tr in ring, skip 4 sts to the left of last join in Round 7, slip st in next marked st, 3 tr in ring of current Circle, skip 3 sts on previous Circle to the left of joining, slip st in next tr; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4 of current Circle—20 tr. Fasten off D.

Fourteenth Circle
With D, leaving a 5” (12.5 cm) tail, ch 3, join with slip st to form ring.

Round 1: Ch 4, 11 tr in ring, skip 4 sts to the right of where First Circle is joined to Round 7, slip st in next tr on First Circle, 4 tr in center ring of current Circle, skip 4 sts to the left of last join in Round 7, slip st in next marked st, 4 tr in ring of current Circle, skip 3 sts on previous Circle to the left of joining, slip st in next tr; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4 of current Circle—20 tr. Fasten off D.

Round 9: With right side facing, skip 1 tr to the left of join between any 2 Circles in Round 8, join C in next tr, ch 2, skip first st, hdc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts, *skip last st of current Circle and first st on next Circle, hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, hdc in each of next 2 sts; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4 of current Circle—140 sts. Fasten off C.

Round 10: With right side facing, skip 4 sts to the left of space between any 2 Circle, join E with a slip st in next sc in Round 9, ch 1, sc in same st, *ch 5, skip next 5 sts, work cluster in space between circles, ch 5, skip next 4 sts**, sc in next st; rep from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with a slip st in first sc—28 ch-5 loops. Fasten off E.

Round 11: With right side facing, join B in ch-5 loop to the left of any cluster, ch 4, 5 tr in same loop, ch 1, *6 tr in next loop, ch 5, skip next ch-5 loop, dc in next sc, ch 5, skip next ch-5 loop**, 6 tr in next loop, ch 1; repeat from * around, ending last repeat **; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4—14 ch-5 loops; 7 ch-1 spaces; 14 groups of 6-tr. Fasten off B.

Round 12: With right side facing, join F in ch-5 loop after any single dc, ch 1, *7 sc in ch-5 loop, hdc in each of next 6 tr, 2 dc in next ch-1 space, hdc in each of next 6 tr, 7 sc in next ch-5 loop; repeat from * around—198 sts. Fasten off F.

Round 13 (fan round): With right side facing, locate space between 2 sc, centered over any single dc in Round 11, join D with a slip st in 3rd sc to the right, skip next 2 sc, work 6 dc in space before next sc (in space directly over dc in Round 11), skip next 2 sc, sl st in next sc, fasten off; repeat from * around—7 Fans.

Round 14: With right side facing, skip 1 sc to the left of last slip st made in any Fan, join C with a slip st in next st, ch 1, starting in same st, *sc in each of next 20 sts, leaving 1 st free before next Fan, ch 8, skip next Fan, skip next sc; repeat from * around—7 ch-8 loops. Fasten off C.

Round 15 (arch round): With right side facing, join C with a slip st last slip st of any Arch, ch 4, tr in each of next 15 sts, [dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, dc in next 2 sts**, tr in each of next 16 sts; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4—252 sts.

Round 16: With right side facing, join A with a slip st last slip st of any Arch, ch 4, tr in each of next 15 sts, [dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st] twice, dc in next 2 sts**, tr in each of next 16 sts; repeat from * around, ending last repeat at **; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4—252 sts.

Round 17: With right side facing, join E with a slip st in first st, ch 1, sc loosely in each st around. Fasten off E.

Place 7 evenly spaced stitch markers around, placing 1 marker centered over each ch-1 space in Round 11 for 7 blossoms.

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Round 18:
Blossom (make 7)

Round 1: With D, ch 4 (counts as dc), 11 dc in 4th ch from hook; join with a slip st in top of beginning ch-4—12 dc.

Round 2: Do not ch, *skip next dc, 8 dc in next st, skip next dc, slip st in next dc; repeat from * twice—3 petals. Attach stitch marker to ending loop, so it can be brought back up later. Cut thread but do not fasten off.

Row 3: With right side facing, join C with a slip st in 5th st to the right of join, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 4 sts, sc in joining slip st, sc in next 5 sts. Fasten off C.

Joining: Pull marked D loop up from Blossom Round 2, remove marker. Place D loop on hook, slip st in marked st in Round 17, slip st in top of beginning ch-4 of Round 1 of Blossom. Fasten off D.

Round 19: With right side facing, join C in first st to the left of last sc in Row 3 of any Blossom, ch 1, starting in same st, *[sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st] twice, sc in next 4 sts, slip st in next sc in Row 3 of same Blossom, working in sts of Round 17, skip next 5 sts from joining of Blossom, *[tr2tog over next 2 sts] twice, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, [tr2tog over next 2 sts] twice; repeat from * around; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off C.

Round 20: With right side facing, join B with slip st 6th sc over first Blossom, do not ch, sc in next 6 sts, slip st ion next st, fasten off; repeat from * over top of each Blossom around.

Round 21: With right side facing, join A with a slip st in first sc of Round 20, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in sc at base of same sc, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, tr in each of next 24 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sc, hdc in sc at base of next sc in Round 20; repeat from * around, increasing more as necessary to keep work flat; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off A.

Round 22: With right side facing, join F in first sc, ch 1, sc loosely in each st around; join with a slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Round 23: With right side facing, join A with a slip st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 3 sts, tr in each of next 24 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts; repeat from * around, increasing more as necessary to keep work laying flat; join with a slip st in first sc.

Round 24: Ch 1, sc in each sc around, making sts snug but not too tight. Press mandala to shape.

ABBREVIATIONS
ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); tr = treble crochet; * or ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated; [ ] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.