



Pretty Petals Potholder

These beautiful pompom flowers will serve double-duty in your kitchen—they're also handy potholders! Line them with cotton batting and wool felt for added finger protection.

Potholders measure 8" in diameter.

AUNT LYDIA'S® Fashion Crochet Thread Size 3: 1 ball each 775 Warm Rose and 423 Maize.

Crochet Hook: 3.5mm (US E-4)

Wool felt to match thread, cotton quilt batting, sewing needle and thread to match project

GAUGE: Rounds 1-3 = 2½" in diameter. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needle to obtain the specified gauge.**

NOTE: Use cotton quilt batting for center of potholder and wool felt for the lining. Polyester batting could allow heat to pass through to your hands, causing burns. If you wash the wool felt before using it to line the potholder, you'll take care of any additional shrinkage that may occur with laundering.

POTHOLDER

Begin at center, ch 5, join with a slip st to form a ring.

Round 1: Ch 1, 15 sc in ring; join with a slip st in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as joining, * ch 3, skip 2 sc, sc in next sc, repeat from * around, ending with ch 3; join with a slip st in first sc – 5 ch-3 loops.

Round 3: (Sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc) in each loop around; join with a slip st in first sc – 5 petals.

Round 4: Ch 2, * holding next petal forward, slip st in base of center dc, ch 3, repeat from * around; end with skip ch-2, join with a slip st in first slip st.

Round 5: Repeat Round 3.

Round 6: Ch 1, * holding next petal forward, slip st in base of first hdc, ch 3, slip st in base of last hdc, ch 3, repeat from * around, ending with skip ch-1, join with a slip st in first slip st – 10 loops.

Round 7: Repeat Round 3 – 10 petals.

Round 8: Ch 1, * holding next petal forward, slip st in base of first hdc, ch 3, slip st in base of last hdc, ch 3, repeat from * around; ending with skip ch-1, join with a slip st in 1st slip st – 20 loops.

Round 9: Repeat Round 3 – 20 petals.

Rounds 10-13: Working with 20 petals, repeat Round 4 and Round 3 twice.

Round 14: Ch 1, * [holding next petal forward, slip st in base of center dc, ch 3] 3 times, [holding next petal forward, slip st in base of first hdc, ch 3, slip st in base of last hdc, ch 3] once; repeat from * around, ending with skip ch-1; join with a slip st in first slip st – 25 loops.

Round 15: Repeat Round 3.

Rounds 16-19: Working with 25 petals, repeat Round 4 and Round 3 twice.

Round 20: Repeat Round 4, replacing ch 3 with ch 4.

Round 21: Repeat Round 3, replacing 3 dc with 5 dc; fasten off.

FINISHING

Cut 2 thicknesses of cotton quilt batting to fit back of Potholder. Cut one thickness of felt to fit back of Potholder for lining. Placing 2 layers of cotton quilt batting in center, place lining on top and whipstitch in place.

AUNT LYDIA'S® Fashion Crochet size 3, Art. 182 available 100% Mercerized Cotton, 150 yd (147m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: ch = chain; dsc = single crochet; hdc = half double crochet; st(s) = stitch(es).