

Checker Board Floral Belts

Materials

1 Ball of #10 Cotton Thread
Steel Crochet Hook (Any size you like. I prefer a Boye 2.75mm.)
Sewing Needle (For Crochet Thread)
Measuring Tape (Optional)
Hook And Eye Closures
Scissors

Finished Size

Any size can be made; length of belt is determined by number of flowers used.

Gauge

Gauge is optional; for larger flowers (wider belt), a large needle and/or thread size can be used. An even, consistent tension is important.

Abbreviations

Beg = Beginning
Ch = Chain
Dc = Double Crochet
Hdc = Half Double Crochet
Lp = Loop
Sc = Single Crochet
Sl St = Slip Stitch
St = Stitch
Yo = Yarn Over

Flower

Ch 4, sl st in beg ch to form lp.

Row 1: Ch 1, work 8 sc in ch-4 lp. End with sl st in beg sc. (Do not turn.)

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in front lp of same sc. (Work hdc, dc, hdc in front lp of next sc, sc in front loop of next sc) 3 times. Work hdc, dc, hdc in front lp of final sc. End with sl st in beg sc. (Do not turn.)

Row 3: Reach hook behind current sc to sc in unused back lp of first row's beg sc. Work hdc, 3 dc, hdc in back lp of first row's next sc, directly behind previous row's first "petal". (Sc in back lp of first row's next sc, work hdc, 3 dc, hdc in back lp of first row's next sc) 3 times. End with sl st in current row's beg sc. Tie off. Weave in ends securely, or tie the two ends together at the back.

Row 4: To connect flowers, simply modify one small point during the course of Row 3. After working the 1st dc on each petal that needs connected, insert hook into the other flower's connection point (2nd, or middle, dc of outer petal's 3 dc) from the bottom of the flower, up toward the top, then yo, and pull thread back through the petal. Complete next dc as usual, pulling through 3 lps to finish the dc (instead of 2 lps). This will center the connection point in the middle dc of both petals. Complete petal with additional dc and hdc. Connect as many petals as necessary and finish flower normally.



Using one of the above charts, connect petals of each new flower as indicated by the merging black dots, using the method described in Row 4. Tie off and weave in each end securely. Add flowers until the length of the belt fits snugly around your waist at the desired level of your waist. Fasten hook and eye closures on the inside of opposite ends of the belt using crochet thread and needle.



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