

# Desert Crochet Cactus



## What you'll need:

- US 4 (3.5mm) Crochet Hook
- Yarn A: 20g brown DK weight yarn
- Yarn B: 20g green DK weight yarn
- Stitch marker
- Sewing Needle
- Acrylic toy stuffing
- Small Terracotta Plant Pot – 6cm x 6.8cm x 4cm
- Pipe cleaner (*optional*)
- Scissors

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- \* – Repeat sequence
- FO – Fasten off

## Notes:

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# Soil

The first step is to make the soil which will sit below the cactus in the miniature plant pot.

Using yarn A:

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: \*Inc (12)

Round 3: \*1 SC, Inc (18)

Round 4: 1 SC, \*Inc, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (24)

Round 5: \*3 SC, Inc (30)

Round 6: 2 SC, \*Inc, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue increasing in this way until the circumference of the soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*

At round 7:



Round 7- 15: SC around (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue until soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*

*Begin stuffing your cactus, continue stuffing as you go.*



Round 16: 2 SC, \*Dec, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (30)

Round 17: \*3 SC, Dec(24)

Round 18: 1 SC \*Dec, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (18)

Round 19: \*1 SC, Dec (12)

Round 20: \*Dec (6)

FO.

# Cactus

## Body

Using Yarn B:

Round 1: MR 6 (6)

Round 2: \*Inc (12)

Round 3: \*1 SC, Inc (18)

Round 4: 1 SC, \*Inc, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (24)

Rounds 5-19: SC around (24)

Round 20: 1 SC \*Dec, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (18)

FO – leave tail for sewing.

Stuff firmly.

## Arms (Make 2)

Using Yarn B:

Round 1: MR 6 (6)

Round 2: \*Inc (12)

Rounds 3-8: SC around (12)

Rounds 9: (for this last row stop working in rounds) turn and do not CH, SC 8.

FO – leave tail for sewing

Lightly stuff.

If you want the arms to have more of a bend, fold a short piece of pipe cleaner so it is the length of the arm. Place inside with the stuffing.

## Assembly

Sew the body of the cactus to the soil at approximately round three of the soil pattern.

To sew the arms to the cactus. Place the arms with pins to the body approximately 6 rounds up from the bottom of the body of the cactus and on opposite sides.

Place the arms facing upwards, so row 9 is facing downwards.

Sew the arm of the cactus to the body of the cactus. If you have used pipe cleaner, once sewn in place bend the pipe cleaner to create an upwards curve.





# Tall Crochet Cactus



## What you'll need:

- US 4 (3.5mm) Crochet Hook
- Yarn A: 20g brown DK weight yarn
- Yarn B: 20g green DK weight yarn
- Yarn C: Small quantity of pink or white DK weight yarn
- Stitch marker
- Sewing Needle
- Acrylic toy stuffing
- Small Terracotta Plant Pot – 6cm x 6.8cm x 4cm
- Scissors

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- DC – Double Crochet
- HDC – Half Double Crochet
- TR – Treble Crochet
- \* – Repeat sequence
- FO – Fasten off

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# Soil

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Using yarn A:

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: \*Inc (12)

Round 3: \*1 SC, Inc (18)

Round 4: 1 SC, \*Inc, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (24)

Round 5: \*3 SC, Inc (30)

Round 6: 2 SC, \*Inc, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue increasing in this way until the circumference of the soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*

At round 7:



Round 7- 15: SC around (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue until soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*

*Begin stuffing soil, continue stuffing as you go.*



Round 16: 2 SC, \*Dec, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (30)

Round 17: \*3 SC, Dec (24)

Round 18: 1 SC \*Dec, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (18)

Round 19: \*1 SC, Dec (12)

Round 20: \*Dec (6)

FO.

# Cactus

Using yarn B:

CH 24

Row 1: In 2<sup>nd</sup> Loop from the hoop, SC, repeat for remaining 22 stitches, CH1 turn

Row 2: In 2<sup>nd</sup> loop from the hook, SC in the back loops only for all 23 stitches, CH 1 turn

Repeat row 2 until piece measures 11cm.



Weave through one side of the cactus, drawstring close as pictured





Sew up the side of the cactus by crocheting through the stem of the first row and the back loop of the last row.

Stuff firmly.



Weave the other side of the cactus as above and drawstring to close.

Sew to the soil.

## Flowers (Optional)

Using Yarn C:

Round 1: MR 6

Change to Yarn D:

Round 2: SS to the first stitch, in the same stitch: 2 CH, 2 TR, 1 DC. For the remaining 5 stitches: SS to the next stitch, 2 CH 2 TR, 1 DC. SS to the first stitch.

FO.



Thank you for purchasing this pattern!

## Round Barrel Crochet Cactus



## What you'll need:

- US 4 (3.5mm) Crochet Hook
- Yarn A: 20g brown DK weight yarn
- Yarn B: 20g green DK weight yarn
- Yarn C: Small quantity of pink or white DK weight yarn
- Stitch marker
- Sewing Needle
- Acrylic toy stuffing
- Small Terracotta Plant Pot – 6cm x 6.8cm x 4cm
- Scissors

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# Soil

The first step is to make the soil which will sit below the cactus in the miniature plant pot.

Using yarn A:

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: \*Inc (12)

Round 3: \*1 SC, Inc (18)

Round 4: 1 SC, \*Inc, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (24)

Round 5: \*3 SC, Inc (30)

Round 6: 2 SC, \*Inc, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue increasing in this way until the circumference of the soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*

At round 7:



Round 7- 15: SC around (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue until soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*

*Begin stuffing your cactus at this point, continue stuffing as you go.*



Round 16: 2 SC, \*Dec, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (30)

Round 17: \*3 SC, Dec (24)

Round 18: 1 SC \*Dec, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (18)

Round 19: \*1 SC, Dec (12)

Round 20: \*Dec (6)

FO and weave in ends.

# Cactus

## Body

Using yarn B:

CH 16

Row 1: In 2<sup>rd</sup> Loop from the hoop, SC, repeat for remaining 14 stitches, CH1 turn

Row 2: In 2<sup>rd</sup> loop from the hook, SC in the back loops only for all 15 stitches, CH 1 turn

Repeat row 2 until piece measures 14cm

FO – leave tail long



Using the tapestry needle, weave the tail end through one of the long sides of the rectangle, drawstring close as pictured





Sew up the side of the cactus by crocheting through the stem of the first row and the back loop of the last row.

Stuff firmly.



Weave the other side of the cactus as above and drawstring to close.

Sew to the soil.

For a slight variation as pictured with the white flower, replace all SC to HDC and repeat all other steps as normal.

## Flowers – 3 small

With Yarn C:

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: SS to the first stitch, in the same stitch: Ch 2, 1 TR, 1 DC. For the remaining 5 stitches: SS to the next stitch, CH2, 1 TR, 1 DC. SS to the first stitch.

FO, leave a long tail to sew to the top of the cactus.

Sew three flowers to the top in a circle.



# Flowers – 1 large

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: SS to the first stitch, in the same stitch: CH 2, 1 DC, 1 TR, 2 DC. For the remaining 5 stitches: SS to the next stitch, CH2, 1 DC, 1 TR, 2 DC.

Set flower to the top.





Thank you for purchasing this pattern!

# Prickly Pear Crochet Cactus



## What you'll need:

- US 4 (3.5mm) Crochet Hook
- Yarn A: 20g brown DK weight yarn
- Yarn B: 20g green DK weight yarn
- Yarn C: Small quantity of yellow DK weight yarn
- Stitch marker
- Sewing Needle
- Acrylic toy stuffing
- Small Terracotta Plant Pot – 6cm x 6.8cm x 4cm
- Pipe cleaner (*optional*)
- Scissors

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Round 3: \*1 SC, Inc (18)

Round 4: 1 SC, \*Inc, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (24)

Round 5: \*3 SC, Inc (30)

Round 6: 2 SC, \*Inc, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue increasing in this way until the circumference of the soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*

At round 7:



Round 7- 15: SC around (36)

*Note: If your pot is larger continue until soil fits just inside the pot as pictured below.*



Round 16: 2 SC, \*Dec, 4 SC until last 2 stitches, 2 SC (30)

Round 17: \*3 SC, Dec (24)

Round 18: 1 SC \*Dec, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (18)

Round 19: \*1 SC, Dec (12)

Round 20: \*Dec (6)

FO.

# Prickly Pear Cactus

Next we will create the cactus itself. This particular cactus is made in three parts and then sewn together.

Using yarn B:

## Part A

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: \* Inc (12)

Round 3: \* 1 SC, Inc (18)

Rounds 4: 1 SC, \*Inc, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (24)

Rounds 5-10: SC around (24)

Round 11: 1 SC \*Dec, 2 SC until last stitch, 1 SC (18)

Round 12: SC around (18)

Round 13: \* 1 SC, Dec (12)

Rounds 14-15: SC around (12)

FO and leave a long tail for sewing.

Gently stuff to help cactus stand straight.

Optional: Fold a piece of pipe cleaner and lay flat inside to help keep the cactus upright.

## Part B

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: \* Inc (12)

Round 3: \* 1 SC, Inc (18)

Rounds 4-7: SC around (18)

Round 8: \* 1 SC, Dec (12)

Round 9-10: SC around (12)

FO and gently stuff to help cactus stand straight.

## Part C

Round 1: MR 6 (6)

Round 2: Inc (12)

Round 3-5: SC around (12)

Round 6: Dec (6)

Round 7: SC around (6)

FO.



## Flowers (Make 2)

Finally this cactus is finished with a few simple yellow flowers. You can add as many flowers as you wish to the cactus.

Using yarn C:

Round 1: MR 6

Round 2: SS to the 1st stitch – in the same stitch – 1 CH, 1 DC, 1 SC finish with a SS to the 2nd stitch. Repeat actions for first stitch for the remaining 5 stitches.

FO and leave tail to sew to cactus.



# Assembly

You can arrange the cactus parts however you wish, the best part about this pattern is that no two cacti are the same.

For the one pictured: sew Part A to the soil, sew Part B at an angle on top of Part A and sew Part C to the soil in front of part A.

Sew the flower to the end of Part B.



Thank you for purchasing this pattern!