Stitch Nation BY DEBBIE STOLLER



felted Junflower pin

Add a bright flower to anything you please! This flower is crocheted and then felted so it will last indefinitely. It's definitely a great idea for updating your look or for gifting.

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Designed by Susan Badgley.

Flower measures 8" in diameter before felting, 5 $^{1\!\!/}_2$ " after felting.

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller[™] Full o' Sheep[™]: 1 ball each 2605 Honeycomb **A**, 2640 Thyme **B** and 2350 Hazelnut **C**. Crochet Hook 5 mm [US H-8] and 8 mm [US L-11]. Sharp yarn needle, 1½″ bar pin, fiberfill stuffing, straight pins.

GAUGE: Gauge is not important, but the stitches need to be loose to felt the yarn successfully.

Note: Join rounds with a slip stitch.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS

3-ch-picot = Ch 3, insert hook in front loop (horizontal bar) of the dc just made and in the left strand (vertical bar) of the same st, yo and pull through all three loops.

SUNFLOWER

Petals

Round 1: With **A**, ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from the hook; join to first sc - 6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc; join to first sc - 12 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, [2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc] 6 times; join to first sc - 18 sc.

Round 4: (First row of petals), working in the front loops only of the previous round, slip st into first sc, [ch 5, working in the back hump of the chain, sc in second ch from the hook and the next 3 ch, slip st in next sc] 17 times; ch 5, working in the back hump of the chain, sc in second ch from the hook and the next 3 ch, slip st into back loop of first sc – 18 petals.

Round 5: Working behind the petals and in the back loops only of round 3, ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times; join to first sc - 24 sc.

Round 6: (Second row of petals) working into both loops of round 5, [ch 6, sc in the back hump of the second ch from the hook and the next 4 ch, slip st in next sc] 23 times; ch 6, sc in the back hump of the second ch from the hook and the next 4 ch; join to first petal -24 petals.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Sunflower Center

Round 1: With C, ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from the hook; join to first sc - 6 sc.

Round 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc; join to first sc - 12 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc around; join to first sc - 12 sc. **Round 4:** Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times - 18 sc.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

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Leaves (Make 2)

Round 1: With **B**, ch 4, 8 dc into first chain; do not join, turn. **Round 2:** Ch 2, hdc in first dc, hdc in next dc, dc in next 2 dc; (3 dc, 3-ch-picot, 2 dc) in next dc; dc in next 2 dc, hdc in next dc, hdc in top of turning ch, ch 2, slip st into top of starting ch. Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Backing

Round 1: With **C**, ch 2, 6 sc in second ch from the hook; join to first sc - 6 sc.

Round 2: Ch1, 2 sc in each sc; join to first sc – 12 sc.

Round 3: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc] 6 times; join to first sc - 18 sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, [2 sc in next sc, sc in next 2 sc] 6 times; join to first sc -24 sc.

Fasten off. Weave in ends.

Felting

Before assembling the flower, put the pieces into pillowcases and tie closed. Place them in a washing machine with hot water and a small amount of detergent. Check during the wash cycle regularly until desired amount of felting is achieved. Rinse soap and squeeze out excess water. To shape Sunflower, make a small aluminum ball and flatten one side. Place in the middle of the sunflower and pin or tie the petals around the ball and let dry. Block remaining pieces into desired shapes and let dry.

ASSEMBLY

With **C**, sew the sunflower center into the middle of the flower leaving a small opening; stuff center with fiber fill; finish sewing in place. Arrange leaves on back of flower; pin into place and stitch to the sunflower with **B**. Place backing on the sunflower over the leaves; pin and stitch into place with **C**. Sew bar pin onto back.



STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller[™] Full o' **Sheep[™]** Art. T100 available in 3.5 oz (100 g); 155 yd (142 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C etc; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch (es); yo = yarn over; [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

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