CROCHET SUNFLOWER: SUNFLOWER APPLIQUE

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Lovable Loops pattern listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) yarn in brown and yellow, small amounts of each. The source does not state yardage, so no yardage figure is given here.
- Crochet hook: size H-8 (5 mm)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

GAUGE

Not critical. The source states gauge is not important for this applique, since the finished size does not need to be exact.

FINISHED SIZE

About 4.5 inches (11.5 cm) across.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

dc: double crochet

tr: treble crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

PATTERN NOTES

- The flower is worked in joined rounds from a magic circle. The brown center is crocheted first, then the yellow petals are added around the edge.

- The chain 1 or chain 2 at the beginning of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Join each round with a slip stitch to the first stitch.
- Place a stitch marker in the top of the first stitch of a round if it helps you keep count.

CENTER OF THE SUNFLOWER

Start with brown yarn.

Rnd 1: Make a magic circle. Ch 1, work 8 sc into the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the first sc. (8 sts)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around. Join. (16 sts)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, *2 sc in next st, sc in next st; repeat from * around. Join. (24 sts)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, *2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. Join with a sl st to the first sc, changing to yellow yarn. (32 sts)

SUNFLOWER PETALS

Work with yellow yarn.

Rnd 5 (petals): Ch 2, *in next st work (dc, 2 tr, ch 3, sl st in 3rd ch from hook), in next st work (2 tr, dc), sc in next 2 sts; repeat from * around. Join. (8 petals)

Each petal is worked across two stitches of the center: the first half (dc, 2 tr, and a picot made by chaining 3 and slip stitching into the 3rd chain from the hook) goes into one stitch, and the second half (2 tr, dc) goes into the next stitch. The two single crochets after each petal anchor it before the next petal begins. The center has 32 stitches and each petal repeat uses 4 stitches, so the round makes 8 petals in total.

FINISHING

- Fasten off and weave in all ends.
- Gently shape the petals with your fingers if needed.
- To use the flower as an applique, sew it to a hat, bag, blanket, or card with a yarn needle and matching yarn, stitching through the back of the center so the stitches do not show on the front.

Source credit: adapted from Lovable Loops, Free Crochet Sunflower Applique Pattern. See sources.txt for the full link.

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