

## SUMMER COASTERS

Recommended Yarn: DK in a cotton or easy-wash, non-pill fibre. I used Sirdar Happy Cotton as there's a host of colours to choose from.

Hook: 3.5mm – I went down half a size from the yarn label recommended size.

Skill Level: Confident/adventurous beginner

### Abbreviations & Special stitches:

Ch = Chain

Dc = double crochet

Htr = half treble crochet (yoh, insert hook and pull through loop. Yoh and pull all 3 loops on hook)

Sl st = Slip Stitch

St = Stitch

tr = Treble

Tr2cl = Yoh, insert hook through st, yoh and pull through, yoh and pull through first 2 loops on hook (2 loops remaining on hook), yoh insert hook through same st as previous, yoh, pull through a loop, yoh and pull through first 2 loops on hook (3 loops on hook), yoh and pull yarn through, loops on hook.

Invisible Join (an alternative to a final slip stitch to fasten off): Remove loop from hook. Insert hook from back to front through both loops of st that the join is to be made in. Put removed loop back on to hook and pull through st from front to back. Gently pull yarn end to tighten join.

### Instructions:

Centre of flower: Make a magic circle OR ch4 and Sl st into first chain to make a ring.

Round 1. Ch 3 (counts as first treble). 11 tr into magic circle. Sl st into first tr to close. (12 stitches)

Round 2. Ch3, 1tr in same stitch. 2tr in each stitch. Sl st into first tr. (24 stitches)

Round 3. Ch3, 2tr in first stitch. Tr2cl in next stitch. \*2tr in next stitch, tr2cl in next stitch\* Repeat \* to \* 11 times in total. Sl st into first tr and fasten off. (36 stitches)

Round 4. Petals – change yarn colour. Ch 2 in first st (counts as htr). 2tr in next st. 3tr in next st. 2tr in next st. Htr in next stitch (one petal made). Sl st in next st. \*htr in next st, 2tr in next, 3tr in next, 2tr in next, htr in next, sl st in next st\* Repeat from \* to \* 5 times to make 6 petals in total. Sl st into second Ch of beg Ch2.

Round 5. Sl st into next st. Ch2 (counts as htr). 2tr in next 2 stitches. 3tr in next stitch. 2tr in next 2 stitches. Htr in next st. (Petal made). Skip next st. Dc in next st from Round 3 (ie over top of sl st from round 4). Skip next st \*htr in next st. 2tr in next 2 sts. 3tr in next st. 2tr in next 2 sts. Htr in next st. . Skip next st. Dc in next stitch from round 3, skip next st\*. Repeat from \* to \* 5 times to complete 6 petals in total. Invisible join into second Ch of beginning Ch2.

Note: if you are unsure in which stitch to make your htr for the beginning of the second (and subsequent) petal, find the centre stitch of the next petal in the row below and count back 3 stitches from there. The centre stitch will be where your 3tr will go; one before where the 2tr will go, then one before for 2tr again and the next where the htr will go.

