

## Field of Flowers Stitch

This is a stitch for working on top-down items such as garments. It can give a lovely textured edging to sweater, cardigans, hats and accessories.

Suggested yarn: any yarn with any weight, though it is best to use a yarn with some cotton content for good stitch definition.

Note: this pattern is written for a flat piece, but it can easily be worked in the round without turning.



### Chain an even number of stitches

Row 1: Htr in every stitch (Wrong side). Turn.

Row 2: (Right side) Join yellow (or whichever colour you want to use for the flowers) yarn. Work star stitch\* across row until last stitch, work htr in last stitch. Do not turn.



**Modification for multicolour flowers: after working first star stitch, join second yarn colour at back of piece and change to this**

**yarn. Ch1, work next star. Drop second colour, pick up first colour, ch1, work next star. Continue like this, alternating colours, until the final stitch, work htr in last stitch.**

Row 3: (right side) Pick up white yarn, Ch2, [htr in back loop only at top of star, ch1] until last stitch, htr in last stitch. Bind off white yarn, do not turn.

Row 4: (right side) Join green yarn. Ch1, [dc in first stitch, htr into centre of star stitch in row 2, working over chain in row 3] repeat until last stitch, dc in last stitch. Bind off green yarn, do not turn.

Row 5: (right side) Join white yarn. Ch2, htr in back loop only of all stitches.

\* **Star stitch:** To work the first star, yo and draw up a loop in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> chain from hook and then in the first 3 stitches (6 loops on hook), yo and pull through all 6 loops. Then ch1 to make the centre of the star. In all subsequent stars, yo and draw up a loop in the chain space just worked, the vertical bar at the side of the previous star, the stitch at the base of the previous star, and the next 2 stitches (6 loops on hook). Complete the star with a yo, pull through all 6 loops, ch1 to make centre of star.

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