

Mini Bougainvillea in Vase - Crochet Pattern

This pattern creates a charming mini bougainvillea plant in a small crochet vase, perfect as a keychain or desk decoration. It utilizes basic crochet stitches and assembly techniques. The pattern is written in standard US crochet terms.

Skill Level: Easy to Intermediate

Finished Size: Approximately 2.5 inches tall (including vase and flowers)

Materials: * Yarn: Sport weight or fingering weight cotton yarn in: * Light Beige/Cream (for vase) * Bright Pink/Magenta (for bougainvillea bracts) * Light Green (for leaves) * White/Cream (for small flower centers) * Hook: 1.5mm or 2.0mm crochet hook (or size appropriate for your yarn to achieve tight stitches) * Stuffing: Polyester fiberfill (small amount for vase) * Tapestry needle * Stitch marker (optional) * Scissors

Abbreviations (US Terms): * MR: Magic Ring * ch: chain * sc: single crochet * inc: increase (2 sc in one stitch) * dec: invisible decrease (sc2tog through front loops only) * sl st: slip stitch * st(s): stitch(es) * FO: Fasten Off * [...] x N: Repeat instructions in brackets N times * (...): Total number of stitches at the end of the round/row

Vase (Light Beige/Cream yarn)

Work in continuous rounds.

Round 1: Start with a MR, 6 sc in MR (6) **Round 2:** [inc] x 6 (12) **Round 3:** [sc, inc] x 6 (18) **Round 4:** [sc2, inc] x 6 (24) **Round 5:** sc around (24) - *Work in back loops only for this round to create a defined edge.* **Round 6-10:** sc around (24) (5 rounds) - *Work in both loops.* **Round 11:** [sc2, dec] x 6 (18)

Stuff the vase lightly with fiberfill. Do not overstuff, maintain a soft shape.

Round 12: sc around (18) **Round 13:** [sc, dec] x 6 (12)

Continue to stuff as needed, shaping the vase.

Round 14: sc around (12)

Do not FO. We will continue from here to create the rim of the vase.

Leaves (Light Green yarn) - Make 2-3

Work in rows.

Row 1: ch 5 **Row 2:** Starting in the 2nd ch from hook, sc, hdc, dc, 3 dc in last ch. Continue on the other side of the chain: dc, hdc, sc. (9 sts) **Row 3:** ch 1, turn. sc in each st around. (9 sts)

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Bougainvillea Bracts (Bright Pink/Magenta yarn) - Make 3-4

Work in rounds.

Round 1: Start with a MR, 6 sc in MR (6) **Round 2:** [inc] x 6 (12) **Round 3:** [sc, inc] x 6 (18) **Round 4:** [sc2, inc] x 6 (24) **Round 5:** [sc3, inc] x 6 (30) **Round 6:** [sc4, inc] x 6 (36)

To create the ruffled edge, work the following in each stitch around: (sl st, ch 2, dc, ch 2, sl st) in the same stitch. This will create a petal-like effect.

FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Flower Centers (White/Cream yarn) - Make 3-4

Work in rounds.

Round 1: Start with a MR, 4 sc in MR (4)

FO, leaving a short tail for sewing.

Assembly

1. **Attach Flower Centers to Bracts:** Take one flower center (white/cream) and sew it securely to the center of one bougainvillea bract (pink/magenta) using the short tail. Repeat for all flower centers and bracts.
 2. **Attach Leaves to Bracts:** Sew 1-2 leaves to the base of each bougainvillea bract, ensuring they are securely attached.
 3. **Assemble Bougainvillea Branches:** Gently fold and shape the bougainvillea bracts and leaves to create a natural, clustered look. You can use a small amount of green yarn to secure the bases of the bracts and leaves together to form small branches.
 4. **Insert Bougainvillea into Vase:** Carefully insert the assembled bougainvillea branches into the opening of the vase. Arrange them to your liking, ensuring they stand upright and fill the vase opening. You may need to add a tiny bit more stuffing to the vase to secure the branches in place.
 5. **Secure Bougainvillea to Vase:** Using a tapestry needle and a length of green yarn, sew the base of the bougainvillea branches to the top edge of the vase to secure them firmly. This will prevent the plant from falling out of the vase.
 6. **Final Touches:** Weave in any remaining loose ends. Your mini bougainvillea in a vase is now complete!
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