

Where to find patterns for flowers/birds/insects etc:

Books; (available through Shropshire Libraries – you can order them to be collected from Pontesbury Library)

- 75 birds and butterflies to knit and crochet by Lesley Stanfield
- 100 flowers to knit and crochet by Lesley Stanfield
- Search Press series of '20 to make books', includes some for flowers
- 200 fun things to knit:decorative flowers, leaves, bugs, butterflies and more /200 fun things to crochet Lesley Stanfield
- Beautiful Botanical Knits by Nora j. Bellows

Websites for free patterns

Uk Hand Knitting Association www.ukhandknitting.com has free patterns for flowers, birds and animals www.knittingpatterncentral.com free knitting pattern directory for almost anything! Google search for free knitting patterns will bring up lots

Pinterest: if you search for knitted flower patterns etc lots will come up.
<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/debbiem1107/pavilion-spring-garden/> is a site with lots of ideas to inspire you

Ravelry www.ravelry.com Some free patterns on this site

See also knitting and crochet e-magazines available free through Shropshire Libraries PressDisplay service. <https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/libraries/find-a-book/e-library/>

Simple crochet/knitted flower patterns

Forget me not

Take black or dark blue yarn. Chain (ch) 4 and slip stitch (sl st) into first chain to create circle. 7double crochet (dc) into circle. Sl st to first dc and then pull yarn tail to close circle in centre.

Join yellow yarn into a dc stitch. Ch1 Make 1 dc into each st, sl st to first dc, cut yarn and fasten off.

Petals.

Take blue yarn, join with sl st in any dc st, then ch3. Then **double treble (dtr) (see below for dtr instructions)** into same st , then 2 more dtr into same st. ch3 and then sl st into same st. First petal complete

Sl st into next dc st. ch3, 3 dtr into same st. ch3 sl st into st. 2nd petal

Continue until 5 petals made in same way. Sl st into first dc and then fasten off.

***double treble (dtr) st** - yarn over hook twice and then insert hook into same st, yarn around hook, pull yarn through two loops on hook, yarn around hook pull through 2 hoops on needle and then yarn around hook and then pull through last 2 hoops.

Daisy

Make a magic circle with yellow wool, then 5dc into magic circle, join with sl st to first dc. Then 1 ch, then 2dc into each st. Then sl st into 1st ch. Pull yarn tail to close circle in middle.

Join white wool to in any dc with a sl st. Make *8ch then sl st into same place as joining sl st. Insert hook into next dc, sl st, First petal complete.* Repeat from * to * all way round. When you have crocheted last petal and sl st and then fasten off by cutting yarn and pulling through last hoop on hook.

Cherry blossom



Instructions:

With burgundy red color, Ch 5, join with Sl St to form a ring;

Rnd 1. Ch 1, 10 SC into the ring, join with Sl St into first SC, cut off burgundy red color. Fasten off.

Rnd 2. Join light pink color to first St of Rnd 1, *Ch 4, TR3tog in same St, Ch 4, Sl St in same St, skip next St, Sl St in next St*, repeat from * to * 4 more times, last Sl St make in same St where you joined light pink color. Fasten off. Total – 5 petals.

How to make treble crochet 3 stitches together (TR3tog): *yarn over twice, insert hook into indicated St, yarn over, pull up a loop, (yarn over, draw through 2 loops) twice, repeat from * two more times – you will have 4 loops on your hook, yarn over, draw through all loops on hook.



Simple knitted flower (pattern by Paulette Lane)

Abbreviation: B&F = knit into the back and then the front of the next stitch Note: This pattern can be used with any weight of yarn; the flowers will be bigger or smaller depending on the yarn.

Petal - Make 5 petals. Cast on 3 sts leaving an 8"/21 cm tail.

Row 1: K1, B&F, K1. 4 sts

Row 2: K1 B&F, knit to end. 5 sts Repeat Row 2 until 8 stitches on needle. Knit without increases until there are 4 garter ridges on both sides.

Next Row: K2tog, knit to last 2 stitches, K2tog. Repeat until 4 stitches remain.

Knit 1 row. K1, K2tog, K1 Place stitches on a holder or leave stitches on needle while knitting the other petals.

Leaf - Make 1 or 2 as desired. Cast on 1 stitch leaving an 8"/21 cm tail.

Row 1: B&F. 2 sts

Row 2: B&F, K1. 3 sts

Row 3: B&F, knit to end. Repeat Row 3 until 8 stitches on needle.

Knit 1 row

Next Row: Knit the row decreasing 1 stitch at the centre. Repeat the decrease row until 3 stitches remain.

Next Row: K1, K2tog.

Next Row: K2tog.

Cut yarn and pull through stitch. Work in end. Leave the cast on end loose.

Finishing: Position the petals as desired. With the long cast on tails of one of the petals, gently stitch the petals to each other at the back to hold their positions. Work in the remaining ends. Position the leaf/leaves at the back of the flower, stitch in place with the cast on tail. Work in end.



Make these simple flowers by using French knitting to create strips or knitting i-cords using double pointed needles and shaping into flowers. Or use white wool and yellow button to make daisies.