

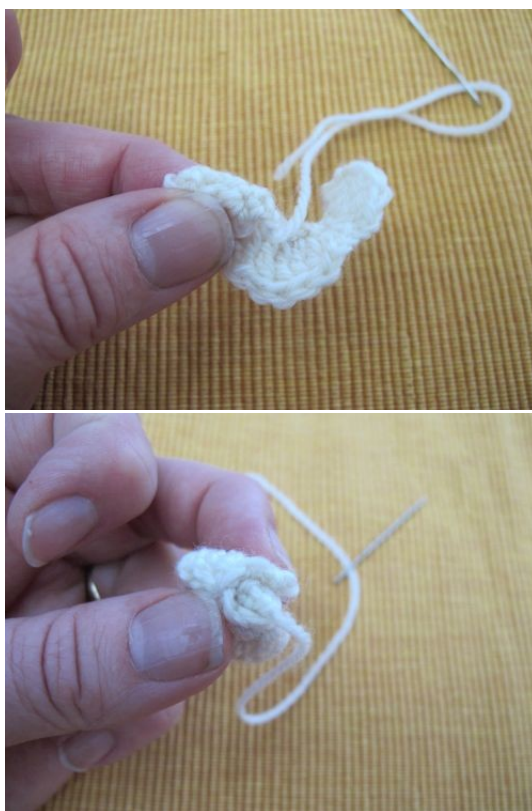
Advent Calendar 2018 – Flower 3, finishing.

*This pattern uses US terminology*

If you don't intend to mount your flower in a circle, it's a good idea to block the piece we finished yesterday.

As for the three strips made in the beginning of the week, we are going to finish all of them in the same way. Take a strip and roll it on itself. The right side of the last row should be on the inside of the "roll". Start rolling from the end where the starting tail is.

I wove in the end tails and kept the starting tails for sewing (I always leave good lengths of yarn at the beginning and end of a project, it makes so many things easier!). I threaded the starting tail on my tapestry needle. I rolled the strip with the starting chain and wrong side towards me.



Then I fixed the roll by stitching through the starting chain. This will be much easier if you make sure that the starting chain stays visible when you roll up the strip.



Make stitches with the tapestry needle through the different layers of the starting chain, to keep the roll rolled up.

When turning your roll over, you will discover a rosebud. If you still have enough of the yarn tail left, you can keep it for further use. (If not, weave it in and cut it).



Repeat for all three strips. Do not hesitate to fix the outer end of the strip with a small stitch.





Sew the three rosebuds on to the center disk of the last made piece. They will be very close to one another.



I folded my rosebuds to sew around the base.

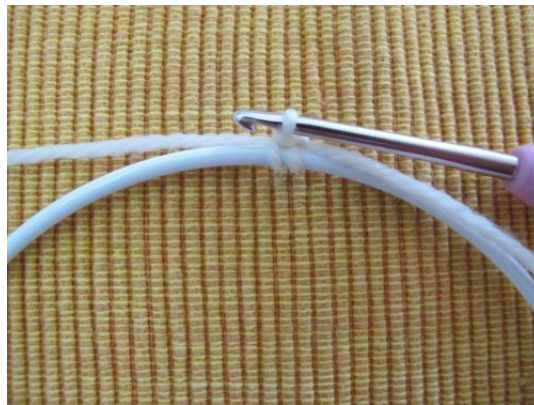


Rosebuds sewn to an unblocked piece.

Optional:

If you want to, you can mount your flower in a metallic circle (sold as dreamcatcher circles here in France). The size of the circle depends on the size of your flower. I used a 10 cm (4") circle.

Work 1 sc around the circle, leaving a relatively long yarn tail. Insert your hook under the circle, as you would with a ring of chain stitches at the beginning of a motif worked in the round.



Work 1 sc inserting your hook under the circle and through the tip of one of the narrow leaves around the flower. This flower is not symmetrical. The first leaf attached will be at the top of the finished flower. Choose it so that the flower is positioned as you would like.



Continue working in sc around the circle, to the point where you attach the next leaf. In this flower, there are 18 leaves to attach. This means that they will be much closer to one another than in the previous flowers. I worked alternately 6 and 7 sc between each leaf.

Once all leaves are attached and sc's have been worked all around the circle, fasten off and knot the two yarn tails (start and end) together firmly. Pass the two tails through the eye of a yarn needle. If you are not happy with the positioning of your flower, you can work the yarn tail through the stitches at the back of the flower to the tip of the leaf you want to have at the top center.

Insert the yarn needle from back to front through the "foot" of the sc attaching the leaf to the circle. Insert the needle from front to back in the top of the same stitch. Remove needle and make a loop with the yarn tails to suspend your flower



Don't forget to show your finished flowers, either by publishing a photo in the dedicated Facebook group, or by sending it to me via email. Every participant who has published or sent in her/his photo of the flower before January 13th, 2019 will enter the final prize drawing.