Franky the Flat Cactus

by Louie's Loops

In this amigurumi crochet pattern we'll be crocheting a flat cactus! This flat cactus amigurumi pattern is designed to teach you how to sew together pieces, as well as a new technique for adding secure spikes on your cactus. This tutorial is designed for crocheters with some slight experience, but includes a full length video tutorial just in case, so you never miss a stitch!

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Introduction

Hey there!

I'm Louie, the creator of this pattern and the owner of Club Crochet. I just wanted to quickly say thank you so so much for your support and choosing to crochet something that I designed! It truly means the world to me that others are able to use my designs to learn how to crochet, improve their art, and create something they'll be proud of with their own hands.

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Thank you so much again for your support and I hope you enjoy this project as much as I did creating it!

Happy hookin'
- Louie (aka @louiesloops)

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Pattern Info

Materials

- The Yarn (Worsted Weight)
  - **Green** (Main color)
  - **Beige** (Pot)
  - **Brown** (Dirt color)
  - **White** or **Black** (Spikes and Flower)
  - **Yellow** (Flower)
- Size G6/4.00mm Hook
- 8mm or 6mm Safety Eyes x 2
- Black Thread (Face)
- Stuffing
- Darning Needle

Other Info

This pattern is interactive, featuring checkmarks at pivotal Rounds and sections to keep track of progress. It is best used when opened in a program or app rather than a browser window.

Gauge: 5 Rnds and 4 sts per 1"

Finished Size: about 5 inches long

Worked in the Round (without turning)

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Video Tutorial

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🤚 **Lefty Video Version**

🔍 **www.ClubCrochet.com/FL47CC75**

This pattern includes a **full length video tutorial** where we'll be crocheting through this pattern stitch by stitch. Use the time codes in brackets in the written pattern **(ie. 00:00)** to follow along with this video. You can also jump directly to tutorials for specific stitches and techniques by clicking any buttons that look like ▶ in the digital pattern.

The Stitches

🇺🇸 US English Terms*

ch	Chain Stitch		dc	Double Crochet	▶
st	Stitch		invdec	Invisible Decrease	▶
Rnd	Round (worked in a spiral)		FLO/BLO	Front / Back Loop Only	
sc	Single Crochet	▶	bo	Bobble Stitch (See page 10)	▶
slst	Slip Stitch	▶			
inc	Increase (sc 2 in 1 st)	▶			
hdc	Half-Double Crochet	▶			

Where to Start for Beginners

This pattern is designed with **complete beginners in mind**. You should not need any prior experience in crochet to get started with this pattern. I've included a **full length video tutorial for this pattern** (linked on the previous page) that will go through every single stitch and technique needed in detail, I highly encourage crocheting along with that video if you are a complete beginner.

If you need extra help, I've included a few pattern specific tutorials below from my starter series, **Crocheting 101: How to Crochet for Complete Beginners**. If you're having an exceptionally difficult time, I suggest starting from the beginning of that series to learn all the basics to this awesome craft. **You can jump right in by clicking here**.

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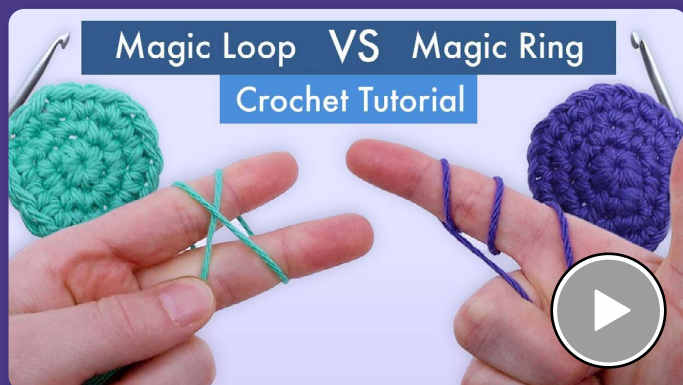
How to Crochet the **Single Crochet**

Step 1:

Insert the hook into the stitch or magic loop.

Step 2:

Yarn over your hook, and pull it through the stitch.

Step 3:

Yarn over and pull through both loops on the stitch.

Flat Cactus Body

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[All in **Green**] Magic loop

Rnd 1: sc 6 into the magic loop (6)

Rnd 2: [{sc 3}, inc 1, sc 1] 2 times (12)

Rnd 3: [sc 1, inc 3, sc 2] 2 times (18)

Rnd 4: sc 4, inc 1, sc 8, inc 1, sc 4 (20)

Rnd 5 - 8: sc in each st (20 x 4)

Rnd 9: sc 5, invdec 1, sc 8, invdec 1, sc 3 (18)

Add face if desired.

Rnd 10: sc 4, invdec 1, sc 7, invdec 1, sc 3 (16)

Rnd 11: sc 4, invdec 1, sc 6, invdec 1, sc 2 (14)

Rnd 12: sc 3, invdec 1, sc 5, invdec 1, sc 2 (12)

Rnd 13: sc 3, invdec 1, sc 4, invdec 1, sc 1 (10)

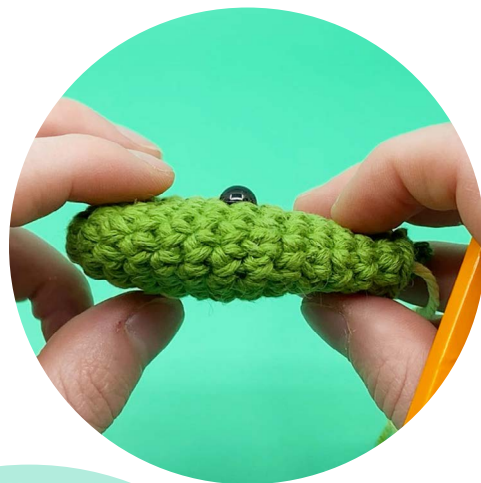**Rnd 14:** sc 3, invdec 1, sc 3, invdec 1 (8)

Slst 1, Cut the yarn and pull through leaving enough to sew to a Dirt Filler.

Fold in half using the increases on the sides to note where to fold. Sew together if necissary to hold closed.

Stuff Slightly.

Sew on any added sections. (Suggested: Flat Segment)

Add spikes (See page 11).

{ } = Worked in the same stitch

Adding Faces

To add a face I like to start with the mouth, then add eyes using safety eyes on either end of the edges of the mouth 1 stitch away.

Simple Smile

1. Using Black thread insert the needle from the inside of the body and exiting where you want a smile to begin. If you made feet for your cactus, try to make the smile centered with the feet.

2. Pull to the opposite corner of where you want the smile to end, and insert your needle back into the body. This will create a straight line.

3. Insert your needle to exit the body where you want the bottom of the smile to be. Go around the straight line and insert back into the body through the same stitch you last exited.

4. Double knot the two ends on the inside of the body and cut close.
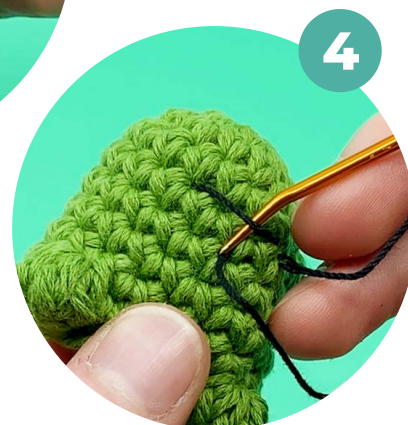
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Flat Segment

[All in **Green**] Magic loop

Rnd 1: sc 6 into the magic loop (6)

Rnd 2: [{sc 3}, inc 1, sc 1] 2 times (12)

Rnd 3: sc 2, inc 1, sc 5, inc 1, sc 3 (14)

Rnd 4 - 5: sc in each st (14 x 2)

> Repeat Rnd 5 for added height.

Rnd 6: sc 2, invdec 1, sc 5, invdec 1, sc 3 (12)

Rnd 7: sc 2, invdec 1, sc 4, invdec 1, sc 2 (10)

Rnd 8: sc 1, invdec 1, sc 3, invdec 1, sc 2 (8)

Rnd 9: sc 1, invdec 1, sc 2, invdec 1, sc 1 (6)

Slst 1, Cut the yarn and pull through leaving enough to sew to a Dirt Filler.

Fold in half using the incs on the sides to note where to fold. Sew together if necissary to hold closed.

Stuff Slightly.

Add spikes (See page 11).

Small Dirt Filler

[All in **Brown**] Magic loop

Rnd 1: sc 6 into the magic loop (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each (12)

Rnd 3: [sc 1, inc 1] 6 times (18)

Rnds 4 - 7: sc in each st (18 x 4)

See next section (Adding Feet) for how to use Bobble Stitches in the last Rnd of single crochet stitches to add **optional secret feet** to your cactuses body!

Rnd 8: [sc 1, invdec 1] 6 times (12)

Rnd 9: invdec in each (6)

Cut the yarn, pull through. Stuff fully and sew closed.

Adding Feet

To add feet to my cactuses I suggest using 2 Bobble Stitches (aka "bo") in the last round of single crochet stitches separated by a few single crochets. This should be done in the round right before decreasing (invdec) so that they're at the bottom of your cactus.

For this pattern, replace Rnd 7 in the Dirt Filler with the following Rnd, but be sure to switch to Green for each bobble stitch…

Rnd 7: sc 6, **bo**, sc 4, **bo**, sc 6 (18)

How to Crochet a Bobble Stitch (aka "bo")

Bonus Video Tutorial: 🔍 **www.ClubCrochet.com/BOBBLE**

Step 1:
Yarn over and insert hook into the stitch.

Step 2:
Yarn over again and pull through.

Step 3:
Yarn over a 3rd time and pull through **only 2 loops**.

Step 4:
Repeat steps 1 – 3 four times total for a classic bobble stitch.

Step 5:
Yarn over and pull through all the loops on the hook

Pro tip: Use more of a scooping motion when pulling through to more easily finish the stitch.

X Stitch Spikes

This is my personal favorite way to add spikes to your cactus because it's relatively easy and won't come undone. The downside is that it can be slightly tedious and you can't remove a single spike without removing all of them.

For this technique we'll be embroidering on X's between stitches.

With a long strand of White, Black, or alternative Green yarn threaded on a darning needle, start by inserting your already sewn together body from the base. Exit from the center of a single crochet near where you inserted. Try to go between the V stitch to get more evenly spaced X's.

Go up one stitch to the right and up (diagonally from where you began) and insert back into the body through the center of that stitch. Exit from the center of the stitch adjacent (directly above where you began).

Go diagonally over your initial line to make an X, and insert back into the body from the stitch adjacent to where you began.

Exit the body from where you want your next X to begin. You can spread them randomly, but try to maintain space between Xs.

X Stitch Spikes continued...

To make your Xs uniform, exit for the second stitch starting three rounds from your first, leaving two rounds of space between each X. Go in line with the stitches (your Xs may veer slightly to the right, this is normal) and continue making Xs towards the top of your cactus to make a column.

Once you reach the top, start making a column of Xs going downwards, using the two unused rounds between each X and one or more stitches to the right of the first column.

Work all around the cactus including any sewn on segments, but avoiding any faces. Try to end with an X near your very first X. After making your last X, exit from the same stitch you began from where your tail end is sticking out. Double knot together and cut close, stuff on the inside using the back of your needle.
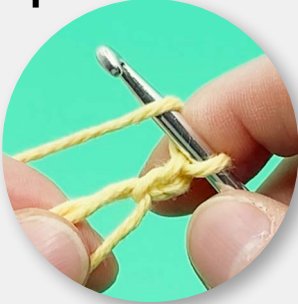

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How to Crochet the **Double Crochet** (aka "dc")

Step 1:

Yarn over and insert the hook into the next st.

Step 2:

Yarn over and pull through.

Step 3:

Yarn over and pull through only 2 loops.

Step 4:

Yarn over and pull through the final 2 loops.

Normal Flower

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[Starting in **Center Color**] Magic loop

Rnd 1: sc 4 into the magic loop (4)

Slst in first sc made. Cut the yarn here to change petal colors.

[Continuing in **Petal Color**] Slip knot and pull through the same st you slst into.

Rnd 2: [ch 2, dc 2, ch 1, slst 1] 5 times working in each st and the connecting slst (5 petals)

Cut the yarn and pull through leaving enough to sew onto the cactus. Pull this end through the last st of the flower so both tail ends are on the same side.

Use the two tail ends **Petal Color** to sew onto the cactus.

Small Pot

This pot is designed to fit crocheted pieces with 18 stitches in diameter (ie. Mini Cactus Body)

[All in Beige or Pot Color] Magic loop

Rnd 1: sc 6 into the magic loop (6)

Rnd 2: inc in each (12)

Rnd 3: [sc 1, inc 1] 6 times (18)

FLO / BLO = Front or Back Loop Only

Slst = Slip Stitch

Rnd 4: Working in the FLO, slst in each (18)

Rnd 5: ch 1, working in the unused BLO from Rnd 3, sc in each st (18)

Rnd 6: [sc 5, inc 1] 3 times (21)

Rnd 7: sc in each (21)

Rnd 8: [sc 6, inc 1] 3 times (24)

Rnd 9: sc in each (24)

Repeat Rnd 9 for added height if desired.

Rnd 10: Working in the FLO, slst in each (24)

Cut the yarn, pull through, and hide the end in the first slst made in Rnd 10.

Finished Photos

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