

Pom-pom dahlias

Materials:

Mercerised crochet cotton no. 80 in colour of your choice; cotton size 10 in yellow or orange; fine fabric of matching colour; 1 seed bead for each flower; 20 gauge wire; flat topped button with shank; flexible craft glue.

Instructions:

Wind shuttle and make 8 large petals thus;

Ch of 1 ds, sm p, 12 ds, 7 p sep by 2 ds, 12 ds, j to sm p, cut and ties ends, dab glue on the knot.

Make 8 medium petals thus;

Ch of 1 ds, sm p, 10 ds, 7 p sep by 2 ds, 10 ds, j to sm p, cut and ties ends, dab glue on the knot.

Make 8 small petals thus;

Ch of 1 ds, sm p, 8 ds, 7 p sep by 2 ds, 8 ds, j to sm p, cut and ties ends, dab glue on the knot.

With yellow/orange make a daisy. R 1 ds, 6 ds sep by 2 ds, 1ds, cl. Tie ends, dab glue on the knot.

To make up:

Place a thin film of glue onto the underside of any petal, stick onto the fine fabric and trim away excess fabric when dry.

Dab a spot of glue on the pointed end of the petal and squeeze the two sides together to make it even more pointed and the whole petal cup-shaped.

Make up all the other petals in this way.

Cut a 15cm length of wire and thread through the shank of the button. Twist the wire tightly up against the shank until the button is firm and does not "waggle" about.

Glue the 8 larger petals evenly onto the green platform so that the points of the petals are just touching.

Glue the medium 8 petals on top and in between the larger petals also so that the points are just touching.

Repeat with the smaller petals, again in between the medium petals.

Glue the yellow/orange daisy in the centre of the flower to cover the points of the petals

Finally, glue a seed bead in the centre of the flower.

