## Flower Mandala Pin Cushion





## **Materials:**

E (3.5mm) hook

Worsted weight yarn - 2 colors (A and B)

## Instructions:

Color A in the photo is black, color B is pink.

Instructions between stars \*like so\* are to be repeated as instructed. Only sc is used. Each stitch worked into is separated by a comma - so round 4 [" \*B, B, 2A\* around "] would be interpreted as: " \*sc 1 color B, sc 1 color B, make 2 sc in next color A\* repeat around."

Note: american crochet terminology used

- 1) Beginning with color A, ch 2, sc 7 into 2nd ch frm hk.
- 2) \*2A\* around (14 sc total)
- 3) \*B, 2A\* around (21)
- 4) \*B, B, 2A\* around (28)
- **5)** \*B, B, B, 2A\* around (35)
- 6) \*A, B, B, A, 2A\* around (42)
- **7)** \*A, A, B, A, A, 2A\* around (49)

End off.

Make another one (reverse the colors if you like).

This time don't end off. [See pic A on next page]

Sandwich the two sides together, right sides out, star points matching. With clr B, Reverse Sc (crab stitch) around both edges tog, leaving the last 7 sts or so unworked - stuff some fluff through the opening [pic B] - stuff it very full, then st the remaining sts of the opening tog. End off clr B.

Cut the clr A strand so that it is approximately 3 feet in length.

Thread the long color A strand through a yarn need. Insert into center hole so that it comes out the center hole on the other side, then bring it back to beg. Pull tight so it pinches, then tie [pic C]. Insert needle under edge seam between the star points, and continue threading it through the center and around the edge between the star points (under the crab st seam). Keep the thread pulled tight along the way - finally tie it to the beg strand and weave in the end.

Sew a button over the center hole on each side.



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**Abbreviations:** beg=beginning, ch=chain, clr=color, frm=from, hk=hook, sc=single crochet, st=stitch