



## Hoopla Sunflower Cushion

Materials needed:

Brown Hoopla

Yellow Hoopla

Brown fabric, about 100\*50 cm, to make inner cushion

Toy filling to put in fabric cushion

9 mm Crochet hook

Stitch marker or a piece of contrasting yarn to mark the beginning of a round.

You need to be able to make: Magic Ring, dc, chain and slip stitch.

**Note:** The cushion is made as one large circle. After round 4 the rounds starts with 2 dc, this is to off-set the increases so they don't end up on top of each other, avoiding a hexagonal look. Crochet the circle in one continuous spiral, that is, do not finish

every round by a slip stitch, just continue crocheting. This way you will not get a visible “seam” on your cushion. 6 petals are then crocheted on to this circle.

**Round 1:** With brown Hoopla, make magic ring, then ch 1. Make 6 dc in ring, draw up tight, place marker in last stitch.

**Round 2:** \*2dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (12 dc). Move marker to last stitch (move marker at the end of each round).

**Round 3:** \*1 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (18 dc).

**Round 4:** 2 dc, \*2 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (24 dc).

**Round 5:** 2 dc, \*3 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (30 dc).

**Round 6:** 2 dc, \*4 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (36 dc).

**Round 7:** 2 dc, \*5 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (42 dc).

**Round 8:** 2 dc, \*6 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (48 dc).

**Round 9:** 2 dc, \*7 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (54 dc).

**Round 10:** 2 dc, \*8 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (60 dc).

Cut off Brown Hoopla, make 2 slip stitches and fasten off. Attach yellow Hoopla and continue as follow:

**Round 11:** 2 dc, \*9 dc, 2 dc in dc\*, rep 6 times (66 dc).

This circle can now be used as a template to make the inner fabric cushion, don't forget to add seam allowance (approximately 5 mm).

**Petals:**

Row 1: Crochet 10 dc, turn.

Row 2: Crochet 1 ch, then 10 dc in dc. Rep this row 3 more times (total of 5 rows with 10 dc). Cut off Hoopla, weave in end.

Re-join Yellow Hoopla to circle, leaving 1 dc gap between the petals (repeat the same pattern for each petal). Make a total of 6 petals.

Make one more identical flower.

The two sides of the cushion are now crocheted together (wrong sides together), 1 dc in every dc. In the top corners of the petals, make 2 dc in dc (or 3 dc if you think 2 dc is pulling down the corners of the petals). Don't forget to put in the inner cushion before you crochet the cushion close!

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