

Ruffled Peony Flower #2:

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This fun flower, perfect for baby hats, works up to approximately 2 1/2" across in light weight yarns and a size G hook, perhaps 3" across when worked with a size K hook.

Center of Flower (work in color #1, pink in example)

Ch 1, tighten to form a knot, then ch 2, join to 2nd ch from hook to form a small loop.

Rnd 1: Dc 10 times in loop, pushing stitches together to crowd them. Join to first dc and tighten.

Rnd 2: sl st in each sc of prev rnd, tie off.

With same color, run yarn through edges of all sl sts, draw together and tighten to form a tight ball.

Petals:

Rnd 1: Attach color #2 to any sl st of center (I used white). *(ch 2, sc in next stitch) repeat from *around, join. You should have a round of 10 ch-2 spaces, separated by 10 sc.

Rnd 2: repeat rnd 1 in same stitches as before, forming a second ring of ch-2 spaces. These two rounds of ch-2 spaces will be what you work in for the rnd 3 petals and the rnd 4 petals.

Rnd 3 (first set of smaller inner white petals, worked in the inner set of ch-2 spaces from round 1.)Sl st to center of nearest ch-2 sp, *(ch 3, 4 dc in same ch-2 sp, ch 3, sc in next ch-2 sp), repeat from * around, leaving off last sc and joining. These 10 inner petals will be crowded and overlapped, giving them height.

Rnd 4 (outer set of larger petals. Sl st to position yourself to work in outer round of ch-2 spaces from round 2). *(sc in next ch-2 sp, ch 4, 6 tc in same ch-2 sp, ch 4, sc in same ch-2 sp), repeat from * around, ending with 10 larger petals in every ch-2 sp. Join.

Optional Rnd 5: Attach color # 3 to sc between any of petals of prev rnd, and sc in every sc, edging all of the petals with a contrast color. Join and tie off.



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