

Sunflower

Gauge is not that important with amigurumi. Big or small they will be cute no matter what! If your ami comes out larger or smaller, simply adjust the size of felt pieces cut out for the details on the Sunflower's face.

One more little suggestion I have for you before you begin crocheting:

For most of the yarn, I prefer to use Red Heart Super Saver yarn. It is an acrylic based yarn which is thicker and sturdier than many of the other yarn brands out there. I would highly recommend not mixing brands of yarn for the various colors needed in this pattern.

****Rule of Thumb:** softer, thinner yarns will make your ami smaller in size; rougher, thicker yarn will make your ami larger. Just keep this in mind and be consistent.

Hook Size: F

Materials Needed:

- Crochet Hook: F
- Green Yarn (Red Heart Super Saver - Spring Green)
- Brown Yarn (Red Heart Super Saver - Nutmeg or Coffee)
- Yellow Yarn (Caron - Sunflower)
- Light Brown Yarn (Vanna's Choice - Honey)
- Terracotta Pot (Approx. 3 ½" opening)
- Polyester Fiberfill Stuffing
- 12 Gauge Jewelry Wire - Black
- Wire Cutter
- Black Felt
- Black, White and Green Embroidery Thread
- Yarn Needle/Embroidery Needle

Skills Needed / Terms Used:

- Magic Ring Technique
- Crocheting in the Round
- Sc - Single Crochet
- Inc - Increase
- Invdec - Invisible Decrease
- Sl st - Slip Stitch
- Ch - chain
- FO - Finish Off, Bind Off
- BLO - Back Loop Only
- Whipstitch
- Straight Stitch (Embroidery)

Make all pieces first, then see pictures at the end of the pattern on how to assemble and apply embroidered details to the sunflowers face.

Head Piece (Make 1 each in *Spring Green* and *Honey brown*):

- R1: 6sc in magic ring - 6
 R2: inc around - 12
 R3: (sc, inc) around - 18
 R4: (2sc, inc) around - 24
 R5: (3sc, inc) around - 30
 R6: (4sc, inc) around - 36
 R7: (5sc, inc) around - 42
 R8: (6sc, inc) around - 48
 R9: 4sc, (inc, sc) 3 times, 18sc, (inc, sc) 3 times, 14sc - 54
 R10: 4sc, (inc, 2sc) 3 times, 18sc, (inc, 2sc) 3 times, 14 sc - 60
 R11: sc around - 60

sl st, FO, leave tail on *Spring Green* piece to sew to *Honey* piece. *Honey* piece, weave in end.

Stem (with *Spring Green*):

- R1: ch6 (leaving tail), sl st in 1st ch to make circle, place stitch marker, sc around - 6
 R2-17: sc around - 6
 sl st, FO, leave tail for sewing.

Petals (with *Sunflower yellow*, Make 13):

- R1: 4sc in magic ring - 4
 R2: inc around - 8
 R3: (sc, inc) around - 12
 R4: (2sc, inc) around - 16
 R5: sc around - 16
 R6: (2sc, invdec) around - 12
 R7-8: sc around - 12
 R9: (sc, invdec) around - 8
 R10: sc around - 8
 sl st, FO, leave tail for sewing petal to flower.

Leaves (with *Spring Green*, Make 3):

R1: 4sc in magic ring - 4
 R2: (sc, inc) around - 6
 R3: (2sc, inc) around - 8
 R4: (3sc, inc) around - 10
 R5: (4sc, inc) around - 12
 R6: (5sc, inc) around - 14
 R7: (6sc, inc) around - 16
 R8: (6sc, 2inc) around - 20
 R9: 7sc, 2inc, 8sc, 2inc, sc - 24
 R10: sc around - 24
 R11: 9sc, 2inc, 10sc, 2inc, sc - 28
 R12-16: sc around - 28
 R17: (5sc, invdec) around - 24
 R18: (4sc, invdec) around - 20
 R19: (3sc, invdec) around - 16
 R20: (2sc, invdec) around - 12
 R21: (sc, invdec) around - 8
 R22: (2sc, invdec) around - 6
 R23-24: sc around - 6
 sl st, FO, leave tail for sewing leaf to stem.

Dirt Ball - Bottom (with *Coffee brown*):

R1: 6sc in magic ring - 6
 R2: inc around - 12
 R3: (sc, inc) around - 18
 R4: (2sc, inc) around - 24
 R5: (3sc, inc) around - 30
 R6: sc around through BLO - 30
 R7: sc around - 30
 R8: (4sc, inc) around - 36
 R9-10: sc around - 36
 R11: (5sc, inc) around - 42
 R12-13: sc around - 42
 R14: (6sc, inc) around - 48

R15-16: sc around - 48
sl st, FO, weave in end.

Dirt Ball - Top (with *Coffee brown*):

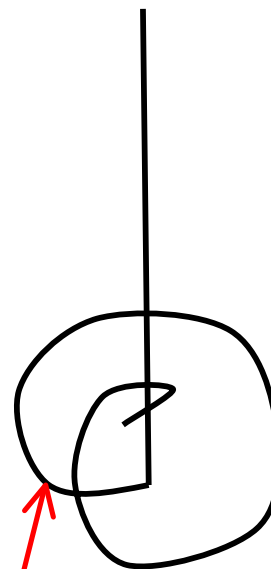
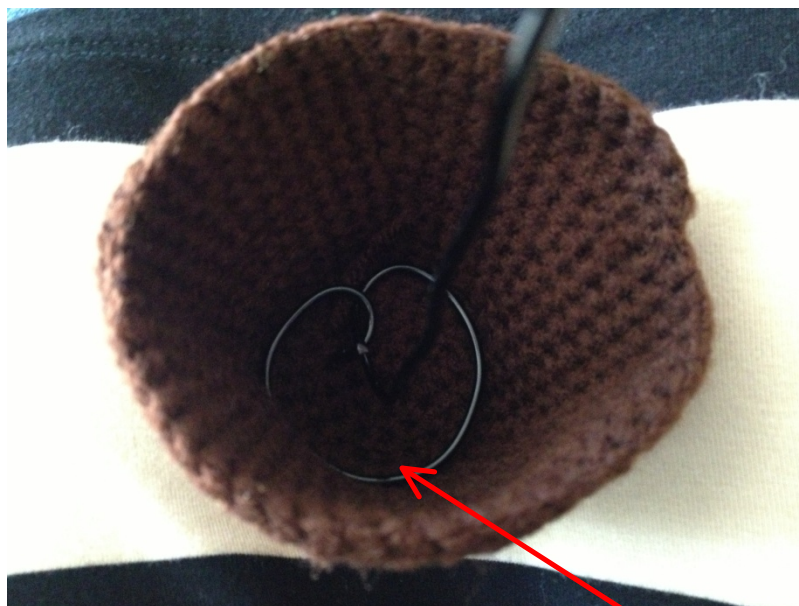
R1: 6sc in magic ring - 6
R2: inc around - 12
R3: (sc, inc) around - 18
R4: (2sc, inc) around - 24
R5: (3sc, inc) around - 30
R6: (4sc, inc) around - 36
R7: (5sc, inc) around - 42
R8: (6sc, inc) around - 48
sl st, FO, leave tail for sewing top of dirt ball to bottom.



This is the wire I suggest for using as the inner skeleton of the flower. Any thick bendable wire will do though!

Time to Assemble!

Start from the ground up!



Cut a long piece of wire. Bend one end of wire to form a horizontal spiral which fits into the base of the dirt ball.

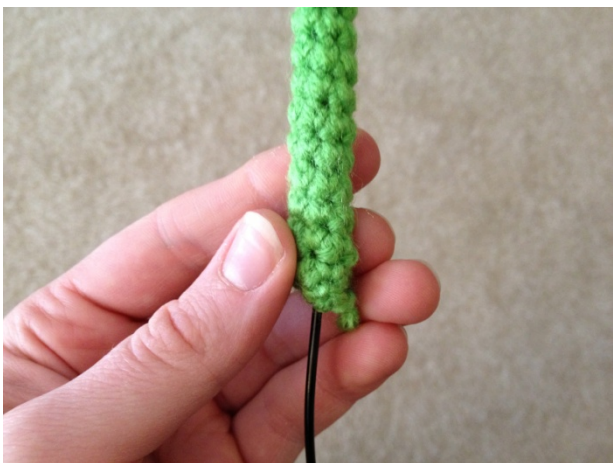


Keep other end of wire **straight** to extend out the center of the top half of the dirt ball.

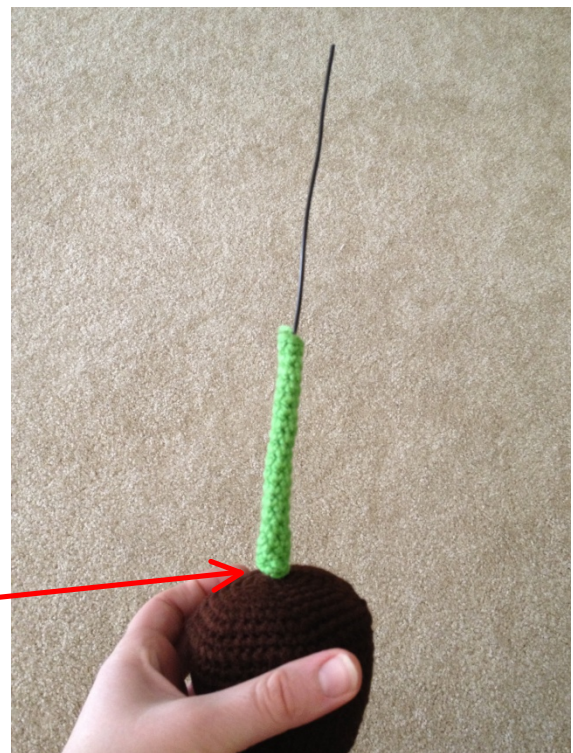


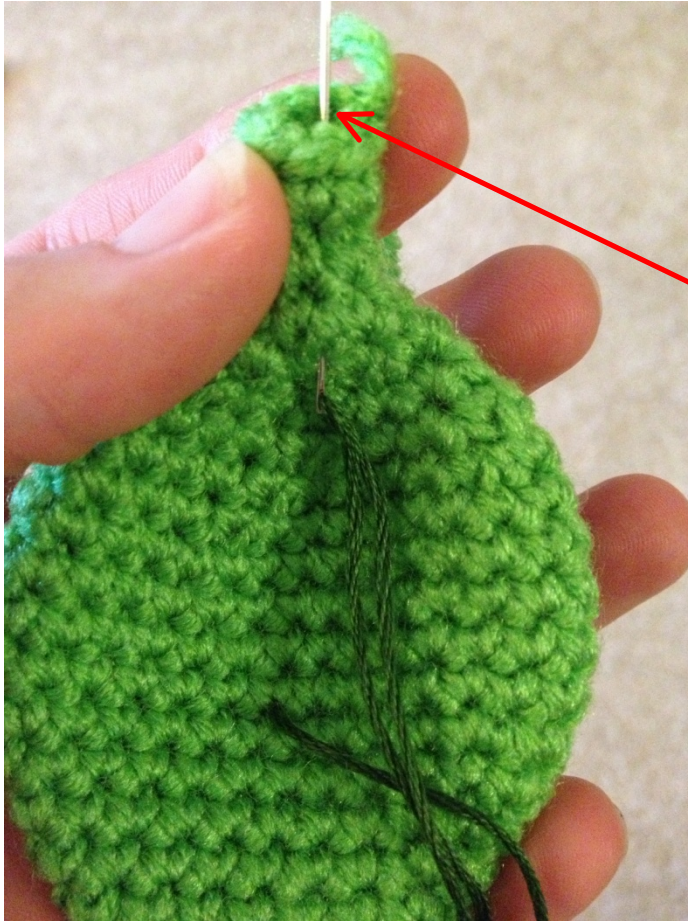
Stuff dirt ball on top of the wire spiral and **whip stitch dirt ball top to bottom** securing the wire inside. Wire should be sticking out of the center top of the dirt ball now.





Place the stem over the wire, securing it inside the stem. **Stitch bottom part of stem to center of dirt ball.** (The wire in the sunflowers core allows it to be bendable.)





- 1) Flatten leaves (3); make sure not to stuff them.
- 2) Embroider leaf detail onto each leaf. Begin with a securing knot at the **inner opening** to the leaf (this will be covered when the leaf base is sewn down to the plant stem). Embroider a line that shows on both sides of leaf.
- 3) Bring needle back to opening of leaf and **tie a knot** picking up a bit of yarn to secure tightly. This knot will also tuck in when the leaf is sewn down to the plant stem.





Stitch each leaf at the base of the stem spaced evenly apart.

Stick wire at the top of the stem through the center back of the green back head piece.



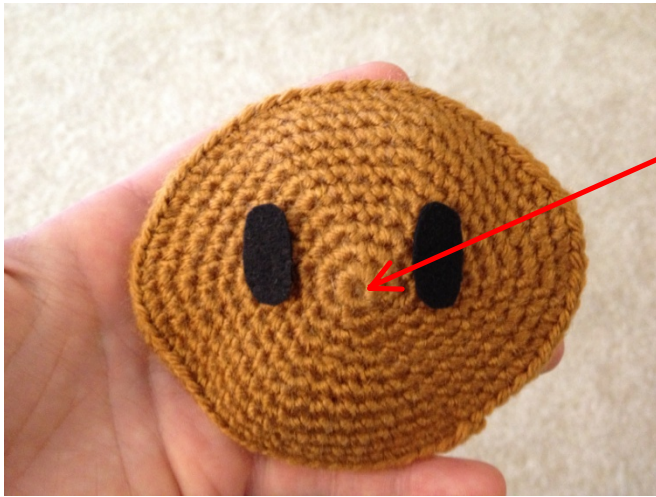


Create a second spiral, this one vertical, to fasten the other part of the wire in place.

Now flip the flower over and stitch down the stem to the base of the head.



Embroider eyes and mouth onto face piece:

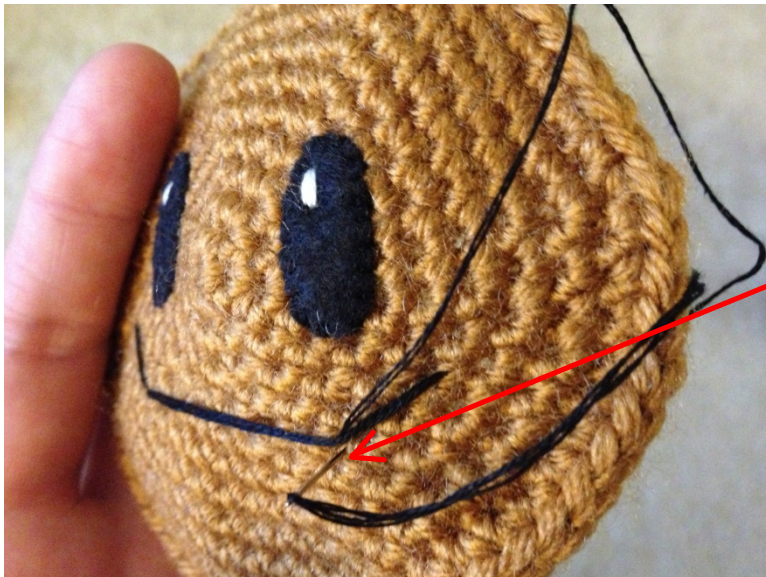


Cut out two ovals using black felt. Place around center **Magic Ring** of face, approximately 3 rows out on either side. Embroider using a straight stitch, and black thread, around the edge of the eyes to fasten them down to the face.



Embroider **white eye shine accents** using a straight stitch and white embroidery thread. You may need to go over the same spot 2-3 times to get the thickness you desire. Embroider a **black line** to begin making the mouth.





Take a couple strands of black embroidery thread and come up a little bit in and down from the start of the mouth. Grab the mouth line and pull it down on either side by putting the needle under the mouth line, wrapping it up and over the line and pushing the needle back down through the face at the exact spot where you started.

This will swoop the mouth down into a smile.





Using a straight stitch and black embroidery thread, embroider a cheek crease on either side of the mouth.



Take front face piece and stitch to back face piece through **only loops in the center** allowing for there to be an edge on both sides. Make sure to stuff face prior to stitching completely closed.

For example: If this is the two braids on both front and back pieces, only the **red** parts would be whip-stitched together, leaving the **black** outer ridge as a visible edge around the flowers front and back face.



Take each petal and flatten it, leaving it unstuffed. In between this edging where you have connected the two face halves together, stitch all 13 petals. Once again, the **outer ridge** should be left on front and back to frame the petals.



Place finished sunflower into your clay pot to allow it to stand easily.

Sunflower Complete!!!

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