How to wind flowers

3 Ring Flower Winding Frame

Outer petals - 3 to 4 loops (optional)
Middle petals - 3 loops
Small petals - 2 loops

(Diagrams show 2 petal version - the 3 ring model has 24 pegs in the outer ring))

Place frame on a flat surface with the 2 notches at the bottom.

Wind the largest petals first.
[you can use either 12 or 24 pegs on the outer ring, if using 12 line up with inner rings]
Slot the end of the yarn into a notch and wrap around the outside of the opposite outer or middle peg at the top of the frame. Bring the yarn across diagonally and wrap around the opposite peg at the near edge of the frame.
Repeat forming a figure of eight around the two pegs. (fig.1) Repeat, so that each petal has the required number of loops. Move to the next outer or middle peg and wind in the same way around the peg diagonally opposite. (fig.2) Do this until all pegs have the required number of loop petals around them. Cut the yarn and slot into another notch in the frame. (fig.3)

Now take same or contrasting colour yarn and slot the end into a notch as previously, leaving the first yarn in place. (fig.4). Proceed as for outer or middle petals but winding the yarn around the next row of pegs. Continue until all 12 pegs have 2 or 3 loops around them. (fig.5). Repeat for inner row if the outer row was used.

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(6)

Cut the yarn leaving about 50cm for sewing. With a tapestry needle, thread yarn and push needle through to the back at the centre. (fig.6).
To finish off, bring the needle up between a set of loops and backstitch around the centre over each set of loops taking care not to split the yarn. End with the needle at the back of centre and fasten off.
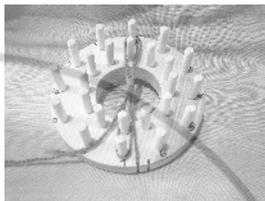
Push the flower from the back of the frame to remove, and trim any loose ends as close to the centre as possible.

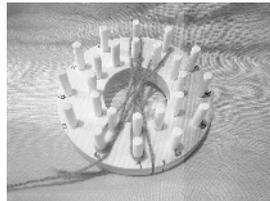The flowers can be edged by crocheting around the outside petals and then joining together (see examples opposite).
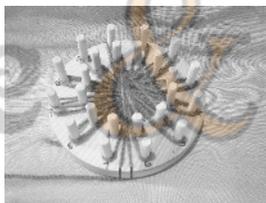
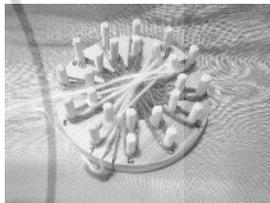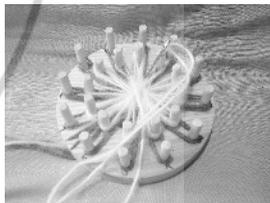**Example 1:-**
Join yarn to an outside petal * 5 ch. 1 d.c. Into petal. Repeat from * to last petal on flower, sl. St. Into last petal and fasten off.

Example 2:-
Join yarn to an outside petal. Work 3ch. 2tr. 3ch. 3tr. All into the same petal. * 3tr. Into next 2 petals, 3tr. 3ch. 3tr. All into next petal. Repeat from * to end, sl. st. Into top of 3ch. Fasten off yarn