Petal-Stitch Sarong

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Skill Level: Intermediate

Materials

- ❖ 10 oz. Elmore-Pisgah Peaches and Crème, or other worsted weight cotton.
  Note: This amount was sufficient to accommodate a size 14, with some left over. You may require more or less when making a significantly different size.
- ❖ G/6 crochet hook (4.25mm)
- ❖ 1 button, ¾" diameter
- ❖ Yarn Needle

Gauge: 1 'flower' (4 rows, 6 ch-loop petals) = approx. 1 ¾" tall, 2" wide. Gauge is not extremely important in this pattern.

Note: Be aware that the petal-stitch pattern will pull to be smaller than the sc waistband.

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
dc = double crochet
dec = decrease
rep = repeat
sc = single crochet
sl st = slip stitch
sp = space
st(s) = stitch(es)
tr = treble crochet
US pattern conventions used.

Directions

To begin, make a ch long enough to encircle the widest part of your hips and overlap 3 or 4 inches. The chain must be a [multiple of 8] + 4.

Row 1: Sc in second ch from hook and each ch thereafter. Ch 1, turn. (the number of sc will be 1 less than the number of ch.)

Row 2: Sc in each sc across, ch 2, turn.

Row 3: Dc in 1st sc, *ch 1, sk 1 sc, dc in next sc, rep from * across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 4: Sc in each st across. Ch 1, turn.

Row 5: Sc in each sc across, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: Sc in each of the next 2 sc, ch 9, sc in next sc, ch 5, skip 5 sc, 1 sc into next sc. *(ch 9, 1 sc into next sc) twice. Ch 5, skip 5 sc, 1 sc into next sc; repeat from * to last 2 sc. Ch 9, 1 sc into each of the last 2 sc, turn.

Row 7: Ch 7 (this counts as 1 tr and a ch 3), *1 sc into next ch-9 loop, ch 1, 1 sc into next ch-9 loop, ch 5; repeat from * until 2 ch 9-loops remain. End with 1 sc into next ch-9 loop, ch 1, 1 sc into next ch-9 loop, ch 3, tr into last sc (the first sc from Row 6), turn.

Row 8: Ch 1, sc into tr, ch 1. *sc into next sc, ch 9, sc into next ch sp, ch 9, sc into next sc, ch 5, repeat from * across ending with sc into next sc, ch 9, sc into next ch sp, ch 9, sc into next sc, ch 3 , sc into [4th ch of Row 7's beginning ch 7], turn.

Row 9: Ch 5 (this counts as 1 tr and a ch-1). *sc into next ch-9 loop, ch 5, sc into

next ch-9 loop, ch 1, repeat from * across. End with 1 tr into last sc, turn.

Row 10: Ch 1, sc into tr, sc into next ch sp, ch 9, sc into next sc, ch 5, *sc into next sc, ch 9, sc into next ch sp, ch 9, sc into next sc, ch 5, repeat from * across to last sc. Sc into last sc, ch 9, sc into 5th ch (from the beginning ch of Row 9), and sc into 4th ch (also of Row 9's beginning ch), turn.

Repeat Rows 7-10 for pattern to desired length, then repeat Row 7 once again to finish edge.

Finish off, weave in ends.

Edging:

Row 1: Join with a sl st at either end of Row 6 (just below the last row of sc), ch 2, 3 dc along treble crochets/chain spaces (depending upon which side you're working) ch 1, *3 dc along next tr/ch-sp, ch 1, rep from * till one space

remains before the bottom edge. 3 dc across last tr/ch-sp. Turn.

Row 2: *ch 5, sc in ch-sp. Rep from * across, till 3 dc remain. Ch 5, sc in sl st. Finish off, weave in ends.

Repeat edging on other end.

To fit waistband, cut length of yarn (this can be any yarn) and thread through the open stitches of the waistband in drawstring fashion. Tie to fit at desired waistline. You'll notice rumples and ridges in the waistline: smooth the bumps towards the ends, evenly distributing the remaining ridges on either end. Using a small amount of your cotton yarn, sew ridges together so that they remain in place, but do not sew ridges together from one corner of the sarong to the next.

Cut drawstring yarn and remove, so your sarong is once more a rectangle, slightly gathered in each of the upper corners.

To finish, ch 25. Fold ch in half, sl st into first chain. Make 8 more sl sts through both halves forming a piece shaped like a needle. Finish off, securely weave in ends.

Sew button-loop to top corner of sarong on wrong side, with the loop extending past the edge. Sew button to wrong side of other corner. You will need to position both button and loop so that when it is closed, the edges of the top corners meet and the sarong sits at the desired level of waistline.

There! All done!