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CROCHETED APRON

Use a No. 4 steel hook and mercerized, fast-color, stringweight thread. The gauge is 7 filet spaces = 2" and 7 rows of spaces = 2". You will need about 580 yards of cream thread (the basic color), 100 yards of pink, 22 yards of green, 25 yards of yellow, and 23 yards of blue.

The tie and vertical filet stripes are made of filet spaces and blocks. With cream, beginning at one end of tie ch 20, sk 7 sts of ch, dc in next st. * Ch 2, sk 2 sts of ch, dc in next st. Repeat from * 3 times (5 filet spaces across row). * Row 1: Ch 5, turn, dc in next dc of previous row, ch 2, dc in next dc, 2 dc over next 2-ch, dc in next dc (a filet block), ch 2, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in 3rd st of 5-ch of previous row. The row contains 2 spaces, 1 block, 2 spaces. In subsequent rows, directions will give only the number of blocks and spaces in row.

Row 2: (1 space, 1 block) 2 times, 1 space. Row 3: 2 spaces, 1 block, 2 spaces. Then work 5 rows of spaces. These 8 rows, repeated in order, form the pattern of filet flower motifs.

Colored flowers at waistline are optional. If you do not wish to use them, work 24 flower motifs, spacing them 5 rows of spaces apart. Following last row of 24th motif, make 1 row of spaces, fasten off.

To space for colored flowers, repeat directions from * 9 times (10 flower motifs in all separated by 5 rows of spaces). Work 1 more row of spaces (6 rows of spaces following last motif). * Next row: 2 spaces, 1 block, 2 spaces. Work 7 rows of filet spaces. Repeat from * 2 times. Next row: 2 spaces, 1 block, 2 spaces. Work 6 rows of spaces. In next row begin flower motif. Work 10 flower motifs separated by 5 rows of spaces for second tie end, to correspond with that already made. Make 1 row of spaces after last motif, fasten off.

Attach pink with a sc over any ch or dc along edge of band, * ch 2, sc in next space. Repeat from * around entire band. In corner spaces, work 3 scs. Fasten last 2-ch with sl st in 1st sc, fasten off.

Apron: Hold band with right side up. Count 10 flower motifs from right-hand end of band. Working over pink and into cream for additional firmness, attach cream in st between last row of 10th motif and next row of spaces to left. Row 1: Ch 5, dc in next dc, * sk 1 sp, in next space work 3 dcs, ch 3, 3 dcs (a shell). sk 1 dc, dc in next dc, work 5 filet spaces. Repeat from * 3 times. Sk 1 sp, shell in next sp, sk 1 dc, dc in next dc, ch 2, dc in next dc. If work has been correctly done, the center (3rd) sp of each group of 5 filet spaces will be directly beneath the single blocks worked in the band; or beneath center of filet flower motifs, if they were used.

Work 2 more rows like the one just made, making a dc in each dc of previous row and working shells over 3-chs of shells of previous row. Row 4: Increases are made in each shell. Over 3-ch of each of the shells of previous row, work (3 dc, ch 3) 2 times, 3 dc. Keep other work the same. Row 5: Work a shell over 1st 3-ch, shell over next 3-ch (2 shells

now in each shell panel). Begin a flower motif by working a block in center (3rd) sp of each filet stripe.

Work 4 more rows like Row 5. Keep the filet stripes in flower motif, making 5 rows of spaces between motifs as was done for the band. No further directions will be given for the filet stripes. Row 10: Increases are made in the shell panels. Work a shell over 3-ch of 1st shell, a shell in 1st dc of 2nd shell, a shell over 3-ch of 2nd shell (3 shells in each panel).

Row 11: A shell in each shell of previous row (3 shells in each panel). Work 5 more rows like this one. Row 17: Increases are made in middle (2nd) shell of each panel. Work shell in 1st shell; in 2nd shell work (3 dc, ch 3), 2 times, 3 dc; shell in 3rd shell. Row 18: Work a shell over each 3-ch of previous row (4 shells in each panel). Work 16 more rows like this one.

Row 35: Increases are made between the 2nd and 3rd shells of each panel. Work a shell in 1st and 2nd shell, a shell in 1st dc of 3rd shell, and a shell in 3rd and 4th shells of previous row (5 shells in each panel). Row 36: A shell in each shell of previous row (5 shells in panel). Work 4 more rows like this one, fasten off. The last row of filet will be a row of spaces following a flower motif and there will be 40 rows of work in all.

Rainbow stripes at bottom: With right side of apron up, attach pink with a dc in last dc of previous row. * Over 3-ch of next shell, work 3 trs, ch 3, 3 trs. Repeat from * 4 times. Sc in next sp; sk 1 sp; in next (center sp) work 3 trs, ch 3, 3 trs; sk 1 sp; sc in next sp. Work treble shells on across bottom of apron, spacing according to above directions. Following last shell, make a dc in 3rd st of 5-ch at end of previous row, fasten off.

Holding work right side up, work 4 more shell stripes across bottom of apron according to directions for the pink stripe already worked. Make

the 2nd stripe green, 3rd stripe yellow, 4th stripe blue, and 5th stripe pink. Do not break pink on last stripe but turn work so side of apron is up and band toward the left. Sc over last dc, * ch 2, sc in next sp. Repeat from * up side of apron to band. Fasten in edging of band with sl st, fasten off. Turn apron around, attach pink at band edging and work edging to correspond along the other side of apron, fasten with sl st in 1st tr of corner shell, fasten off. Weave all thread ends into back of work.

Flowers: With pink, yellow, or blue, ch 5, drawing 1st st out to twice its usual length. Sk 4 sts of ch, in long st make 4 trs, 1 dc. * In same st make 5 trs, 1 dc. Repeat from * 3 times, sl st in 4th st of 4-ch at beginning of rnd (5 petals around flower). Fasten off. Make 2 pink, 1 blue, and 1 yellow flower.

Leaves: With green, attach thread in any dc between flower petals, inserting hook under back loop of dc only. Ch 2; in same st where 2-ch was fastened work 1 dc, 1 tr, 1 dc; ch 2; sl st in same st; fasten off. Skip 2 petals around flower, attach green in dc between 2nd and 3rd petal, make another leaf in the same way. Make 2 leaves on each flower. Tie beginning and finishing thread of each leaf together on back; weave ends into back of flower.

With pink flowers on outside and the 2 petals between leaves toward upper edge, arrange flowers across band at center front. Place the center of flowers over single blocks worked across band front. Working from the wrong side, sew flowers and leaves to apron band. Do not fasten outer edge of petals down tight. Point leaves slightly upward.

Thread a darning needle with yellow. Work a cluster of 6 French knots in center of each flower, one knot at the base of each petal, and one in center. Wrap thread around needle about 5 times for French knots and carry thread down through band to fasten flower more securely.

