



Garden Tie Backs

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These curtain ties are simple to make and add a pretty floral touch to a room.

Pattern Notes

A full pattern including clearly written instructions, stitch abbreviations and diagrams.

This pattern is written in UK terms

US translations given

Skill Level

Easy

This pattern uses basic stitches throughout.

Yarn

1 x ball of aran/worsted cotton (I used Rowan RYC Silk Cotton)

Various colours of dk/worsted yarn for flowers (I used Hayfield Bonus DK)

Needles/Hook

4.5mm (G or H US)

Materials

Yarn needle

Abbreviations

beg - beginning

sp - space

st(s) - stitch(es)

yo - wrap yarn over the hook

Stitch Terms

This pattern is written in UK crochet terms. US terms also given below as a guide:

Term	UK Stitch	US Term	US Stitch
ch	chain		
ss	slip stitch		
dc	double crochet	sc	single crochet
tr	treble crochet	dc	double crochet
dtr	double treble crochet	tr	treble crochet

Special Stitches

2 dtr cluster

Work a dtr, but do not complete the last wrap, leave this loop on the hook and then start the next dtr (tr), again do not complete the last wrap. You should now have three loops on your hook. Now wrap and pull through all the loops on your hook to complete the cluster.

Ties

Make a chain of 158 to start

First row: 1 dc into second chain from hook, 1 dc into next chain, chain 8, skip 8 chains and dc into 9th chain, 1 dc into each of the next two chains, *chain 1, skip 1 chain and 1 dc into 2nd chain*, repeat from * to * 29 more times, **chain 4, skip next 4 chains and 1 dc into 5th chain**, repeat from ** to ** 4 more times, †chain 9, skip 9 and 1 dc into 10th chain†, repeat from † to † 3 more times, chain 10 and fasten off.

Start second chain: Chain 10, 1 dc into 2nd dc from the end of last chain [Diagram 1], *chain 9, skip 9ch, 1 dc into next dc* repeat twice, **chain 4, skip 4 chain, 1 dc into next dc**, repeat from ** to ** 4 more times, †chain 1, skip 1 chain, 1 dc into next dc†, repeat from † to †29 more times, 1 dc into next dc, chain 8, skip 8 dc, 1 dc into 9th dc, 1 dc into next dc (should be the last), turn.

Next row: chain 1, 1 dc into next dc, 1 dc into each of the next 8 chains, 1 dc into next 2 dc, *chain 1, skip 1 chain, 1 dc into next dc*, repeat 29 more times, ** chain 4, skip 4 chain, 1 dc into next dc**, repeat 4 more times, †chain 9, skip 9

Flowers

Make around 40 flowers, using one or both of the following patterns:

FOUR PETAL FLOWER

Using first colour, make a chain of 6 and join with ss into a ring, then:

First row: (chain 2, 2 tr, chain 2, ss into ring) 4 times. This will make four petals. Fasten off your first colour.

Second row: Attach second colour yarn between petals, (1dc between petals and into ring, chain 1 behind petal) 4 times, ss in the back of the first dc. Fasten off.

FIVE PETRAL FLOWER

Using first colour, make a chain of 6 and join with ss into a ring, then:

First row: chain 1, 9dc into the ring and using the second colour, ss to the chain 1.

Second row: continuing in second colour, (chain 4, 2dtr cluster in next dc, chain 4, 1dc in next dc) 5 times, ending with a ss in 1st chain of the first round. Fasten off.

Making Up

Attach the flowers randomly at the ends and along the length of the tiebacks. I sewed them into place because I'm a bit messy with the glue. But if you have a glue that works well on wool, then this may be quicker!

To tie back curtains, take two of the completed cords, and hang both on the curtain hook, bring one cord around each side of the curtain and loosely tie in front.



