



## BLOSSOM NECKLACE

This elegant necklace takes very little time or yarn. It is a versatile piece that is easily customizable. Make a wool version for winter to wear over turtlenecks, and a cotton version to wear in the summer. You can also make the blossoms multi-colored and add beads or sequins to them. The possibilities are endless!



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**Skill level:** Intermediate

**Finished Measurement:** 17"

### **MATERIALS**

**Yarn:** Berroco Ultra Alpaca Light, (a DK weight Alpaca and Wool Blend)

**Color A:** 8 ½ yards, Turquoise Mix, #4294

**Color B:** 4 ½ yards, Oceanic Mix, #4285

**Color C:** 1 ½ yards, Pea Soup Mix, #4275

**Hook size:** (E) 3.5mm

**Notions:** Tapestry needle

### **ABBREVIATIONS**

**ch(s)**=chain(s)

**beg**= beginning

**st(s)**= stitches

**sl st**= slip stitch

**fol**= following

**sc**= single crochet

**dc**= double crochet

**hdc**= half double crochet

**sk**= skip

**tr**= treble crochet

## **INSTRUCTIONS**

**Leaf:** Using **color A**, ch 14, and \*beg in the 4th ch from hook, sl st in the back loop of this st and foll 2 sts\*. Ch 16, then, rep from \* to \* once. Sl st back in 3rd sl st after the beg ch 14.

**Stem:** Ch 14, then, beg in the 4th ch from hook, sl st in the back loop of this st and foll 2 sts.

Work leaf and stem combination seven times, then, work 1 more leaf. Next, ch 18, sl st in the 10th ch from hook to form the fastening loop, then, continue to sl st in each ch to the other end of the necklace.

**Fastening Dome:** Ch 3, then, 7 hdc into the 1st ch. Sl st in top of beginning ch 3 to end round. (Sc in next st, sk 1 st) three times. Fasten off, cut yarn, and weave in loose ends, securing the dome to the end of necklace as you do so.

**Blossom:** Into the end st of each blossom stem, work as follows: with the wrong side of the necklace facing you, using **color B**, work (sl st, ch 2, 5 tr, ch 2, sl st) fasten off and cut yarn. Weave in ends with a tapestry needle.

**Blossom Detail:** Using **color C**, make a “lazy daisy” embroidery stitch in the middle of each blossom. Instructions on how to do this stitch can be found at: <http://crochet.about.com/library/weekly/aalazydaisy.htm>

It is crucial that you block the necklace for it to lay properly. Using rust-proof pins, pin the necklace out into desired shape on a blocking or ironing board and spray with water. Allow to dry before removing pins.

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