



Simple Flower Ties

Sweet and simple, these pretty little curtain ties dress up your curtains and use up some spare yarn scraps at the same time.

Materials:

Small amounts of sport, dk or worsted/aran yarn in various colours.

You can really use pretty much any left over yarn sport/dk or worsted/aran yarn to make up these little ties. They use very little yardage.

I used Bergère de France "Idéal" (sport weight)

3.5 mm (E USA) crochet hook, or size appropriate for the yarn you're using.

Yarn needle

This pattern is written using English crochet terms. However, I have included information to convert to American crochet.

The Ties

Make two:

Ch20, ss into first chain, ch80, ss into 20th chain from hook. You should now have two loops separated by a long chain.

Fasten off ends and weave in. Repeat for second tie.

Double Flower (Front flower)

Make two:

Make a magic loop to start, then:

First round: 6dc into the loop, ss to starting dc.



Second round: 1ch, 2dc into each dc of round 1, ss to starting dc.

Fasten off yarn and add new colour to the **front loop** only, then:

Third round (inner petals): 2ch, and then working in the **front loops only**, *4tr, in next stitch, 2 ch, ss in next stitch, 2 ch*, repeat from * to * round to beginning, ss into the stitch at the bottom of starting 2 chain.

Fasten off yarn and add new colour to any **back loop** behind a stitch with 4 trebles in (the middle of a petal), then:

Fourth round (outer petals): ch3, and in the **back loops only**, work *4dtr in next stitch, ch 3, ss in next stitch, ch 3*, repeat from * to *, ss to first stitch in the round.

Fasten off yarn leaving a long tail (10-12 inches). Weave in all other ends. Repeat for second flower.

Single Flower (Back Flower)

Follow instructions for the Double flower up to the end of the second round, using the same colours you used for your double flowers. Fasten off your yarn.

Miss out the third round (inner petals).

Add new colour to any **back loop** behind a stitch with 4 trebles in (the middle of a petal), then follow instructions for the fourth round (outer petals), using the same colour yarn as you used for the outer petals on your double flowers.

Fasten off yarn and weave in all ends.

Little Flowers

You will need to make eight flowers altogether. This will make the four pairs of flowers you need. Remember that the colours of the pairs must be the same.

Make a magic loop to start, then:

First round: ch1, 6dc into loop, ss to starting dc.

Second round: ch2, *(2htr, ch2, ss) all in the same stitch, ss to next stitch, repeat from * to * round.

On four of the flowers (1 of each of your 'pairs'), fasten off yarn leaving a long tail (10-12 inches). Weave in all other ends.

Abbreviations & Translations: (American terms in brackets)

ss - slip stitch
 ch - chain
 dc - double crochet (sc - single crochet)
 htc - half treble crochet (hdc - half double crochet)
 tr - treble crochet (dc - double crochet)
 dtr - treble crochet (tr - treble crochet)

For the remaining four flowers, fasten off as normal and weave in all ends.

Little Flower Dangles

Each pair of little flowers are hanging underneath the main flower on little crochet chains.

You will need two chains of 20 and two chains of 30 for these 'dangly bits', but don't weave in the ends yet.

Everything you need?



If everything has gone to plan you should have a collection of pieces like the ones shown in this photo for each tie that you want to make.

Note how there is two sets of matching 'little flowers' and that the outer petals of the Double and Single flower match? You'll need the colours to match so they look nice when they're sewn together.

Assembling the ties

So, assuming you have all the pieces you need, let's make up our ties.

Grab a matching pair of your little flowers and one of your dangly bits. Using the yarn end of the dangly bit, sew the end to the back of one of your flowers.

Then, hold the other little flower back to back with the first flower with the dangly bit poking out the top. Using the yarn tail, whip stitch the two flowers together using the back loops of each petal. Put a couple of stitches through the dangly bit when you get to it so hold it securely in place.



Repeat this with your other two little flowers and the last dangly bit.

Next, attach the two loose ends of the dangly bits to the back of your single flower, using the other yarn tails to sew them into place.

Then lay the single (back flower) face down with the dangles hanging downwards. Place the tie across the back of the flower so that the flower is in the centre of the tie. Then lay your double (front) flower on top face up.



This has made a little sandwich with the tie and dangles trapped in the middle. If it's easier, pin in all in place.

Using the long yarn tail from double flower, whip stitch the front and back flower together using the back loops of each petal stitch. Make sure you put a couple of stitches through the tie when you get to that point on either side to hold it in place. You can also either put a little stitch in the dangly bits, or stitch around them. Which ever you prefer

Once you get all the way round, weave in the end and you're all done.

Repeat all this whole procedure with the pieces of the other tie and ta-dah. Fabulously simple looking curtains ties!

