Sturt Desert Pea – crochet pattern
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note: this pattern is written in US terminology, but there is a conversion table below if you prefer to use UK terminology

US terms	UK terms
single crochet	double crochet
half double crochet	half treble crochet
double crochet	treble crochet
treble crochet	double treble crochet
chain	chain
slip stitch	slip stitch

abbreviations

Ch(s): chain(s)
Sl st: slip stitch
Sc: single crochet
IFLO: in front loops only (only work in the front loop of the stitch; leave the back one for a later round)
Hdc: half double crochet
Ea: each
Tr: treble crochet
RHS: right hand side
Nxt: next
St(s): sitch(es)
Prev: previous

equipment

~ 3mm hook
~ red 5ply/sport weight cotton yarn (the yarn I used had 170m/50g)
~ black bead to finish (measuring approximately 15mm in diameter)
~ black embroidery floss to attach the bead
~ a sewing needle that fits through the bead, and to use to sew in yarn ends
~ scissors

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pattern

Row 1: ch4, sl st in 1st ch, ch1, 8sc in centre of ch loop, sl st in 1st sc. (8 stitches total)

Row 2: work the entire round IFLO:

ch13, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 1hdc ea in nxt 3chs, 1dc ea in nxt 3chs, 1tr ea in nxt 2chs, dc in nxt ch, hdc in nxt ch, sl st ea in nxt 3 sts on main circle, * ch 8, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in nxt ch, 1hdc ea in nxt 4chs, sc in nxt ch, * sl st in nxt st, repeat from * to *, 1sl st ea in last 3 sts, sl st in 1st sc of the rnd.

Row 3: working up the RHS of the chs of the 1st petal from the previous rnd:

hdc in 1st ch, dc in nx ch, 1tr ea in nxt 2chs, 1dc ea in nxt 3chs, 1hdc ea in nxt 3chs, sc in nxt ch, sl st in last ch, ch 1, 1sl st ea in nxt 12 sts, 1sl st ea in nxt 3 sts on main circle,

*working up RHS of nxt set of chs from prev rnd:

sc in 1st ch, 1hdc ea in nxt 4chs, sc in nxt ch, sl st in last ch, ch 1, 1sl st ea in nxt 7 sts, * sl st in nxt st, repeat from * to *. 1sl st ea in nxt 4 sts.

Row 4: this rnd will be worked in the back loops left from rnd 1:

sl st in first back loop behind the first petal, ch 13, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in nxt ch, 1hdc ea in nxt 3 chs, 1dc ea in nxt 3 chs, 1tr ea in nxt 2 chs, dc in nxt ch, hdc in nxt ch, 1sl st ea in nxt 4 sts on main circle, ch 10, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in nxt ch, 1dc ea in nxt 3 sts, tr in nxt ch, 1dc ea in nxt 2 chs, hdc in nxt ch, 1sl st ea in last 3 sts.

Row 5: working up RHS of nxt set of chs from prev rnd:

hdc in 1st ch, dc in nxt ch, tr ea in nxt 2 chs, dc ea in nxt 3 chs, hdc ea in nxt 3 chs, sc in nxt ch, sl st in last ch, ch 1, 1sl st ea in nxt 12 sts, sl st ea in nxt 4 sts on main circle

in RHS of nxt set of chs:

hdc in 1st ch, dc ea in nxt 2 chs, tr in nxt ch, dc ea in nxt 3chs, hdc in nxt ch, sc in last ch, ch1, 1sl st ea in nxt 9 sts, sl st ea in last 3sts on main circle. Break yarn, and sew in ends securely.

bead assembly

Using black embroidery floss and a sewing needle, sew the black bead to the centre of the pea. I found it helpful to use the tops of the stitches of the first round of single crochets, inserting my needle from back to front, through the bead, then back down on the opposite side of the circle (and repeat this a few times). Make sure to knot the ends of your floss tightly on the back before weaving them in (or just trimming the ends if you trust your knot to stay in place!).

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