

Garden Tie Backs

These curtain tie-backs are very simple to make but add a pretty floral touch to a room.

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

Materials:

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

4.5mm (G or H USA) crochet hook

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

Yarn needle

Pattern:

To make the tie backs:

Make a chain of 158 to start

Foundation 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 chains, 1 dc into next dc†, repeat 1 more time, chain 10 and fasten off.

Abbreviations & Translations: (American terms in brackets)

ss - slip stitch

ch - chain

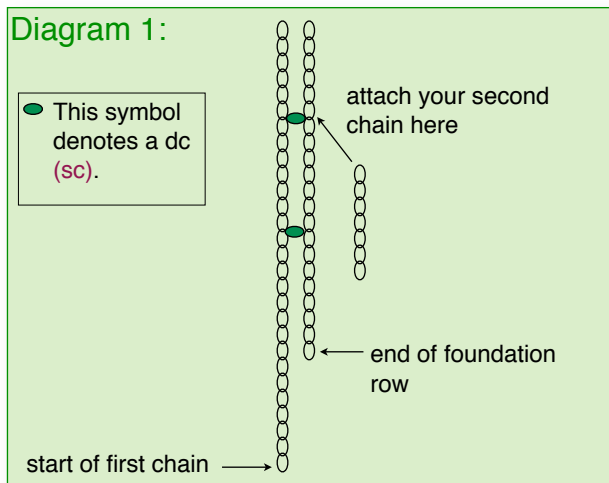
dc - double crochet (*sc - single crochet*)

tr - treble crochet (*dc - double crochet*)

dtr - double treble crochet (*tr - treble crochet*)

This will make one half of your tie-back. You will need to make a further three in order to have enough for a pair of curtains.

Diagram 1:



Please note this diagram is only to illustrate where the second chain should be attached to the first. It does not accurately show chain numbers and can not be used as a chart.

To make the 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.

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.

Second flower:

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

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.

Special stitch:

(American terms in brackets)

2 dtr cluster (2tr cluster)

Work a dtr (tr), 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.

To make 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.

