Grandma Perkins' All-in-One Flower Pencil Toppers

This one's for you, Mom!

As you might (or might not) know, I am going through my second childhood.
I am guessing that it is hereditary, because my parents are still children at heart.
My mother collects dolls and loves every one of them.
She is 85 years old and still works full-time.
One of her many joys in life, is to give out little crochet items to patrons at the clinic where she works.
She says it brings joy, not only to the sick patients, but to her as well.
I usually try to make her a basket full of tiny gifts, every month or so.
They are usually little pins, ornaments, button buddies, bracelets,
pencil toppers or whatever I can think up at the time.
Mother's day is coming soon, and the long awaited Spring has finally arrived.
And flowers are blooming everywhere. Unfortunately that brings the dreaded pollen.
But I still love flowers, and crocheted ones are pretty safe.
So for Mother's Day, the All-in-One Flower Pencil Topper is a good choice.
This pencil topper can dress up your pencils and pens and brighten your mood.
You can use them as party favors or for school give-away treats.
It is a very quick and easy pattern, and a good way to use scrap yarn.
You can use just about any type of yarn or thread or hook that you want.
It only takes about six to ten minutes to make one.
Enjoy! Pan

Materials:
4mm / G hook
~ 6 to 10 yds of WW (I used Red Heart)

Gauge is not crucial.

Abbreviations:
~ = Approximately
Ch = Chain
FO = Fasten Off
Lp(s) = Loop(s)
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
Sc = Single Crochet
Dc = Double Crochet
Tr = Treble
Ss = Slip Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
BLO = Back Loop Only
Dec = Decrease by crocheting 2 single crochets as one
Inc = Increase with 2 single crochets into one stitch
US Terminology

Pattern Notes:

> Use a larger hook for fatter-sized pens or pencils.
> Use just about any type of yarn or thread or hook. Just measure the first round of the tube to fit the pencil or pen.
> Then make the tube about an inch or so tall to fit. Decrease to close the top and add any kind of petals that you want.
> Below are just suggestions. They are very easy, but you could make elaborate ones, if you so desired.

Tube for Pencil or Pen:
RND 1: Ch 6 loosely. Join with a Ss to form a ring.
Note: Work over the beg yarn so no need to weave in later.
> Ch 1, Sc in each ch around. Join. (6)
RND 2-5: Ch 1, Sc around. Join. (6)
RND 6: Ch 1, working in **BLO,** Dec 3xs. Join to first st with a Ss. (3sc)
Note: Join the last rnd by inserting the hook from the back side of the first st
> *and pulling a lp through. (See photo)*
> *This will be easier and will also be covered by the ch1 of the next round.*

Petal Base:
Note: The Base (Rnd 7) can be made with 6 to 12 sc's,
> *which in turn can yield a different petal count. (See Petals Below)*

Ch 1, turn so tip is facing (open end away from you).
> Work in the free lps of Rnd 5.
> Continue with any Rnd 7 below.

[6 sc Base]
Rnd 7: Sc around. Join to first sc with a Ss. (6)

[8 sc Base]
Rnd 7: (Sc in 2, Inc) around. Join to first sc with a Ss. (8)

[9 sc Base]
Rnd 7: (Sc, Inc) around. Join to first sc with a Ss. (9)

[10 sc Base]
Rnd 7: (Sc, Inc 2xs) around. Join to first sc with a Ss. (10)

[12 sc Base]
RND 7: Inc around. Join to first sc with a Ss. (12)

Petals:
Blue: [Made with 6 sc Base]
Rnd 8: Work in BLO. *(Ch 2, Tr, Ch 2, ss) all in same st. Ss in next*.
Repeat* to * 5 times. FO and weave in. (6 petals)

Purple: [Made with 8 sc Base]
Rnd 8: (Ch 3, ss in next) around. FO and weave in. (8 loop petals)
Note: The purple petals are one of the easiest to make.
> *The petal-chain-count can be varied.*
> *Chain-4 or chain-5 looks really nice. You can also use any base-count.*

Yellow: [Made with 9 sc Base]
Rnd 8: Ch 5, ss in same and next. FO and weave in. (9 loop petals)

Bright Blue: [Made with 10 sc Base]
Rnd 8: (Ch 5, Sc, Ch 5, Ss) all in same st, ss in next 2*.
    Repeat * to * 4 times.   FO and weave in. (10 petals)

Dark Blue: [Made with 10 sc Base]
Rnd 8: (Ch 1, Hdc in same st, Hdc in next, Ch1, Ss in same as last Hdc, Ss in next) around.
    (5 double-loop petals)

Pink:
Rnd 8: [Made with 12 sc Base] Ch 5, ss in same st and next st around.
    FO and weave in. (12 loop petals)

Red: [Made with 12 sc Base]
Rnd 8: *(Ch 2, 3 Dc, Ch 2, ss) all in same st, then ss in next 2 sts*.
    Repeat * to * 5 times. FO and weave in. (6 petals)

**Experiment with different base counts and different types of petals.
And have fun!**

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