This pattern should only take an hour or two of your time and a bit of scrap yarn.
And it has a surprise inside, when you open it.
All you need is:
Worsted Weight yarn (Weight Category: 4 Medium)
(like Red Heart Supersaver or Lily Sugar n Cream Cotton)
This can be made in all one color (Total yardage: about 15 yards)
Although, I would suggest using two:
(About 12 yards of a cheery color like yellow or red and 3 yards of a contrasting color like green or blue)
$3.75 \mathrm{~mm} / \mathrm{F}$ hook (Hook size will need to be smaller than the recommended size for the type of yarn being used) A tiny bit of stuffing and a yarn needle.

If you have difficulty with any part of this pattern, send me a Ravelry message, and of course, I will help.
If you find any errors, I would appreciate a quick note.
I am open to any and all criticism, suggestions and ideas.
And I would love to see pictures on your project pages.

## Pattern Notes:

$\Rightarrow$ You can change the type of yarn, but I would advise using a sturdy yarn.
Be sure to use a hook size smaller than the yarn recommendations.
$\Rightarrow$ You can work over the beginning yarn-ends to eliminate weaving in later.
$\Rightarrow$ Be sure to pull and cinch the beg yarn-end very tight to completely close the center circle. Worsted weight yarn is pretty strong so you can tug, and it usually won't break.
$\Rightarrow$ Do not overstuff. It just needs a little puff of stuffing to shape.

## As I write this, the temperatures outside are below freezing.

 I am dreaming about springtime.I hope this pattern brings a smile to your face and warms your heart.

## Here goes!

## Begin at the Top:

Rnd 1: MR, Ch 2 (does not count as a dc now and throughout).
10 Dc in the ring. Join with a ss to the first dc. (10 dc)
Note: Pull and cinch beg yarn-end to completely close the center circle.
Rnd 2: Ch 1, Sc in the joined st and each around.
Join to the first sc. (10 sc)
Rnd 3: Ch 1, Sc-Dec around. Lightly stuff. Join. (5 sc)
Rnd 4: Ch 1, Sc-Inc in first st.
Ss in next st.
Ch 6, sk 2 chs, Sc in the next 2 chs, sk next ch, Ss in last ch.
Then ss once more in the same st as last ss on made on rnd 3.

## Materials: WW Cotton

(Red Heart or Sugar n Cream): Various colors Main Color = About 10 yds. Contrasting Color $=2.5$ yds.
F/3.75mm Hook Yarn needle to sew Small amount of Stuffing

Gauge is not critical.
Size: about $2.5^{\prime \prime}$ high / $3^{\prime \prime}$ wide ( $6.4 \times 7.6 \mathrm{~cm}$ )
Abbreviations:
Beg $=$ Beginning
BLO = Back Loop Only
$\mathrm{Ch}(\mathrm{s})=$ Chain(s)
Dc = Double Crochet
Dc-Inc $=2$ double crochets into one stitch
FLO = Front Loop Only
FO = Fasten Off
Hdc = Half Double Crochet
$\mathrm{Lp}(\mathrm{s})=\operatorname{Loop}(\mathrm{s})$
MR = Magic Ring
$\operatorname{Rnd}(\mathbf{s})=\operatorname{Round}(\mathbf{s})$
$\mathrm{Sc}=$ Single Crochet
$\mathbf{S c}-$ Dec $=$ Single crochet 2 sts together
$\mathrm{Sc}-\mathrm{Inc}=2$ single crochets into one stitch
Sk = Skip
Ss = Slip Stitch
St(s) $=$ Stitch(es)
US Terminology

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Sc-Inc in the next st of the head.
Ss in next st.
Ch 6, sk 2 chs, Sc in the next 2 chs, sk next ch, Ss in last ch. Then ss once more in the same st as last ss on made on rnd 3.
$\mathbf{S c}-\mathbf{I n c}$ in the last st of the head. Join. ( $6 \mathbf{s c}+2$ extended segments)

Rnd 5: Ch 1, Sc in first 2 st.
Mark the back loop of the first sc with a st marker.
Move the extended stitches down out of the way.
Sk the slip-stiches and the extended segment.
Sc in each of the 2 sts between the extended stitches.
Sk the slip-stiches and the next extended segment.
Sc in the last 2 sts. Join in the FLO of the first sc. (6 sc)
Rnd 6: Work this round in FLO.
Ch 2, Dc-Inc around. Join to the top of the first dc. (12 flo-dc)
Rnd 7: Ch 2, (Dc in 3, Dc-Inc) 3xs. Join. (15 dc)
Rnd 8: Work this round in BLO.
[Ch 1, (Hdc, Ch 1) 3xs in the next st, ss in next 2 sts] around.
[Note: The last ss will be in the back loop of the joined ss from rnd 7.]
Ch 1, FO and weave in. (5 petals)

Now, invert Rows 6 through 8 by pushing the Top down inside.
You will be working on the inside on the free loops of rnd 5 .
You may need to stretch the center hole a bit to see the 6 free loops from rnd 5 (See Photo).

## Final Part:

Rnd 1: With a contrasting color:
Join with a Ss in the Marked loop.
Ch 1, Sc in each free loop around. Join. (6)
Rnds 2-5: Ch 1, Sc around. Join. FO after rnd 5. (6)
This can be made longer if you want:
Just repeat the last row as many times as you wish.
It could also be wider to accommodate fatter-sized pencils or adult fingers: Just add one (or more) single crochet increase on rnd 1.


