BLOSSOM EARRINGS

These earrings were inspired by my popular Blossom Necklace pattern, and can be made in minutes with just a few snips of yarn. They could be embellished with embroidery as shown above, or with beads and sequins as shown below, for a little glitz.

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Skill level: Intermediate

Finished Measurements:
1" tall x 7/8" wide

MATERIALS

Yarn: Berroco Ultra Alpaca Light, (a DK weight Alpaca and Wool Blend)

Color A: 28", Oceanic Mix, #4285
Color B: 12", Turquoise Mix, #4294
Color C: 6", Pea Soup Mix, #4275

Hook size: E/4 (3.50mm)

Notions: Tapestry needle, rust-proof pins, set of earring backs

ABBREVIATIONS

ch(s)=chain(s)
tr= treble crochet
sl st= slip stitch
st= stitch
yo= yarn over hook
lp= loop
rep= repeat

INSTRUCTIONS

Blossom (make 2): Using **Color A**, ch 3, then make [5 tr, ch 2, sl st] in first ch. Fasten off.

Leaves: Using **Color B**, insert hook into first ch of blossom (the st that the 5 tr's were worked into). Yo, pull up a lp, *ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch and then in first ch, sl st back into same st in Blossom*. Rep from * to * once. Fasten off. Rep these instructions for other Blossom.

Blossom Detail: Using **Color C**, make a "lazy daisy" embroidery stitch in the middle of each blossom. Instructions on how to do this stitch can be found at: http://crochet.about.com/library/weekly/aalazydaisy.htm

Finishing: Weave in all loose ends with a tapestry needle. Block by pinning with rust - proof pins on an ironing or blocking board, spray with water and allow to dry before removing pins. Glue Blossoms to earring backs.

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