

Fiori



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I was inspired to make this brooch by one of my favorite flowers, the ranunculus.

Yarn: Malabrigo worsted weight, hand dyed (color not available commercially, approx. lavender)

Gauge: On US #10 needles 16 St./22.66 Rows = 4" Square.

Key: CO = Cast On

PM = Place Marker

R(N) = Round (1, 2, etc.)

K = Knit

YO = Yarn Over

M1 = Make one stitch by picking up the yarn between the stitch just knit and the next stitch, twisting, and then knitting into it.

K2tog = Knit two together (decrease)

BO = Bind Off

Circle 1 - Large

CO 3 stitches (center of circle), PM, and join round.

R1: *K1, YO* to end of round (6 st.)

R2 and all even rounds: K around

R3: *K1, YO* to end of round (12 st.)

R5: *K1, M1* to end of round (24 st.)

R7: *K1, M1* to end of round (48 st.)

R9: *K2, K2tog* to end of round (36 st.)

R10: BO

Circle 2 - Medium

CO 3 stitches (center of circle), PM, and join round.

R1: *K1, YO* to end of round (6 st.)

R2 and all even rounds **through R6**: K around

R3: *K1, YO* to end of round (12 st.)

R5: *K1, M1* to end of round (24 st.)

R7: *K3, M1* to end of round (32 st.)

R8: *K2, K2tog* to end of round (24 st.)

R9: BO

Circle 3 - Small

CO 3 stitches (center of circle), PM, and join round.

R1: *K1, YO* to end of round (6 st.)

R2 and all even rounds: K around

R3: *K1, YO* to end of round (12 st.)

R5: *K1, M1* to end of round (24 st.)

R7: *K3, K2tog* around until 4 stitches before end of round, then K2, K2tog. (19 st.)

R8: BO

Weave in all loose ends on your circles.

When you have finished your circle “petals”, cut the tulle or fabric of your choice as follows:

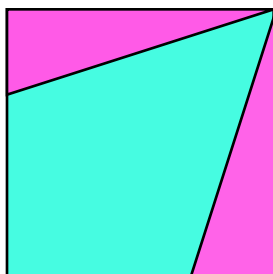
Two squares measuring 4” x 4”

Two squares measuring 3” x 3”

Fold each square twice (in quarters) and use a pair of scissors to cut a slight angle out of both sides of the folded square that are furthest from the folded corner, as shown below:

(Cut to **remove** the pink sections)

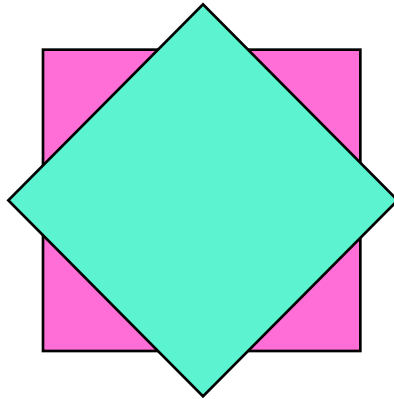
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This will give you two large and two medium four-pointed star shapes. You want to layer these between the knit circles as follows, back to front:

Circle 1 (Large) - two large fabric stars - Circle 2 (Medium) - two medium fabric stars - Circle 3 (Small).

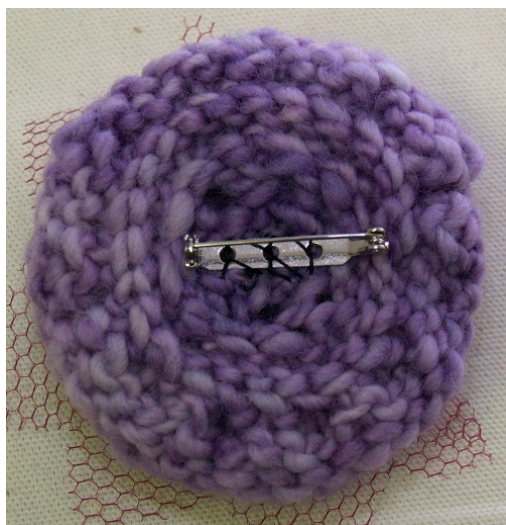
When placing the fabric stars, turn one 90 degrees in relation to the other so that they create an eight-point star, as shown:



Sew these layers together by sewing with a hand needle through the center of the circular petals, repeating 3-4 times to be sure all the layers are securely fastened. Knot and secure the end of the thread. This should be done with all-purpose or button & craft thread, and a regular sharp sewing needle, not a tapestry needle and yarn.

Next, sew the button or other decorative ornament of your choosing to the center of the small, front petal, again using all-purpose or button thread and a sharp needle.

Finally, sew the pin to the back of your brooch as shown in the photo below. You can get perforated, flat-back crafters pins for making brooches at AC Moore, Michaels, online, or preferably your local craft or fabric store!



The last step - rock your pin with your favorite sweater or sundress!

Ideas for adding variety this design:

Use printed fabric with a small floral print, gingham, etc. Or use organza, or a metallic coated fabric.

Make each petal a different color

Make the petals out of variegated yarn

Put a small cluster of tiny buttons in the center instead of one large one

Sew one or several of these flowers to a headband, ribbon choker, or cuff bracelet for other accessories.

