## MATERIALS

1 ball each color or use STASH yarn in different colors (your choice);

## Chains

- Aunt Lydia's Crochet Thread Classic 10, 100\% mercerized cotton, (350 yds);

Dark Brown-Color A Dark Blue-Color C

- Patons Classic Wool, worsted weight, (3.5 oz, 100 gr ); Dark Olive-Color B


## Flowers

- Aunt Lydia's Crochet Thread Classic 10, 100\% mercerized cotton, (350 yds);

Hot Pink-Color D
Orange-Color E
Burgundy-Color F

- $2-36 \mathrm{~mm}$ Earring hoops
- \#4 ( 1.75 mm ) steel crochet hook
- Tapestry needle


## FINISHED SIZE

Marigold-finished chain lengths equal approximately 82 inches ( 208 cm ) with flowers 1 inch ( 2.54 cm ) wide.

## ABBREVIATIONS

beg: beginning, ch: chain, dc: double crochet, hdc: half double crochet, rep: repeat, rnd: round, sc: single crochet, slip st: slip stitch, st(s): stitch(es), yo: yarn over

## SPECIAL STITCHES

Double Chain Stitch (DCSt): Ch 4, yarn over hook twice, in 4th chain from hook, turn chain towards you slightly and insert hook in back-loop of chain (sometimes called the rib), yarn over once, draw through two loops on hook, yarn over once, draw through last three loops on hook.
Puff Stitch: 5 half double crochet in space or stitch indicated (note: beg ch-2 counts as first hdc), remove hook from last half double crochet made and insert in first half double crochet, yarn over once, draw loop through all 5 half double crochet.
Adjustable Loop: Wrap yarn around finger twice to form a ring, leaving about a 8 inch tail. Insert hook into ring, pull up working end of yarn and pull through ring. Complete the number of chains or stitches in the first round of instruction. Gently pull tail to close ring and complete slip st to beginning stitch.

Adjustable loop with Kathleen Sams-Red Heart



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## MARIGOLD CHAINS

With Color A, start with slip knot leaving a tail long enough to sew in later, Double Chain Stitch (DCSt) (see Special Stitches) 190 DCSt or for length desired. Fasten off.

With Color B, start with slip knot leaving a tail long enough to sew in later, *crochet 10 simple chain sts, (ch 3, slip st in 3rd ch from hook); rep from * to same length as Color A. Fasten off.

With Color C, start with slip knot leaving a tail long enough to sew in later, ch st to same length as Color A and B. Fasten off.

## MARIGOLD FLOWERS

[With Color D, starting with adjustable loop, (ch 2, Puff St (see Special Stitches), ch 3, sc in adj-loop) 4 times more; ending with slip st in first Puff st. Fasten off.] five more times. Repeat with Color E and F.

## CHAIN ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION

Bring the ends of each chain length together and sew.


Color B-lay flat and place each flower along its length in color pattern desired. Sew each flower onto chain.

See Finishing Instruction.

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## FINISHING INSTRUCTION

Sew in all ends. Blocking is recommended. Taking time to block a finished piece will enhance the project by opening up the stitch pattern, evening out lacework and creating straight, even edges, especially as your tension naturally loosens and tightens as you crochet.

## MARIGOLD EARRINGS

Measure a length of 6 yds ( 216 inches $/ 51 / 2 \mathrm{~m}$ ), fold in half, (work with doubled thread to the end).


Loop up onto hoop, ch 2, work 11 sc onto hoop, (ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across), sc onto hoop, (ch 15 , sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across), sc onto hoop, (ch 8, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across), sc 10 more times onto hoop. Fasten off.

Repeat for second hoop.

## FLOWERS FOR EARRINGS (make 2)

Follow Marigold Flower instruction.


With right side facing, sew a Marigold Flower to each hoop. Fasten off.

