

Tulips

Materials:

Mercerised crochet cotton No.20 in any tulip colour; tatting shuttle; 33 and 24 gauge wire; yellow stamens; flexible craft glue; green florists tape.



Instructions:

Wind shuttle but do not cut from ball.

First set of petals;

R of 2ds, 5p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 3ds, p, 3ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 4ds, p 4ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 5ds, p, 5ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 7ds, lp, 7ds, rw. *R of 2ds, p, 2ds, join to 4th p of last r, 2ds, 3p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 5ds, p, 5ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 4ds, p, 4ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 3ds, p, 3ds, rw. **R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl. Rep from** twice. R w. Ch of 3ds, join to p of corresponding ch, 3ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 4ds, join to p of corresponding ch, 4ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 5ds, join to p of corresponding ch, 5ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 7ds, join to lp, 7ds, rw.*** Rep from * to *** R of 2ds, p, 2ds, join to 4th p of previous r, 2ds, 3p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch or 5ds, join to p of 3rd ch made, 5ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 4p sep by 2ds, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 4ds, join to p of 2nd ch made, 4ds, rw. R of 2ds, join to last p of previous r, 2ds, 3p sep by 2ds, join to 1st p of 1st r made, 2ds, cl, rw. Ch of 3ds, join to p of 1st ch made, 3ds, join to base of 1st r. Cut and tie ends. Dab a spot of glue on knot.

Second set of petals:

Make in the same way as the first set but make every ring starting and finishing with 3ds. (i.e. 3ds, 5p sep by 2ds, 3ds, cl)

To make up:

1. Cut 6, 33 gauge wires, each 6cm long.
2. Place a wire through the centre hole, bend and glue to the inside of a petal (up the centre of the petal) putting a dab of glue at each join of the chains.
3. Repeat step 2 for each petal on both sets of petals.
4. Place a spot of glue on the inside of the larger petal set in the centre.
5. Sit the smaller set of petals inside the larger ones by pushing the 3 central wires through the central hole so that the two sets of petals are glued together. There are now six wires extending from the centre of the base of the flower.
6. Cut 1, 24 gauge wire 15cm long and tape 6 yellow stamens to one end with one stamen extending beyond the other.
7. Thread the long wire and stamens through the centre of the flower and fix into position with glue.
8. Cover all wires with green tape from the base of the flower.
9. Curve the petals into the shape of a tulip.

