

Marian Crown

CROCHET PATTERN



Many Catholic schools encourage students to dress as saints on November 1st each year. It is a fun way to honor your favorite model of Christianity. There aren't many readily available costumes for this, though, so I have a whole blog post about creating your own with easy to find crochet patterns! My plan is to write a new pattern each year that can be used for a Saint costume. This year is the Marian Crown! Use it to create a crown for representing different Marian devotions as well as other royal Saints. Customize with the provided additions of stars or flowers.

SUPPLIES:

- 100 yards CYC 4 worsted yarn, preferably gold, plus additional scrap yarn in colors as desired for stars and flowers (optional)
- crochet hook size 4.5 mm or size needed to obtain gauge
- tapestry sewing needle
- scissors and measuring tape/gauge ruler
- Aleene's fabric stiffening spray (optional)

STITCHES (US TERMS):

ch = chain stitch

st/sts = stitch/stitches

FDC = foundation double crochet

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

sk = skip

hdc = half double crochet

picot = picot: ch 3, sl st third st from hook

MR = magic ring

dc = double crochet

tr = treble crochet

GAUGE SWATCH:

2 in by 2 in swatch = 8 stitches in 4 rows of dc

NOTES:

- **SIZING:** this pattern is sized for toddler and child, but you could adapt to any size using the stitch multiple of 6. Adjust the beginning FDC row smaller or larger in increments of 6. Generally recommended sizes: baby 15 inches, toddler 16 inches, child 18 inches, teen 19 inches, medium 20 inches, large 21 inches (These are about an inch less the head circumference measurement, to ensure that the crown stays on.)
- Pattern for crown, leaves, and stars are worked in the round, flowers are worked flat, then sewn together.
- Optional: spray the top with some fabric stiffening spray and shape as desired.
- Marian devotions are depicted in many ways. Biblically, in Revelations there is reference to a woman in the sky crowned with 12 stars. It is generally accepted that this woman is Mother Mary. For All Saints' Day dress up, making the crown with 12 stars would be a great way to specify the costume as Our Lady, Queen of Heaven. She is also often depicted with a crown of roses/flowers. If you wanted the crown to be mostly flowers, you could omit the final round of the crown and make many flowers to attach to the plain base.

WRITTEN INSTRUCTIONS:

Crown

toddler (child)

Round 1: FDC 72 (78) sl st to join. [72 (78) FDC]

Round 2: Ch 3, *sk st, dc next st, ch 1, repeat from * around, sl st to join. [36 dc, 36 ch-1 (39 dc, 39 ch-1)]

Round 3: Ch 2, hdc each st and each ch-1 space around, sl st to join. [72 (78) hdc]

Round 4: Ch 2, hdc next 3 sts, {tr, picot, tr} next st, *hdc next 5 sts, {tr, picot, tr} next st, repeat from * until last 2, hdc last 2 sts, sl st to join. [60 hdc, 24 tr, 12 picot (65 hdc, 26 tr, 13 picot)]

Fasten off and weave in ends. Depending which way you worked the FDC, you may need to stitch the bottom edge of the crown together.

Stars: (make 12)

Round 1: MR, sc 5 into MR, sl st to join. [5 sc]

Round 2: *picot, sl st next st, repeat from * around. [5 picot, 5 sl st]

Fasten off, weave in one end, leave the other end long to sew onto crown.

Leaves: (make 2)

Round 1: MR, sc 5 into MR, sl st to join. [5 sc]

Round 2: Ch 3, sl st second and third ch from hook, sl st first st, 2 sc next st, {sc, picot, sc} next st, 2 sc next st, sl st last st. [2 sl st, 6 sc, 1 picot] Fasten off, weave in one end, leave the other end long to sew onto crown.

Flowers: (make 3)

Row 1: Ch 16, sc second st from hook and each st across, turn. [15 sc]

Row 2: Ch 1, sk st *{hdc, dc, hdc} next st, sl st next st, repeat from * across. [7 hdc/dc/hdc, 7 sl st] Fasten off, leave the ends long: one to roll the flower and sew into shape, and the other to sew onto crown.

Assembly:

To finish this crown, you could spray with some stiffening spray on the top rounds to give it more definition. I wouldn't spray the first round so it's able to stretch and be comfortable to wear.

Sew the stars onto the crown as desired. They could also be sewn on the peaks and stiffened them as well for a more pronounced star effect, or placed on the crown entirely as pictured. Note that only the toddler size will have the exact 12 peaks.

The sample has 3 flowers and 2 leaves. An additional style could be to add flowers all around the crown one leaf and one flower below each point.



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