

Crocheted Pansy badge



The Pansy is a longstanding symbol of freedom of thought.

Pansy flowers first became known as 'pansies' in mid-15c France, named after the French verb *pensér* "to think". Since the 17c, freethinkers all over the world have adopted the pansy as a symbol of Freethought.

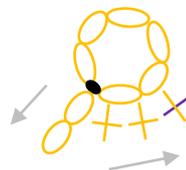
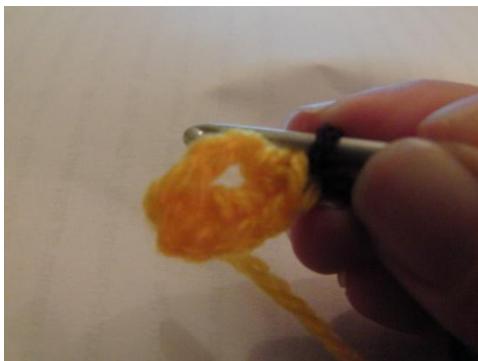
The term 'pansy' later became a homosexual slur, referring to effeminate men, pacifists, conscientious objectors, and 'pansy left' intellectuals.

Freethinkers traditionally indicated an affinity to Freethought by wearing a pansy. This step-by-step crochet pattern describes how you can make your own crocheted Pansy. Feel free to contact me if you see a mistake in the pattern, or can suggest improvements.

Happy crocheting! Emma (emlc1@le.ac.uk)

Centre:

Using yellow wool and a 3.5 or 4 mm crochet hook make 6ch and join with a slip stitch to form a ring. RS: Make 2ch, then 3dc in a ring (joining in the purple wool on the last dc). Fasten off the yellow.



Abbreviations:

RS= right side
WS=wrong side

- ss = slip stitch ●
- ch = chain ○
- dc = double crochet +
- tr = treble crochet —/
- dtr = double treble crochet —//
- trtr = triple treble crochet —///

Big petal:

WS: Now continuing with purple wool, make 3ch. In the first dc make 1tr. In the next two dc make 2dtr. In the top of the 2ch make 2tr. Fasten off the purple.

