



## *Puerto Rican Hibiscus (Maga/Amapola)*

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I made this design for my Artisan certification by the Instituto de Cultura Puertorriqueña (Puerto Rican Culture Institute). This flower is based on the Puerto Rican Hibiscus. Puerto Rican hibiscus is Puerto Rico's State Flower. Puerto Rican hibiscus is also commonly known as *Thespesia grandiflora*, *Maga grandiflora*, *Montezuma* and *flor de maga*. It is cultivated mostly as an ornamental tree for the beauty of its flowers although it is also valued for its timber.

**Kingdom**

Plantae

**Division**

Magnoliophyta

**Class**

Magnoliopsida

**Order**

Malvales

**Family**

Malvaceae

**Genus**

Thespesia

**Species**

T. grandiflora

The Puerto Rican hibiscus (Maga) is different from the common hibiscus. The Maga is a tree which grows tall. Maga tree or Puerto Rican hibiscus tree is an attractive small to medium sized tree, with dark green foliage and large dark pink or red flowers. Puerto Rican hibiscus flowers are cup-shaped and are 7.5 to 9 cm and 9.0 to 13 cm, broad with five overlapping petals. The Puerto Rican hibiscus flowers are borne singly on long petioles from leaf bases.

**Materials:**

Shuttle and Ball

2 Colors of Threads

Picot Gauge: The picot gauge will depend on the thread used. Here are the measures I use according to the thread sizes. You may need to adjust them a little according to your tension and threads.

- Size 10: 13mm or 15mm
- Size 20: 10mm
- Size 40: 7mm
- Size 80: 5mm

Crochet Hook: size according to used thread size

**Instructions:****Round 1: Shuttle and Ball**

*Note: Picots on the SCMR are measured vertical using the picot gauge according to the thread size*

R: 10 (LP) 10.

CH: 5.

SCMR: 5 [(LP) 1] x 10, 5. CL.

CH: 5.

\* R: 10 +(to the LP of previous ring) 10.

CH: 5.

SCMR: 5 [(LP) 1] x 10, 5. CL.

CH: 5.

Repeat from \* until 5 petals are made.

**Cut and hide the thread from the shuttle. Don't cut the thread from the ball.**

**Round 2:With the crochet hook.**

CH:1, make a sc over the ring.

\* CH: 6. Make sc, 1 ch on each picot.

CH: 6. Make sc over the next ring.

Repeat from \* around, joining to the 1st sc.

**Cut.**

**Center:**

***Note: JK are 10 half stitches. Repeat the 1st or 2nd half stitch 10 times and close the ring.***

***JCH are spiral chains done also with the repetition of half stitches.***

CH: 3.

\* JK

JCH: 4. Twist.

Repeat from \* until 6 JKs are made. Finishing with a JK.

JCH: 40. Remember to twist every 5 half stitches to make an even spiral chain.

Cut, leaving 4"-6" tails and tie to the center of the flower and hide the rest of the tails.