🌊 The Seaflower Mandala: Complete Crochet Tutorial (US Terms)

This step-by-step guide is based on the chart you provided and written so beginners and experienced crocheters alike can follow from start to finish.
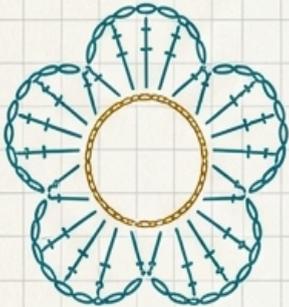

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FINISHED Mandala REFERENCE

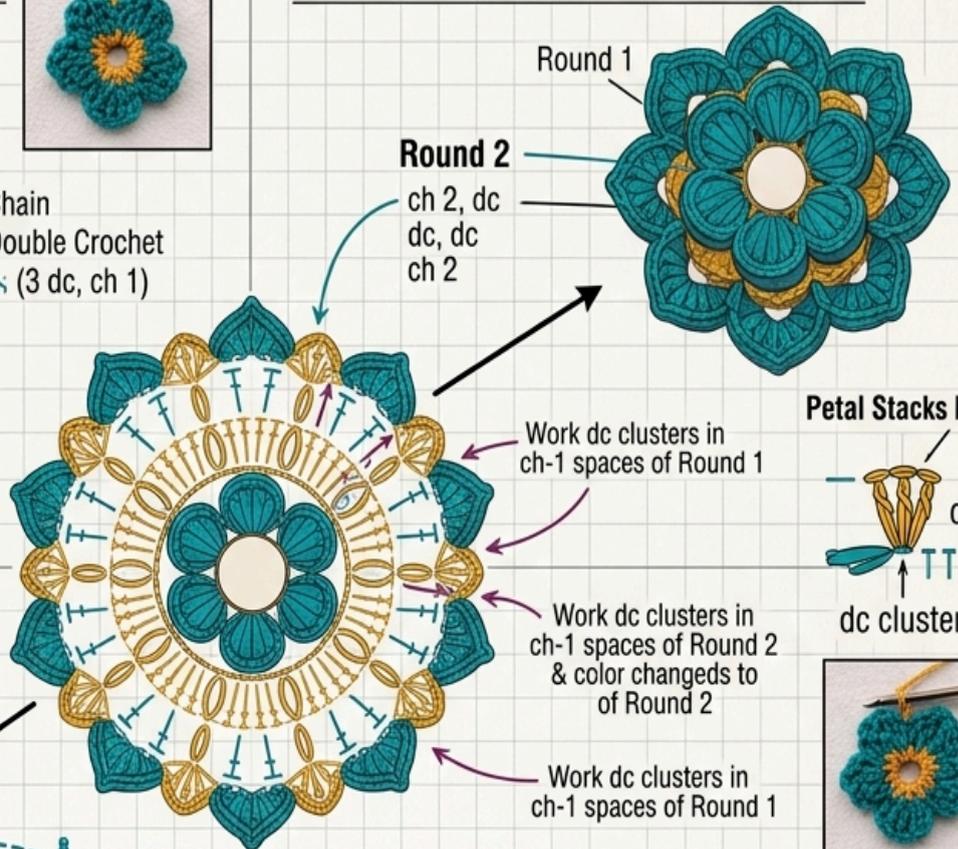## ROUND 1: THE TEAL FLOWER CORE

Round 1 Chart

(3 dc, ch 1) x 5

- ch: Chain
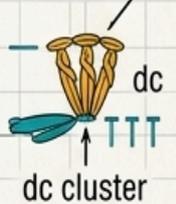- dc: Double Crochet
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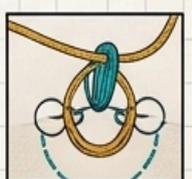
Key
ch: Chain
dc: Double Crochet
(3 dc, ch 1)

ROUND 2: ADDING THE LAYERED PETALS

Round 1

Round 2
ch 2, dc
dc, dc
ch 2

Work dc clusters in ch-1 spaces of Round 1

Work dc clusters in ch-1 spaces of Round 2 & color changes to of Round 2

Work dc clusters in ch-1 spaces of Round 1

Petal Stacks key

dc

dc cluster

COMPONENT & ASSEMBLY LAYOUT

1x Yellow Pointed Star

1x Large Teal Layered Mandala

1x White Pearl

- - - - - Sewing Attachment path for Pearl
- -X- - Sewing Join for Star & Mandala
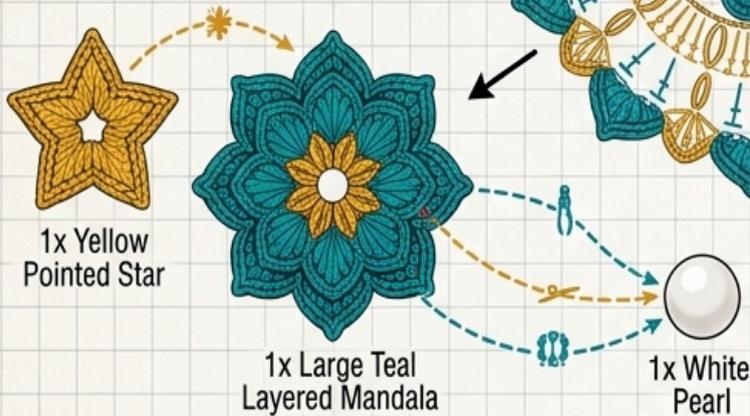
STITCH LEGEND & KEY (US CROCHET TERMS)

				Flower Scallop:	Layered dc clusters:	Increase (dc inc):	Point Formation:	Invisible Join:
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Ŧ	dc	double crochet	0					
Ŧ	hdc	half-double crochet						
Ŧ	tr	treble	Ŧ					
sl st	sl st	slip stitch						

🧶 Materials You'll Need

- Worsted weight yarn in:
  - Teal (main flower)
  - Yellow (center + star)
  - Optional: White (if attaching pearl)
- Crochet hook (recommended: 4.0–5.0 mm / G–H)
- Yarn needle (for sewing and invisible join)
- Scissors
- Optional: Pearl bead for center embellishment

📖 Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- hdc = half double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- sl st = slip stitch

Special stitch:

- **Scallop (flower petal)** = *(3 dc, ch 1)* in same space
- **dc cluster** = group of dc stitches worked together in same space

🌼 Round 1: The Teal Flower Core

◆ Step 1: Create the Center Ring

1. Start with **yellow yarn**.
2. Make a **magic ring** (or ch 4 and sl st to form a ring).
3. Ch 2 (counts as first dc).

◆ Step 2: Form the Base Round

1. Work **dc stitches into the ring** evenly to create a circular base.
2. Join with a **sl st** to the top of the starting ch.

◆ Step 3: Create the Scallop Petals

1. Switch to **teal yarn**.
2. *(3 dc, ch 1)* in the same stitch/space → this forms one scallop.
3. Repeat this **5 times total** to create 5 rounded petals.
4. Join with sl st.

👉 You should now have a small teal flower with 5 petals.

🌸 Round 2: Adding the Layered Petals

This round builds the large mandala structure with layered depth.

◆ Step 4: Begin Layering

1. Insert hook into a **ch-1 space from Round 1**.
2. Work:
    - ch 2
    - dc
    - dc
    - ch 2

(This creates a petal base cluster.)

◆ Step 5: Continue Around

1. Repeat the cluster *(ch 2, dc, dc, ch 2)* in each **ch-1 space**.
2. This builds the **first layer of outer petals**.

◆ Step 6: Add Additional Petal Layers

1. Work **dc clusters into ch-1 spaces** from:
    - Round 1
    - Then Round 2 (as indicated in chart layering)
2. Alternate colors if desired (teal + yellow for depth).

👉 Important:

- Always place clusters into **chain spaces**, not stitches.
- This creates the stacked petal effect.

🌼 Creating the Pointed Petal Edges

◆ Step 7: Shape the Points

To form the sharp petal tips:

1. Work sequences like:
    - ch 2
    - ch 1
    - sc
    - ch 2
    - dc
2. Repeat around each petal.

👉 This gives the mandala its signature pointed floral shape.

⭐ Optional Component: Yellow Star Base

◆ Step 8: Crochet the Star

1. Using **yellow yarn**, create a small star:
   - Work in a round
   - Build 5 pointed arms using chains and dc/tr stitches
2. Fasten off and weave in ends.

🧵 Assembly Instructions

◆ Step 9: Attach Star to Mandala

1. Place the **yellow star behind or under the mandala center**.
2. Sew using yarn needle through the middle stitches.

◆ Step 10: Add Pearl (Optional)

1. Thread yarn through the center.
2. Attach the **pearl bead** securely.
3. Knot and hide yarn ends.

🧵 Invisible Join Technique

◆ Step 11: Clean Finishing

1. Cut yarn, leaving a tail.
2. Thread needle.
3. Insert under the top loops of the first stitch.
4. Pull through gently to mimic a stitch.
5. Weave in ends.

👉 This creates a seamless finish instead of a visible slip stitch join.

✨ Final Tips for Success

- Always crochet **loosely enough** to keep petals flexible.
- Blocking your finished mandala helps define the shape.
- Use stitch markers if you lose track of chain spaces.
- Keep consistent tension for even layering.