This is a quick and simple pattern to crochet a little stylised daffodil.

The pattern uses only chain and slip stitch so it is the same in UK and US crochet terminologies.

You will need:

- 1m yellow 4 ply/fingering weight yarn (I like a nonsuperwash 100% wool yarn so that it blooms on soaking to make a nice solid flower, I used Jamieson's Spindrift in shade Daffodil).
- 1m green yarn (I used Jamieson's Spindrift in shade Leprechaun)
- 1.5mm hook
- Needle
- Optional-2mm double pointed needles

Instructions:

Make a magic circle and slip stitch into the magic circle (Chain 4, slip stitch into magic circle) x 5

Chain 4, then close into a ring by slip stitching into the very first slip stitch. Cut the yarn and pull through, leaving a tail of c. 12cm.

Using your cast on tail, very gently pull the magic loop closed (if you have a yarn, such as Spindrift, that easily breaks under tension, use lots of gentle little tugs). Use the crochet hook to pull the cast on tail to the other side through the centre (this is now the back of the flower).

Now make the daffodil's trumpet: Pull the cast off (bind off) yarn tail through the centre to the other side (now the front of the flower). Slip stitch under a yarn loop near the centre of the flower, chain 4, slip stitch into a loop near the centre of the other side of the flower. Pull this yarn tail through the centre of the flower to the back. Gently pull tight and knot with the other yarn tail here, sew the ends into the back of the flower.

Block the daffodil to get the best shape: Soak in warm water, squish water out in a towel and pin out to dry, gently pulling the petals out and pinning through the daffodil's trumpet, using a free pin to pull the trumpet tall.

Stem: You can either crochet or knit your stem:

Crochet: Using a 1.5mm hook, make a slipknot, then chain 10, cut yarn and pull through, sew onto back of daffoldil. Lose the yarn tails by sewing it into the daffodil stem. You can, alternatively, start your chain by slipstitching under a couple of yarn loops on the centre back of the daffodil flower.

Knit: Using fine double pointed needles (e.g. 2.0mm), pick up two stitch loops from near the centre of the back of the daffodil. Work 10 rows of two stitch i-cord from the picked up stitches. Cast off (bind off) and sew the yarn tail into the stem. You can, alternatively, start your i-cord by casting on two stitches and sewing the stem onto the daffodil.



Would you like your stem stiffer?

The crocheted stem isn't very stiff- you can stiffen it by soaking it with dilute PVA glue (white glue; 1:1 ratio) and allowing to dry. Alternatively, you could wet felt your stem (vigorously rub it in alternately very hot and very cold water, this only works with with 100% wool that isn't superwash treated). If you wet felt your stem, you should do so before sewing it onto the flower.







