



## Puerto Rican Hibiscus (Maga)

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This flower is based on the Puerto Rican Hibiscus. Puerto Rican hibiscus is the Puerto Rico State Flower. Puerto Rican hibiscus is also commonly known as *Thespesia grandiflora*, *Maga grandiflora*, *Montezuma* and *flor de maga*. Puerto Rican hibiscus 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.

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**Materials:**

Shuttle and Ball

2 Colors of Thread Size #20 or perle #8

Picot Gauge of 1/2" or 1"

Crochet Hook

**Instructions:****Round 1:**

**Note:** *Picots on the SCMR are 1/2" when closed or measured vertical.*

R: 10 (LP) 10.

CH: 5.

SCMR: 5 [(LP) 1] x 8, 5. CL.

CH: 5.

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

CH: 5.

SCMR: 5 [(LP) 1] x 8, 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.*

CH: 3.

\* JK

JCH: 6

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

JCH: 40.

Cut and tie to the center of the flower.