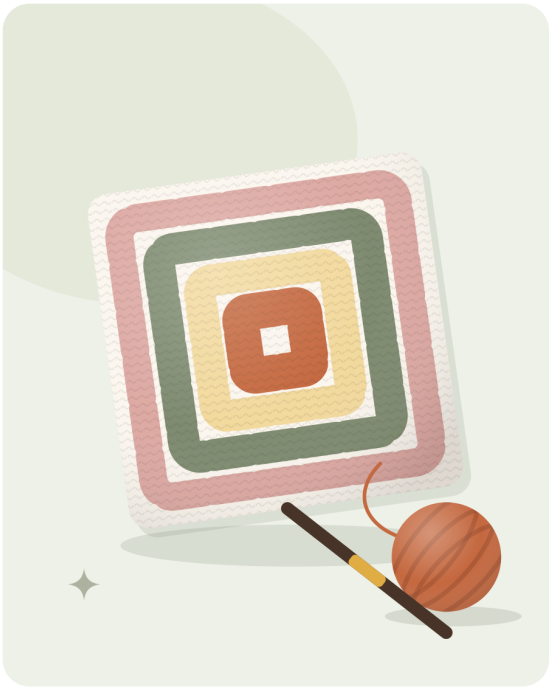


FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Beginner Granny Square

Learn the classic granny square in four easy rounds of double crochet clusters — the building block for blankets, bags, pillows and more.



SKILL LEVEL Beginner	FINISHED SIZE About 4.5–5 in (11–13 cm) square after 4 rounds	YARN WEIGHT Medium / Worsted
HOOK 5 mm (US H-8)	TIME About 45 minutes	TERMS US terms

Gauge: Not critical for a single square. For a blanket, make every square with the same yarn and hook so they come out the same size.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn — About 20 yd (18 m) per 4-round square (A smooth, light-colored yarn makes the stitches easier to see)
- ☐ 5 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- ☐ Tapestry needle and scissors

Abbreviations

ch — chain

dc — double crochet

sp(s) — space(s)

rnd(s) — round(s)

[] — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the ***** — repeat from the asterisk as instructed number of times stated

() — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a group worked into one stitch

sl st — slip stitch

ch-sp — chain space

st(s) — stitch(es)

rep — repeat

Notes before you start

- The beginning chain 3 counts as the first double crochet of every round.
- Work every round with the right side facing you — do not turn.
- A corner is (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) worked into the same chain-2 space.
- The stitch count shows the total number of double crochet at the end of each round.

The pattern

Center ring

- ☐ **Start:** Ch 4 and join with a sl st in the first chain to form a ring. (You can also start with a magic ring.)

Rounds

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in the ring, ch 2, [3 dc in the ring, ch 2] 3 times. Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. **(12)**
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Sl st in the next 2 dc and into the ch-2 corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same space, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner space; rep from * 2 more times, ch 1. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. **(24)**
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** Sl st in the next 2 dc and into the corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same space, *ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner space; rep from * 2 more times, ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 space, ch 1. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. **(36)**
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Sl st in the next 2 dc and into the corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same space, *[ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 space] twice, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner space; rep from * 2 more times, [ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 space] twice, ch 1. Join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3. **(48)**

Tip: To make a bigger square, keep going. Each new round has one more 3-dc group on every side than the round before, and 12 more double crochet in total.

Finishing

- ☐ **Fasten off:** Cut the yarn, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and pull it through the last loop.
- ☐ **Weave in ends:** Weave both tails through the back of the stitches in a few different directions, then trim.

Tip: If your square curls, block it: pin it flat to size, mist it with water and let it dry completely.

Tips

- If your square twists as it grows, check that you are working into the chain spaces rather than into the tops of the stitches.
- Count your corners — every round needs exactly four corners, each with a chain-2 space.
- Keep your chains relaxed so the spaces are easy to work into on the next round.

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