

Granny square

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Note – I do not claim this pattern as my own! But I have written it out as I would do it and with extra explanations



EASY

Easy - Projects using yarn with basic stitches, repetitive stitch patterns, simple colour changes, and simple shaping and finishing.

You will need:



Any Double Knit Yarn,
Scraps of different colours

- 5 mm hook
- Needle for sewing in ends

Stitches:

Ch – Chain, yarn over and pull through the loop on your hook

slst – Slip stitch, insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and pull through all loops on hook

tr – treble, yarn over, insert hook in stitch, yarn over and pull through stitch, yarn over pull through two loops on hook, yarn over and pull through last two loops on hook

Start of Pattern

Round 1:

Using first colour To get started, make a slip knot in the yarn and chain 4, and join with a slip stitch to form a ring.

Once you make the ring, chain 3 —**this will count as your first treble stitch** *This is really important, these 3 chains are the same as a stitch...* Make 2 more treble stitches into the ring. This is your first 3 treble shell.

Then chain 2 stitches, and make 3 more trebles into the ring – make sure that every stitch you make goes into the first ring that you made. (2nd shell)

Repeat this 2 more times – Chain 2, and make 3 trebles into the ring, Ch 2, and make 3 trebles into the ring,

Finally, chain 2 and join yarn with a slip stitch to the 1st treble stitch you made (side note – usual instructions are to slip stitch to the 3rd chain of the starting chain – going into the first treble is my method, but either will work) Fasten off by making a chain, pulling the loop up, snipping the yarn and pulling it through the working loop. You'll have a nice little starter square.



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Round 2:

We are going to change colour. There are lots of different ways of doing this, the most secure of which is as follows:

- Make a slip knot, make the loop a bit bigger than your hook, then take it off the hook.
- insert your hook in a corner space, from the front to the back, put the slip knot back on your hook, and pull the loop through to the right side, trying to keep the knot part at the back of the square.
- Using the loop as your working loop, make 3 chains. the first one secures the yarn in place.

After joining the second colour of yarn in one of the chain 2 spaces (*these are all corners, at this point*). *I like to join mine before the yarn end I just left so that I can crochet over the ends as I go, but there's no "right" corner to join to—after all, you have a symmetrical shape, no matter which way you rotate it)*

Make 2 trebles, then 2 chains, and make 3 trebles. You've just made your first corner! Next, ch1, and skip the cluster in the previous round. **In the next corner space, (3 trebles, 2 chains, 3 trebles) 1 chain, skip the previous round's cluster.**

Repeat the section in **bold** twice more and join to the top of the first actual treble stitch you made with a slip stitch. Make a chain and fasten off.



Round 3

Change colour as you did for round 2, make a slip knot, remove from hook, insert hook from front of square, on a corner space, place slip knot back on the hook, pull it through to the front of the square (adjust how you are holding the yarn) and chain 3. This is your beginning chain, make two more treble stitches which is your first cluster, chain 2, then make three more trebles IN THE SAME SPACE... this is your beginning corner.

Then chain 1, and make three trebles in the NEXT chain space (in the previous row) chain 1, (this is your side cluster) and make the next corner - that is 3 trebles, 2 chain and 3 trebles all in the same space.

repeat these steps (in bold) until you have made all 4 corners and all 4 sides, and slip stitch to the top of the chain you made at the start of the round.



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For the fourth and further rounds, you repeat the established pattern, making one more treble cluster on each side.

Round 4:

Start a new colour in the same way that you did before - Make a slip knot, remove from hook, insert hook from front of square, on a corner space, place slip knot back on the hook, pull it through to the front of the square and chain 3. This is your beginning chain, make two more treble stitches which is your first cluster, chain 2, then make three more trebles IN THE SAME SPACE... this is your corner.

Then chain 1, and make three trebles in the NEXT chain space, chain 1, make three trebles in the next space, Chain 1, and then make the next corner - that is 3 trebles, 2 chains and 3 trebles all in the same space.

Repeat this step in **Bold** until you have made all 4 corners and all 4 sides, and slip stitch to the top of the chain you made at the start of the round.



The whole pattern would be written as follows...

With first colour, 4ch, slst to make a ring

Round 1: 3ch, 2tr in ring *2ch, 3tr repeat from * 3 times, 2ch, slst to join, Fasten off.
*(when you see a * you repeat just that little bit for however many times specified, then continue with the rest of the line of the pattern)*

Round 2: attach new colour, (ch3, 2tr, 2ch, 2tr) in chsp, *(1 ch, 3tr, 2ch, 3tr), in next chsp, repeat from * twice more, slst to join, fasten off.

Round 3: attach new colour, (3ch, 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in corner space, *(1ch, 3tr, 1ch) in next ch sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 2ch sp, repeat from * two more times, (1ch, 3tr, 1ch) in next ch sp, slst to top of starting chain.

Round 4: attach new colour, (3ch, 2tr, 2ch, 3tr) in corner space, *(1ch, 3tr, 1ch) in next ch sp, (1ch, 3tr, 1ch) in next ch sp, (3tr, 2ch, 3tr) in next 2ch sp, repeat from * two more times, (1ch, 3tr, 1ch) in next ch sp, (1ch, 3tr, 1ch) in next ch sp, slst to top of starting chain.