

Easy Crochet Granny Square Pattern

A Classic Beginner-Friendly Square in 5 Easy Rounds

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Welcome! This classic granny square is the perfect first project for a new crocheter. It uses only chains, slip stitches and double crochet clusters, grows quickly, and can become blankets, cushions, bags, coasters and so much more. Work slowly, count your clusters at the end of each round, and enjoy watching your square grow.

Finished Size and Notes

With worsted or aran weight yarn (medium, size 4) and a 5.0 mm (US H-8) hook, a five-round square measures approximately 5 inches (about 12.5 cm) across. Gauge is not critical for this project; even tension and a flat square matter more than an exact measurement. To make a bigger square, simply keep adding rounds in the same pattern.

Materials and Tools

- Worsted or aran weight yarn in one or more colours (smooth acrylic or cotton is easiest for beginners)
- 5.0 mm (US H-8) crochet hook
- Yarn needle with a large eye, for weaving in ends
- Small scissors
- Stitch markers or safety pins (optional, to mark corners)

US Abbreviations

ch = chain | **sl st** = slip stitch | **dc** = double crochet | **st** = stitch | **sp** = space | **rep** = repeat. This pattern is written in US terms throughout. In UK terms, a US double crochet is called a treble crochet.

Pattern Instructions: Rounds 1 to 5

Work every cluster as three complete double crochet stitches into the same chain space. Clusters are never worked into individual stitches.

Round 1 — The Centre

Start: Chain 4, slip stitch to the first chain to form a ring. Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), work 2 double crochet into the ring, chain 2, [3 double crochet into the ring, chain 2] 3 times, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 12 double crochet (4 clusters of 3), and 4 chain-2 corner spaces.

Round 2 — The First Corners Grow

Join a new colour in any chain-2 corner space. Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), 2 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet in the same corner space, chain 1, *[3 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet] in the next corner space, chain 1; repeat from * twice more, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 24 double crochet (8 clusters of 3), 4 chain-2 corner spaces, and 4 chain-1 spaces.

Round 3 — Adding the Side Clusters

Join a new colour in any chain-2 corner space. Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), 2 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet in the same corner space, chain 1, 3 double crochet in the next chain-1 space, chain 1, *[3 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet] in the next corner space, chain 1, 3 double crochet in the next chain-1 space, chain 1; repeat from * twice more, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 36 double crochet (12 clusters of 3), 4 chain-2 corner spaces, and 8 chain-1 spaces.

Round 4 — One More Cluster Per Side

Join a new colour in any chain-2 corner space. Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), 2 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet in the same corner space, chain 1, [3 double crochet in the next chain-1 space, chain 1] twice, *[3 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet] in the next corner space, chain 1, [3 double crochet in the next chain-1 space, chain 1] twice; repeat from * twice more, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Stitch count: 48 double crochet (16 clusters of 3), 4 chain-2 corner spaces, and 12 chain-1 spaces.

Round 5 — Finishing Size

Join a new colour in any chain-2 corner space. Chain 3 (counts as first double crochet), 2 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet in the same corner space, chain 1, [3 double crochet in the next chain-1 space, chain 1] three times, *[3 double crochet, chain 2, 3 double crochet] in the next corner space, chain 1, [3 double crochet in the next chain-1 space, chain 1] three times; repeat from * twice more, slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain-3 to join. Fasten off and weave in the ends. Stitch count: 60 double crochet (20 clusters of 3), 4 chain-2 corner spaces, and 16 chain-1 spaces.

Changing Colours

At the end of a round, after the final slip stitch, cut the yarn leaving a tail of about 4 inches, pull it through the loop and tighten gently to fasten off. Join the new colour in any corner space with a slip stitch, then chain 3 and continue the next round as written. For a single-colour square, slip stitch into the corner space and continue without fastening off.

Finishing Tips

- Always work both clusters in every corner space, with chain 2 between them; a missing corner cluster makes the square lean.
- Count clusters at the end of every round and check them against the stitch count given in the pattern.
- Weave in ends with a yarn needle, working in one direction and then back in the opposite direction so they stay secure.
- Block the finished square: pin it to shape, mist lightly with water, and let it dry flat for neat, straight edges.

Thank You!

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