

GRANDMA'S CRAFTS

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Farmhouse Granny Square

One lovely square, two ways to play with color. Follow the raised center, build four corners, and watch an X appear as you go.



US crochet terms • one and two-color instructions • stage visuals

STAGE ILLUSTRATION

Follow each round with the written instructions beside the images.

Start with the center

Both color versions use exactly the same stitches and counts.

GATHER

Yarn in your chosen weight, a matching hook, scissors, and a yarn needle. For the example, use worsted (4) yarn and a 5.5 mm hook.

KNOW YOUR STITCHES

ch chain • sl st slip stitch

dc double crochet • sp space

cl a dc2tog cluster worked in one place

MAKE THE CLUSTER

Begin a double crochet and stop with two loops left. Begin a second double crochet in the same spot, stopping with three loops on the hook. Yarn over and draw through all three loops. The ch 2 used to gain height at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.

ROUND 1 • EIGHT RAISED CLUSTERS

Ch 4 and slip stitch into the first chain to make a ring. Ch 2. Work one cl into the ring, then ch 2. Repeat (cl into the ring, ch 2) seven more times. Join to the top of the first cl with a slip stitch.



LOOK FOR

8 clusters around the opening

8 ch-2 spaces between them

The piece is still round.

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Round 2

Four alternating center spaces become corners; the other four become sides.

REPOSITION AND TURN

Ch 1, turn the work, and slip stitch into the next ch-2 space. Ch 2 for height. Repeat the turning step at the beginning of later rounds.

WORK AROUND THE RING

Work 1 cl in the starting space and ch 2. Work 3 dc in the next space, ch 2. In the following space work (cl, ch 2, cl), ch 2. Repeat [3 dc in next space, ch 2; (cl, ch 2, cl) in next space, ch 2] twice more. Work 3 dc in the last unworked space and ch 2. Return to the starting space, make its second cl there, ch 2, and join to the first cl.



NOW IT IS SQUARE

Four corner spaces each hold a pair of clusters. The straight sides begin with groups of 3 dc.

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Count check: 8 cl, 12 dc, 4 corner ch-2 spaces, and 8 ch-2 spaces along the sides.

Round 3 and beyond

The center X stays visible as the straight sides gain four double crochets per round.

ROUND 3 • SEVEN DC ON EACH SIDE

Ch 1, turn, and slip stitch into the next corner ch-2 space. Ch 2 and make one cl there. Ch 2. Work 2 dc in the next side ch-2 space, 1 dc in each of the 3 dc across the side, and 2 dc in the following side ch-2 space. Ch 2. At the next corner work (cl, ch 2, cl), then ch 2 and repeat the side instructions. After the fourth side, finish the starting corner with its second cl, ch 2, and join to the first cl.



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ROUNDS 4 AND 5 • REPEAT THE SAME GROWTH

Turn and reposition as above. Work the same corner group in each corner. On each side, put 2 dc in the first side ch-2 space, work 1 dc in every dc from the prior round, and put 2 dc in the second side ch-2 space. Keep a ch-2 space before and after each corner. Close each round as in Round 3.

ROUND 03	3 existing dc + 2 at each end = 7 dc / side
ROUND 04	7 existing dc + 2 at each end = 11 dc / side
ROUND 05	11 existing dc + 2 at each end = 15 dc / side

Follow the hook

These three close-ups show where the side stitches and corner spaces develop.



01 FIND THE CORNER

Turn the piece and reposition the yarn in the corner ch-2 space before starting the next side.

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02 BUILD THE SIDE

Place 2 dc in the first side ch-2 space. Work across the existing dc, then add 2 dc in the second side space.

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03 REACH THE NEXT CORNER

Keep the ch-2 gap before the cluster pair at the next corner. Continue the same sequence around.

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One color or two

Choose a color plan before you start. The rounds and stitch counts never change.

OPTION A • ONE CONTINUOUS COLOR

Work Rounds 1–5 in one shade. After joining Round 1, ch 1, turn, and slip stitch into the next ch-2 space; this becomes your first corner. After later rounds, ch 1, turn, and slip stitch into the next corner ch-2 space. Begin each round with ch 2. The raised center provides contrast through texture.

OPTION B • TWO COLORS

Use A for Rounds 1, 3, and 5; B for Rounds 2 and 4. After joining, fasten off and turn. For Round 2, join B in any Round 1 ch-2 space; it becomes the first corner. Later, join the new shade in a corner ch-2 space. Ch 2, make the first cl, and finish that corner when you return.

COLOR SEQUENCE

R1 A

R2 B

R3 A

R4 B

R5 A

For fewer yarn ends, another simple plan is A for Rounds 1–2 and B for Rounds 3–5. Join the new color in a corner after Round 2.

FINISH AND CHECK

Fasten off and weave in the ends. Gently shape the four corners. If you want a larger square, keep repeating the Round 3 construction, adding four dc to each side on every new round. Turn at the start of every round.

Keep beside your hook: R1 = 8 cl and 8 ch-2 spaces. R2 = 4 corners and 3 dc per side. R3 = 7 dc per side. R4 = 11. R5 = 15.

Enjoy your next square. Try both color options and see which you love most.