Angel granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 6¾ in (17 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows and rounds, with 5 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 6 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: night blue, rounds 1 to 6 of the square	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, rows 1 to 5 of the gown and the wings	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, round 7 of the square	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, round 8 of the square and row 6 of the gown	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: peach, rounds 1 and 2 of the head	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: chestnut brown, round 3 of the head	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- The gown and the wings are wedges of a circle, worked back and forth in rows from a magic ring; do not join the ends of a row.
- Do not turn before row 6 of the gown: D is joined in the first st of row 5, which is the top of its ch-3, and the row is worked with the right side facing; its last sc goes in the last dc of row 5. The right side of the gown faces you in rows 1, 3, 5 and 6, and the right side of a wing in rows 1 and 3.
- A chain that counts as a dc at the start of a row stands on the first st of the row before; in row 1 it stands in the ring. When the work is turned for the next row, the last st of that row is worked in the top of that chain (in the 3rd ch, where it is a ch-4).
- In round 8 of the square every group of 3 dc between the corners is worked into the space between two groups of round 7.
- Row 3 of the head is the hair. It is worked with the right side facing along 11 of the 16 sts of round 2; the 5 sts that are left are the chin. Skip the chain-1 when you count stitches.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 8¾ in (22 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11 in (28 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Square

Yarns in order of use: A, night blue; C, gold; D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 7 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 11 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 19 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(92 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, sk next 2 sts, **[**3 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 7 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next 2 sts, **[**3 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts**] 7 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(108 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off C.
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**sk next 3 dc, 3 dc in sp before next st**] 8 times**, sk next 3 dc, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sk next 3 dc, 3 dc in sp before next st**] 8 times**, sk next 3 dc**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(120 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Gown

Yarns in order of use: B, white; D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 3 dc in ring	**(4 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st	**(6 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), **[**dc in next st, ch 1**] 4 times**, dc in next st	**(6 dc, 5 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 4**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), **[**dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next dc**] 5 times**	**(11 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next 9 sts, 2 dc in next st	**(13 dc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Row 6**	Join D with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sk next st, 7 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(4 sc, 21 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Wing: make 2

Yarn B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 4 dc in ring	**(5 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts	**(9 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Turn, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, 2 dc in next st	**(13 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next st, [sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sl st in next st] twice, sk next st, 5 dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next st	**(2 sc, 15 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Head

Yarns in order of use: E, peach; F, chestnut brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off E.	
☐ **Row 3**	Join F with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**3 hdc in next st, sl st in next st**] 4 times**, 3 hdc in next st, sc in next st, leave the remaining 5 sts unworked	**(2 sc, 15 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the square out to 6¾ in (17 cm) across and the other pieces flat to shape, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the square right side up with one side at the top. Distances are measured from the middle of the square: its magic ring and the upright line through it.
- Lay the wings on the square, right side up: the magic ring of each ¼ in (0.6 cm) to its side of the upright line and ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the middle of the square, and the edge of its middle feather pointing outward and up, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) from the upright line and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above the middle. Sew them down all round with their tails.
- Lay the gown over the rings of the wings, right side up, its magic ring on the upright line, ½ in (1.3 cm) above the middle of the square, and its middle scallop straight below. Sew it down all round with its tail.
- Lay the head over the top of the gown and of the wings, right side up, its magic ring on the upright line, 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above the middle of the square, and the middle of the 5 sts without hair straight below. Sew it down with its tail all round, along the outer edge of the curls and along the chin.
- For the eyes, with A, work two curved lines in backstitch with small stitches, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) long or less. Each line is ¼ in (0.6 cm) wide. Its two ends are level with the magic ring of the head, the inner end 1/8 in (0.3 cm) from the ring, and its middle is 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below that level.
- For the halo, with C, ch 12, join with a slip stitch in the first chain to make a ring and fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail. Lay it flat as an oval 1¼ in (3.2 cm) wide and ½ in (1.3 cm) tall, its middle on the upright line, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) above the middle of the square, its lower side on the topmost curl, and sew it down all round with the tail.
- For the stars, with C, work six. Each is three straight stitches 3/8 in (1 cm) long that cross in one place: one upright, and one slanting each way. The places they cross in, in pairs, one on each side of the upright line: 2 in (5.1 cm) from it and 2 in (5.1 cm) above the middle of the square; 2 in (5.1 cm) from it and 1 in (2.5 cm) below the middle; 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) from it and 2 in (5.1 cm) below the middle.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 734 stitches (540 in the square, 65 in the gown, 44 in each wing, 41 in the head).

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