Apple granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 7 in (18 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: apple red, rounds 1 to 4 and 8 of the square	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: sky blue, rounds 5 and 6 of the square	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, round 7 of the square	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: brown, the stem	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, the leaf	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
dtr	double treble crochet (UK trtr, triple treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
rem	remaining
sp	space
st	stitch

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rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 of the square the piece measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- 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.
- Rnd 4 shapes the apple. Its first sc, which the round is joined in, is the dip at the top, and its other sc is the dip at the bottom.
- Rnd 5 begins in the dip at the top. The middle one of the five stitches in each corner of Rnd 5 is the dtr.
- Rnd 6 begins in the top of the ch-4 of Rnd 5, in the middle of the top side. Each corner of Rnd 6 stands in a dtr, and every skipped and worked st between two corners is a st of Rnd 5: 13 on each side.
- 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.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5½ in (14 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9 in (23 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, dc is treble, tr is double treble and dtr is triple treble.

Square

Yarns in order of use: A, apple red; B, sky blue; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, 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 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(24 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (hdc, dc) in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, dc in next st, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st] twice, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 hdc in each of next 2 sts, [hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st] twice, dc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 3 sts, (dc, hdc) in next st, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 22 hdc, 16 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 4 (counts as tr), dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, dc in next 2 sts, (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts, (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 5 sts, dc in next 2 sts, (2 tr, dtr, 2 tr) in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(17 tr, 17 dc, 18 hdc, 4 dtr)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, > **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next dtr, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, > [3 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts] twice, 3 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts**] 3 times**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next dtr, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc, 16 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **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, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, > **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(72 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 20 ch-1 sps)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, > **[**3 sc in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, > sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(104 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Stem

Yarn D, brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 5.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf

Yarn E, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	**(7 sc, 4 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the square out flat, right side up, with its sides straight and its corners square, and the leaf beside it, then spray both with water and let them dry.
- Lay the square down, right side up, with the dip where Rnd 4 of the apple was joined at the top. The middle line runs from that dip through the magic ring.
- Outline: with A, work a line of backstitch all round the apple, along the line where red meets blue, from the dip at the top down one side, through the dip at the bottom and up the other side to the dip at the top again.
- Stem: the side that faced you as you worked Row 1 is its right side, and either short end may be the lower one. Lay the stem, right side up, on the middle line, its lower end in the dip, 1¼ in (3.2 cm) above the middle of the magic ring. It leans to the right as it goes up, so that its upper end is 2 3/8 in (6 cm) above the level of the magic ring and ¼ in (0.6 cm) to the right of the middle line. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Leaf: lay the leaf, right side up, to the right of the stem. The end where its round begins is at the stem, 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) above the level of the magic ring and 1/8 in (0.3 cm) to the right of the middle line; the 3 sc in one ch are its tip, 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) above that level and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) to the right of the middle line. The leaf may cover the edge of the stem. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Shine: with C used double, work a curved line of backstitch on the upper left of the apple. It begins ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the level of the magic ring and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) to the left of the middle line, and ends 1¼ in (3.2 cm) above that level and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) to the left of the middle line; its middle, 7/8 in (2.2 cm) above that level, is 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the left of the middle line. Below it, with C, work one large French knot, 1/8 in (0.3 cm) below the level of the magic ring and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) to the left of the middle line.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 395 stitches (380 in the square, 4 in the stem, 11 in the leaf).

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