Bear granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 5¼ in (13 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 4 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: honey brown, the face and round 2 of the ears	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, round 1 of the ears, and the muzzle	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sky blue, rounds 4 and 5 of the square	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the eyes, the nose and the mouth	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. Yarns A, B and C: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn D: the estimate is from the stitches 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)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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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 2 the piece measures about 2¼ 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 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.
- 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.
- 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 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6¾ in (17 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 and tr is double treble.

Square

Yarns in order of use: A, honey brown; C, sky blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 11 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, dc in next st, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 11 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc)**
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join C with sl st in any st, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in same st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, **[**(2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(16 tr, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 dc, 16 hdc)**
☐ **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 12 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(64 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Ear: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, cream; A, honey brown.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join A with sl st in any st, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Muzzle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the square with one side at the top. The face is the round of A in its middle.
- Sew the ears, right side up, to the top of the face with their tails, one toward each upper corner of the square: the middle of each ear lies on the edge of the face, half on the brown and half on the blue, and the middles are 2 3/8 in (6 cm) apart. Sew all the way round each.
- Sew the muzzle, right side up, to the lower half of the face with its tail, all round its edge: its upper edge is 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the face.
- With D, work two large French knots for the eyes, 1¼ in (3.2 cm) apart, just above the muzzle and level with one another.
- With D, work two large French knots side by side, touching, near the top of the muzzle for the nose. Below them work a line of backstitch ¼ in (0.6 cm) long straight down, and from its end a shallow curve 3/8 in (1 cm) wide to each side for the mouth.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 4 pieces; 244 stitches (184 in the square, 18 in each ear, 24 in the muzzle); 16 ends to weave in.

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