Cat granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 6 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: silver gray, rounds 1 to 6 of the square and the ears	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: mustard, rounds 7 and 8 of the square	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, round 9 of the square and the muzzle	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: charcoal, the sewn details	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: pink, the ear linings	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 30 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a spray bottle and a tape measure.

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 6 of the square the piece measures about 3¼ in (8 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **sl st** slip stitch, **tr** treble crochet (UK dtr), **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **st** stitch.

2 sc in next st: **both in one stitch**. Sc in next 2 sts: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the hole under two chains. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.

Do not turn: the outside faces you all the time. The ch 1 is not a stitch. The first sc goes **where the slip stitch went**.

Working in the round

[ ] 5 times: 5 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (18 sc): the round now has 18; a check, not a step. Not 18? **Pull it back**.

Also: sp space, RS right side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Square

☐ **Start**	With A, make a magic ring. *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.*	
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, pull the tail to close it, sl st in first sc to join	(6 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	(12 sc)
☐ **Round 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc)
☐ **Round 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Round 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(30 sc)
☐ **Round 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(36 sc)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 6.** The piece measures about 3¼ in (8 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Fasten off A.

☐ **Round 7**	Join B 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)
☐ **Round 8**	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)

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Round 9**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, sc in next 16 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(76 sc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn A, silver gray.

☐ **Start**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs	(6 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts	(1 sc2tog, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 3 sts	(1 sc2tog, 3 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts	(1 sc2tog, 2 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st	(1 sc2tog, 1 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(1 sc2tog)
☐	Fasten off, leaving an 18 in (46 cm) tail for sewing.	

Ear lining: make 2

Yarn E, pink.

☐ **Start**	With E, ch 4.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs	(3 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st	(1 sc2tog, 1 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(1 sc2tog)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Muzzle

Yarn C, cream.

☐ **Start**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Round 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 3 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(14 sc)
☐	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: each ear as a triangle 1¾ in (4.5 cm) wide and 1 5/8 in (4 cm) tall with its point over the middle of Row 1, and the muzzle as an oval. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Lay the square down, right side up, with one side at the top. The face is the round of gray in its middle, and the magic ring is the middle of the face. The middle line runs straight up and down through the magic ring.
- Ears: sew an ear lining on each ear with its tail, all round its edge: Row 1 of the ear lining is 3/8 in (1 cm) above the lower edge of the ear, centered, and its point is toward the point of the ear. Lay one ear on each side of the middle line at the top of the face: the middle of the lower edge of each is 7/8 in (2 cm) above the magic ring of the face and 1 in (2.5 cm) from the middle line, and its point lies toward the corner of the square, 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm) above the magic ring of the face and 2 in (5 cm) from the middle line. Sew each ear down all round its edge with its tail.
- Muzzle: lay it on the face, right side up and with the longer way across, its middle ¾ in (2 cm) straight below the magic ring of the face. Sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Stripes: thread the needle with D, use the yarn double and work in backstitch. On the forehead work three lines down from the edge of the face: one on the middle line, 7/8 in (2 cm) long, and one to each side of it, ½ in (1.5 cm) long and ¼ in (0.5 cm) from it. On each cheek work two lines straight in from the edge of the face, ½ in (1.5 cm) long: one 1/8 in (0.5 cm) above the level of the magic ring of the face and one ¼ in (0.5 cm) below it.
- Eyes: with D, work two large French knots, ¼ in (0.5 cm) above the magic ring of the face and 5/8 in (1.5 cm) to each side of the middle line. With C, work one tiny straight stitch, 1/8 in (0.5 cm) long, over the upper right of each knot.
- Nose: with E, work three straight stitches from side to side on the muzzle, one below another and centered on the middle line: 3/8 in (1 cm) long and 3/8 in (1 cm) above the middle of the muzzle, then ¼ in (0.5 cm) long and ¼ in (0.5 cm) above it, then 1/8 in (0.5 cm) long and 1/8 in (0.5 cm) above it. Mouth: with D, work a line of backstitch ¼ in (0.5 cm) long straight down from the lowest of them, and from its lower end a curve to each side, 3/8 in (1 cm) wide, that dips 1/8 in (0.5 cm) and comes up again.
- Whiskers: with C, work three lines of backstitch on each side, 1¼ in (3 cm) long, from the side edge of the muzzle outward: one 1/8 in (0.5 cm) above the middle of the muzzle that rises ¼ in (0.5 cm), one level with the middle, and one ¼ in (0.5 cm) below the middle that falls ¼ in (0.5 cm).
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 pieces.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B, C and E: 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.

Notes

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

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- 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 two faces of an ear and of its lining look alike: either may be the right side. Row 1 is the lower edge of each.
- 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, 0.5 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.
- 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 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

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