Christmas granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 6½ × 6½ in (17 × 17 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with stitches worked into chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet worked in rounds.

You will need

Yarn A: red, rounds 1 and 4	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, rounds 2 and 5	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: green, round 3	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors and pins for blocking.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet worked in rounds.

Hook: 5.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the granny square measures about 4 in (10 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Before you start

- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- The foundation is 4 chains joined into a ring. If you prefer, begin with a magic ring instead: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The chain 3 at the start of a round counts as a double crochet.
- From round 2 on, each corner is (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) worked in one corner space.
- A new color is joined at the start of a round and never inside one; this pattern has 4 changes of color in each granny square.
- Each granny square leaves 10 ends to weave in.

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 and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, white; C, green.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a 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)

Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

☐ **Rnd 2** — Join B with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp,
ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)

Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

☐ **Rnd 3** — Join C with sl st in any corner 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,
[(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(36 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** After round 3 the granny square measures about 4 in (10 cm) across.

Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

☐ **Rnd 4** — Join A with sl st in any corner 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**] 2 times**,
> **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

☐ **Rnd 5** — Join B with sl st in any corner 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**] 3 times**,
> **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **End** — Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

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Finishing

- Weave in all 10 ends with the yarn needle.
- Block the finished granny square: pin it to its size on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 5 rounds; 180 stitches; 10 ends to weave in.

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