Granny daisy tissue box cover

US terms



Finished size
About 4½ × 5½ in (11 × 14 cm)
To fit an upright tissue box about 4¼ in (11 cm) to 4½ in (11.5 cm) square and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is four granny squares joined with single crochet, with plain bands and a plain top.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: gold, the middles of the daisies and one line	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the petals, the edges and the ridges	**about 65 yd (59 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sky blue, the squares and the top	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle and scissors.

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 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)
MR	magic ring
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Special stitches

petal: [yo, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops] 4 times in the same place, yo, pull through all 5 loops on hook. It leaves 1 petal for the next row or round.

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

14 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet. The granny rounds are counted as rows of double crochet.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 5.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Where one color runs out, go on with the next. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 14 stitches and 16 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 19. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(18 sc)** |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 20** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(18 sc)** |

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The chain of 2 at the start of rounds 1 and 2 of a square does not count as a stitch. The chain of 3 at the start of rounds 3 and 4 counts as the first double crochet (UK treble). A new color is joined in the place named, after the old one is fastened off.
- The rounds of the band and the rim begin with a chain of 1 that does not count as a stitch; the first stitch goes into the place where the yarn was joined or the round before was joined.
- To change color in a joined round, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that joins the round before. In the band cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). In the top draw B through as the last yarn over of the last stitch of row 8, and cut C.
- The halves of the top are worked in rows. The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- If a square comes out smaller than the size given after round 5, work the squares again with a larger hook; if it comes out larger, with a smaller hook. The swatch is for the band and the top.
- Measure the box across each side and from the table to its top. For a taller box work more rounds in C at the end of the band: each is about ¼ in (0.5 cm) and takes about 4 yd (3.5 m) of C.
- Colors. In the squares round 1 is A, round 2 is B, rounds 3 and 4 are C and round 5 is B.

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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, yo is yarn round hook and sk is miss.

Daisy square: make 4

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, white; C, sky blue.

Fasten off each color at the end of its last round, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). The middle stitch of the 3 sc in each corner of round 5 is the corner stitch. Between two corner stitches there are 15 stitches. In round 5 two of the three ch-1 spaces of each side are skipped and one, the middle one, is worked into, so that the edge has the stitches its length needs.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 8 hdc in MR, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 2, petal in same st, ch 3, **[**petal in next st, ch 3**] 7 times**, sl st in first petal to join	**(8 petals, 8 ch-3 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next 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, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, sc in next 3 sts, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts, sk next ch-1 sp, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 5. The square should be about 4½ in (11.5 cm) across, from edge to edge.

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

Lower band

Yarns in order of use: A, gold; B, white; C, sky blue.

Work the band after step 1 of Assembly, with the lower edge of the squares uppermost. Join A with a slip stitch in the first of the 15 stitches of any square. Each stitch of round 1 goes into one place: the 15 stitches of the square, then 1 stitch into the end of the ridge after it, and so on round.

☐ **Foundation**	The lower edge of the four joined squares, RS facing; 64 places: in each square the 15 stitches between its corner stitches, and 1 place at each ridge.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With B, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Top rim

Yarn B, white.

Join B with a slip stitch in the first of the 15 stitches of any square and work in the same way as round 1 of the band. Each side of the cover now has 16 stitches in its rim: the 15 over its square and the one in the ridge that comes after them.

☐ **Foundation**	The upper edge of the four joined squares, RS facing; 64 places: in each square the 15 stitches between its corner stitches, and 1 place at each ridge.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(64 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Half of the top: make 2

Yarns in order of use: C, sky blue; B, white.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 17.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the squares on the wrong side. Join the squares. Hold two of them together with the wrong sides in, edge to edge. Join B with a slip stitch through a corner stitch of both, chain 1, and work 1 sc through both edges in each of the 17 pairs of stitches from this corner stitch to the corner stitch at the other end, both included. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). This makes a ridge on the right side. Join the third square to the second and the fourth to the third in the same way, and then the fourth to the first, so that they make a tube. The four ridges are the corners of the cover.

2. Work the lower band along one open edge of the tube, and the top rim along the other.

3. Put the first half of the top on. In each half row 9, in B, is the edge of the opening. Choose one side of the cover as the back; the side across from it is the front. Stand the cover on its band and look down on it with the back away from you and the front toward you. Lay one half over the open top, its right side up, its foundation chain along the back and row 9 in the middle, so that the ends of its rows lie along the back part of the side at your right and of the side at your left. The wrong side of the half is against the wrong side of the walls where they meet, and the half is the layer that faces you: every stitch goes down through the half first and then out through the rim. On the side at your right count 8 rim stitches from the back ridge toward you, without the stitch in that ridge, which belongs to the back; the 8th is the first one you work in. Join B with a slip stitch through the end of row 9 and that stitch, and chain 1. Work through both layers toward the back: 8 sc along the side at your right, through the ends of rows 9 to 1 and the 8 stitches of the rim, taking the ends of rows 9 and 8 together in the first sc; 16 sc along the back, through the 16 chains and the 16 stitches of the rim; 8 sc along the side at your left, through the ends of rows 1 to 9 and the next 8 stitches of the rim, taking the ends of rows 8 and 9 together in the last sc. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

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4. Turn the cover half round, so that the front is away from you, and put the second half on in the same way, with the front in place of the back and the 8 stitches of each side that are still free. The two rows of B then meet in the middle of the top, and the opening between them goes from side to side. At each end of the opening sew the two edges of B together over 2 stitches, on the wrong side, with a 12 in (30 cm) length of B, and fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.
- Put the cover over the box and draw the first tissue up through the opening.

In all: 6 pieces.

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