Granny octagon

US terms



Finished size
About 7¼ in (18 cm) from one flat side to the opposite one

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 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 (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: marigold, round 1	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: warm cream, rounds 2 and 5	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: coral, round 3	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: raspberry, round 4	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: deep teal, rounds 6 and 7	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 25 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

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.

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 octagon measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across, from one flat side to the opposite one. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Notes

- 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.

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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 sp before a st is the gap between that stitch and the one before it: in rounds 4 and 5 the gap between two groups of the round before, in round 6 also the gap between the dc of a corner and the group beside it.
- The corners change as the octagon grows, so that it lies flat: (2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in rounds 3 and 4, (dc, ch 2, dc) in rounds 5 and 6.
- The yarn amounts under MATERIALS are for one octagon. What octagons take to be joined to one another is said under FINISHING.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured from one flat side to the opposite one: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 7 times: work what is inside 7 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 dc, 8 ch-1 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, marigold; B, warm cream; C, coral; D, raspberry; E, deep teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, **[**dc in ring, ch 1**] 7 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (8 dc, 8 ch-1 sps) Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 8 ch-1 sps) Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (32 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)

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Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in same sp, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st, **[**(2 dc, ch 1, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (48 dc, 8 ch-1 sps)

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-1 sp, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (48 dc, 8 ch-2 sps)

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join E with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 2, dc in same sp, sk next st, 2 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st, **[**(dc, ch 2, dc) in next ch-2 sp, sk next st, 2 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st, sk next 2 sts, 2 dc in sp before next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (64 dc, 8 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, sc in same st, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 8 sts, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 7 times**, sc in next 7 sts, sl st in first sc to join (80 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the granny octagon to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- To join octagons into a blanket: lay two with their right sides together, the sides to be joined even, so that each ch-1 space and each sc of one lies on the same of the other. Work every slip stitch through both octagons at once: in the spaces put the hook through the two spaces, not into the chains; in the sc put it under both loops of the top of the sc in front and both loops of the top of the sc behind. Join E with a slip stitch in the two ch-1 spaces at one end of the side, slip stitch in each of the 10 sc, slip stitch in the two ch-1 spaces at the other end (12 slip stitches, the joining one included). Fasten off. Each side joined takes about 24 in (60 cm) of E, its two ends included; this yarn is not in the amounts under MATERIALS. Four octagons joined in a square leave a square opening in the middle, its four sides as long as theirs.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 rounds; 304 stitches; 12 ends to weave in.

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