Granny square armrest covers, pair

Medium arm · US terms



Finished size
About 22½ × 20½ in (57 × 52 cm)
About 22½ in (57 cm) across the arm and 15½ in (39.5 cm) from back to front, with a flap 5 in (12.5 cm) deep. To fit an arm 6¼ in (16 cm) to just under 7½ in (19 cm) wide across its top

Skill
Easy
It is granny squares sewn together, with a plain flap in rows and four tassels on each cover.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet (UK treble).

What you need

Yarn A: gold, the petals and the tassels	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cocoa, the hearts, the last round of the border and the edge of the flap	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: olive, the leaves, the last round of the squares and the seams	**about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, the ground, the first round of the border and the flap	**about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 350 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 2 stitch markers, a piece of card 5 in (12.5 cm) wide, for the tassels, 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.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Narrow arm	an arm 5 in (12.5 cm) to just under 6¼ in (16 cm) wide across its top	19¼ × 18¼ in (49 × 46 cm)	about 560 yd (512 m)
Medium arm (this file)	**an arm 6¼ in (16 cm) to just under 7½ in (19 cm) wide across its top**	**22½ × 20½ in (57 × 52 cm)**	**about 700 yd (640 m)**

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Wide arm	an arm 7½ in (19 cm) to 8¾ in (22 cm) wide across its top	26 × 22¾ in (66 × 58 cm)	about 865 yd (791 m)

Gauge

14 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

14 stitches and 10 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. 14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. In the squares two rounds of double crochet add about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) to the width.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 6 the square should measure about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- A square is worked with the right side facing in every round. It begins with a small ring of 4 chains. The chain of 3 at the start of a round counts as its first double crochet (UK treble). The chain of 1 before the first petal does not count.
- Round 2 has a petal in each of the 12 stitches of round 1, the first of them in the top of the chain of 3, and a chain of 1 after each petal. From round 3 on every group goes into a chain space of the round before: 2 dc in each ch-1 sp, and at each corner a group, ch 2 and another group in one space. In round 3 the corners fall in every third ch-1 sp.
- Where a round begins with a new color, fasten off the old one first, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and join the new one in the place named. Where a round is in the same color as the one before, slip stitch to the corner space just joined and begin there, as it is written.
- In the flap the chain of 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch; the first stitch goes into the first stitch. In the border the chain of 1 does not count.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors of a square, round by round. Round 1: B. Round 2: A. Round 3: C. Rounds 4 to 5: D. Round 6: C. The border is D in round 1 and B in round 2. The flap is D, its edge B and the tassels A.
- The arm: measure it straight across the flat of its top, from the outer edge to the edge at the seat. This size is for 6¼ in (16 cm) up to less than 7½ in (19 cm). The middle squares are 7¼ in (18.5 cm) wide; the outer and the inner squares hang 7¾ in (19.5 cm) down each side. The inner side may be pushed down between the arm and the seat cushion where the arm is lower than that.

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Instructions

Medium arm. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.

yo yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 70 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 11 times: work what is inside 11 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

pt (Petal): [yo 2 times, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, (yo, pull through 2 loops) 2 times] 3 times, yo, pull through all 4 loops on hook. It is as tall as a treble crochet (UK double treble).

Sunflower square: make 12

Yarns in order of use: B, cocoa; A, gold; C, olive; D, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a 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**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, pt in same st, ch 1, **[**pt in next st, ch 1**] 11 times**, sl st in first pt to join	(12 pt, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(32 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(40 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(56 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 20 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**2 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(64 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 24 ch-1 sps)

Stop and measure now, after round 6. The square should measure about 7¼ in (18.5 cm) long on each side.

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

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Border: make 2

Yarns in order of use: D, cream; B, cocoa.

The border is worked when the six squares are joined: steps 1 to 3 of Assembly come first. Count the places like this. On one side of a square there are 24: one in the ch-2 sp at its right end, 22 across (each dc and each ch-1 sp is one place), and one in the ch-2 sp at its left end. Where two squares meet, both ch-2 sps beside the seam are used, one after the other, and the seam itself is passed over. At each of the 4 outer corners of the cover the ch-2 sp is one place, shared by the two edges. So there are 70 places between the corners on a long edge, which is three squares, and 46 on a short edge, which is two.

The two long edges are alike. The first long edge of round 1 is the front edge of the cover. Put a marker in the middle stitch of the 3 sc at each end of this edge in round 2, and leave it there until row 1 of the flap is worked: they are the 3rd stitch of round 2 and the middle one of the next 3 sc in one stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	The outer edge of one joined cover, RS facing; 236 places, the first of them the corner space at the right end of a long edge.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join D with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 70 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 46 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 70 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 46 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(244 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 72 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 48 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 72 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 47 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(252 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Front flap: make 2

Yarn D, cream.

25 stitches are left free between the flap and the other marker too. When row 1 of the flap is worked, take both markers out: the second cover uses the same two.

☐ **Foundation**	Round 2 of the border along the front edge, RS facing: from the marker at your right, not counted, count 25 sts to your left and leave them free; the next 24 sts, which lie over the middle square, are the places of the flap; 24 stitches.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join D with sl st in first st, ch 2, hdc in same st, hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)

The heavy box is where you stop and measure.

2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | **12**

> **Stop and measure now, after row 12.** The flap should measure about 4¾ in (12 cm) from the border to its edge and 6¾ in (17 cm) across.

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

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Edge of the flap: make 2

Yarn B, cocoa.

With the right side facing and the flap hanging down, begin at the upper end of its left side, beside the border, and work down that side, across the last row and up the other side. On the sides work 3 single crochet (UK double crochet) for every two rows: one in the end of the one row and two in the end of the other, the pairs being rows 1 and 2, rows 3 and 4, and so on. The 12 rows give 18. The first and the last stitch of the last row are the two corners.

☐ **Foundation**	The three free edges of the flap, RS facing: 18 down the side at your left, 24 across the last row, 18 up the other side; 60 places.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 17 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts	(64 sc)
☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the stitch of the border beside the last stitch. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails of the squares on the wrong side, the tail at the ring round the middle.

2. For one cover lay six squares with the right sides up in two rows of three. Cut a length of C about 78 in (198 cm) long. Whip stitch the two rows together along the long seam from end to end, leaving an end of 4 in (10 cm) at the start. On each pair of sides make 24 stitches: one through the two ch-2 sps at the first end, 22 along the sides (dc to dc and ch-1 sp to ch-1 sp, under both loops of a dc, round the chain of a space), and one through the two ch-2 sps at the other end. Go straight on from one pair of squares to the next, 72 stitches in all. Fasten off and weave both ends in on the wrong side.

3. Cut two lengths of C about 54 in (137 cm) long and whip stitch the two seams across in the same stitch, each from one long edge to the other, 24 stitches for each square, 48 in all; pass straight over the long seam in the middle. Fasten off and weave the ends in on the wrong side. Join the other six squares in the same way for the second cover. Then work the border, the flap and the edge of the flap on each cover, and weave in their tails on the wrong side.

4. The tassels, 4 for each cover. For one tassel wind A 24 times round the card, across its 5 in (12.5 cm). Slip a length of A 12 in (30 cm) long under all the loops at one edge of the card and tie it in a tight double knot. Cut the loops at the other edge. Wind another length of A, 16 in (40 cm) long, 5 times round the tassel ¾ in (2 cm) below the knot, tie its two ends in a double knot and draw them into the tassel with the needle. Trim the tassel to 4 in (10 cm) from the knot.

5. Lay both covers side by side with their right sides up and the flaps toward you. The outer side of the one on the left is its left short edge, and the outer side of the one on the right is its right short edge: the two are mirror images. On each cover tie a tassel to each of the 2 lower corners of the flap and to each of the 2 corners of the outer short edge, four in all: draw the two ends of the top tie through the middle stitch of the 3 sc at that corner, one from the front and one from the back, knot them twice on the wrong side, and weave the ends in there.

Finishing

- Lay each cover over an arm with the middle squares on top, the flap hanging down the front of the arm, and the tassels of the sides on the outside.

In all: 12 pieces.

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