Granny square pillow cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 12½ × 12½ in (32 × 32 cm)

Skill
Easy
Groups worked into spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In granny clusters.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, main	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rose, stripe	**about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, stripe	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: honey, stripe	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: sky, stripe	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure and a square pillow insert: 14 in (36 cm) for Standard, 16 in (41 cm) for Large. It is a little larger than the cover, so that it fills it. It shows a little between the groups, so choose one in white or cream.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**for a pillow insert of 14 in (36 cm)**	**12½ × 12½ in (32 × 32 cm)**	**about 245 yd (224 m)**
Large	for a pillow insert of 16 in (41 cm)	15½ × 15½ in (39 × 39 cm)	about 360 yd (328 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

beg	beginning
ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
Rnd	round
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

14 stitches and 9 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in granny clusters.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc. The ch 1 at the start of the last round does not count as a stitch.
- Every round is worked in a new yarn: close the round with the yarn it was worked in, fasten off, and join the next yarn with a sl st in the next ch-2 sp, the first corner after the place where the round was closed.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them. "3 dc in next ch-1 sp" puts all 3 stitches in that one place.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, dc is treble and yo is yarn round hook.

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Square: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, cream; B, rose; C, sage; D, honey; E, sky.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 2**] 3 times**; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with 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, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(24 dc, 4 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with 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, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(36 dc, 8 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with 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**] 2 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 2 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(48 dc, 12 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join E with 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**] 3 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 3 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(60 dc, 16 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join A with 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**] 4 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 4 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(72 dc, 20 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join B with 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**] 5 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(84 dc, 24 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Join C with 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**] 6 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 6 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(96 dc, 28 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Join D with 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**] 7 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 7 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(108 dc, 32 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Join E with 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**] 8 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(120 dc, 36 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Join A with 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**] 9 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(132 dc, 40 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Join B with 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**] 10 times**, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 10 times**, ch 1; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3; fasten off **(144 dc, 44 ch-1 sps, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Join A with sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in same sp, **[[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, sc in next 3 sts, (2 sc, ch 1, 2 sc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 11 times**, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc **(204 sc, 4 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends on the wrong side of both squares. The side that faced you as you worked is the right side.

2. Lay the two squares together with their wrong sides inside and their corners matching.

3. Cut four lengths of A, 42 in (107 cm) each, one for each side. Whip stitch three sides together through the last round, stitch to stitch: 51 stitches a side, and one more through the ch-1 space at each corner.

4. Put the pillow insert in and whip stitch the fourth side in the same way.

Finishing

- Weave the last tails into the seam and draw them inside the cover.

In all: 2 pieces; 2,280 stitches; 52 ends to weave in.

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