Granny square pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 16¼ × 16¼ in (41 × 41 cm)

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: pink, round 1	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lilac, round 2	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: gold, round 3	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cream, round 4, the seams and the join	**about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, spray bottle and pillow form, about 16 in (41 cm) square.

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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

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

Hook: 5.5 mm (I-9), 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.

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 3 changes of color in each granny square.
- Each granny square leaves 8 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, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Granny square: make 18

Yarns in order of use: A, pink; B, lilac; C, gold; D, cream.

☐ **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.

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

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of every granny square and block it before you join them: pin it out 5¼ in (13 cm) square on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. For each of the two panels, lay 9 granny squares out in 3 rows of 3, right sides up.

3. Join with a slip stitch seam in D: with two granny squares side by side, begin in the corner chain of each that lies nearest the other, and work 1 slip stitch through both loops of the matching stitch or chain of each, in every stitch and chain along the side, ending in the corner chain at the far end (17 slip stitches for each pair of granny squares).

4. In each panel, first work the 2 seams that lie between one row and the next, each along the whole width from one side edge to the other (51 slip stitches a seam); then work the 2 seams that lie between one column and the next, each along the whole height, going straight on over every seam it crosses (51 slip stitches a seam): 204 slip stitches a panel.

5. The seam shows as a raised line on the side that faces you; work every seam from the same side. Begin every seam with a new length of yarn, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and fasten off at its end, leaving another. Weave in the 16 ends of the seams.

6. Hold the two panels with wrong sides together and their corners matching. Join them all the way round in D, working every stitch through both panels at once: through the same space of both panels, or through both loops of the matching stitch of both panels. Join D with a slip stitch in a corner space, chain 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 single crochet in each of the four corner spaces, beginning with this one, 1 in every stitch and chain-1 space along the edges and 1 in each of the two corner spaces that meet at a seam. When three sides are joined, put the pillow form in, then join the fourth side; slip stitch in the first single crochet to join (208 sc). Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the 2 ends of the join; with the 144 ends of the granny squares and the 16 of the seams, woven in before the join, that is 162 ends in all.

In all: 18 pieces; 2,160 stitches; 162 ends to weave in.

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