Granny square tote bag

US terms



Finished size
About 13½ in (34.5 cm) wide and 14¾ in (37.5 cm) tall, each square about 4½ in (11.5 cm), with straps about 17¼ in (44 cm) long before sewing

Skill
Easy
It is granny squares sewn together, with a plain band and straps.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

You will need

Yarn A: cream, borders, band and straps	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, squares	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, squares	**about 75 yd (69 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: teal, squares	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, squares	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 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)
st	stitch
sp	space
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

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

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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 4 the square should measure about 4½ in (11.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- The chain of 3 at the start of a round counts as its first double crochet. Where a round begins with a new color, fasten off the old one first and join the new one in the corner space named.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.

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.

Square 1: make 6

Yarns in order of use: B, rust; C, mustard; D, teal; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	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, **[**(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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join D with sl st in any 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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any 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 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 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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** After round 4 the square should measure about 4½ in (11.5 cm) across, from edge to edge.

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

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Square 2: make 6

Yarns in order of use: C, mustard; E, rose; B, rust; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join E with sl st in any 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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any 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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any 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 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 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Square 3: make 6

Yarns in order of use: E, rose; D, teal; C, mustard; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join D with sl st in any 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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	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, 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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any 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 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 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

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Top band

Yarn A, cream.

Work the band after step 2 of Putting it together. Join A with a slip stitch in one side seam, between the two corner spaces that meet there, and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch. Work the first single crochet of round 1 into the same place, then one in each double crochet, each chain-1 space and each seam between two squares; pass over the corner spaces. The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.

☐ **Foundation**	The top edge of the two sides, RS facing; 96 places: in each square 12 dc and 3 ch-1 sps, and 1 place at each seam.	
☐ **Rnds 1 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(96 sc)**

A box for each round, 1 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap: make 2

Yarn A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 61.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(60 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 20 in (51 cm).	

Assembly

1. Lay 9 squares out in three rows of three for each side. From left to right, top row: square 1, square 2, square 3; middle row: square 1, square 2, square 3; bottom row: square 1, square 2, square 3. Both sides are the same. Sew with new lengths of A, each about 1 yd (1 m) long: a seam takes about three times its own length. Whip stitch the squares of each side together, stitch to stitch and space to space.

2. Put the two sides together, wrong sides facing in. Whip stitch down one side, along the bottom and up the other side, stitch to stitch and space to space; leave the top open.

3. Work the top band as written.

4. Lay the ends of one strap on the inside of the band on the front, over all 5 rounds of it, with 6¾ in (17 cm) between them and about 2 in (5 cm) from the outer edge of each end to its side seam, and whip stitch each end down round all its edges. Sew the other strap to the back in the same places.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the wrong side.

In all: 21 pieces; 3,240 stitches (120 in each square 1, 120 in each square 2, 120 in each square 3, 480 in the top band, 300 in each strap); 150 ends to weave in.

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