Half granny square

US terms



Finished size

Each half square is about 5¾ in (15 cm) along each of its two equal sides and 8¼ in (21 cm) along the long one

Skill

Easy

Worked in rows, with 2 pieces and color changes.

Yarn

Light (3), 4 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

After row 2 each of the two equal sides of the half square measures about 2 in (5 cm).

What you need

Yarn A: berry, rows 1 and 5	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, rows 2 and 6	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage green, row 4	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: ivory, rows 3 and 7	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 20 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a spray bottle and a tape measure.

Before you start

- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- The row ends of a half square make its long side, with the ring in the middle of it. Do not join the ends of a row.

Gauge

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After row 2 each of the two equal sides of the half square measures about 2 in (5 cm). If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK dc), **st** stitch.
ch-1 sp: the hole under the chain. The hook goes in the hole, never into a chain.
[ ] 2 times: 2 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (26 dc, 8 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp): the row now has that many; a check, not a step.
Also: sp space.
Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Half square: make 2

Make 1 as the lines say; for the second read C for A and A for C. B and D are the same in both.

☐ **Start**

With A, make a magic ring.

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.

☐ **Row 1**

Ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), 3 dc in ring, ch 2, 3 dc in ring, ch 1, dc in ring. Pull the tail to close the ring. (8 dc, 2 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 2**

Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as dc and 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, dc in last st
(14 dc, 4 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 2.** Each of the two equal sides of the half square measures about 2 in (5 cm). If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 3**

Turn, join D with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as dc and 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, dc in last st
(20 dc, 6 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp)

Fasten off D.

☐ **Row 4**

Turn, join C with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), 3 dc in next ch-1 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 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in last st
(26 dc, 8 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp)

Fasten off C.

☐ **Row 5**

Turn, join A with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in last st
(32 dc, 10 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Row 6**

Turn, join B with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in last st
(38 dc, 12 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp)

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Row 7**	Turn, join D with sl st in first st, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, dc in last st (44 dc, 14 ch-1 sps, 1 ch-2 sp)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Long side, on each half square: hold it with the right side facing you, the long side at the top and the ch-2 corner pointing down. Join D with a sl st over the edge stitch of Row 7 at the right-hand end: to work over an edge stitch, insert the hook in the space beside it, so that the whole edge stitch is inside the new stitch. Ch 1 and work toward the left: 3 sc over the edge stitch of Row 7, 2 sc over the edge stitch of Row 6, and in the same way 3 sc over Row 5, 2 sc over Row 4, 3 sc over Row 3, 2 sc over Row 2, 3 sc over Row 1, 1 sc in the ring, 3 sc over Row 1, 2 sc over Row 2, 3 sc over Row 3, 2 sc over Row 4, 3 sc over Row 5, 2 sc over Row 6 and 3 sc over Row 7 (37 sc). Fasten off. Press the side straight with your fingers.
- To sew a half square to a granny square of seven rounds of the same groups (3 dc in each group, ch 1 between two groups, ch 2 in each corner), lay both right side up, one of the two equal sides of the half square beside one side of the square. On both, count 21 dc in 7 groups with 6 ch-1 between the groups. Thread a length of D four times as long as the side on the yarn needle. Begin at the ch-2 corner of the half square and sew 29 pairs: first the chain of its ch-2 nearer to the side you sew and the nearer chain of the ch-2 corner of the square; then each dc with the dc opposite and each ch-1 with the ch-1 opposite, 27 pairs; last the edge stitch of the half square (on one side the last dc of Row 7, on the other the 3rd ch of its ch 4) and the nearer chain of the next ch-2 corner of the square. The ch-1 beside the edge stitch is not sewn. For each pair take the needle down through both top loops of the stitch on the half square and up through both top loops of the stitch on the square, and draw the yarn through; in a chain take the two loops that lie on top. Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 2 pieces; 364 stitches.

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.

Notes

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- 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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- A half square is worked in rows: at the end of every row fasten off, turn, and join the next color in the last st just made, which is the first st of the new row. Rows 1, 3, 5 and 7 are worked with the right side facing.
- The last st of a row is the 3rd ch of the ch 4 that began the row before: the dc goes into that chain, and the ch-1 sp beside it has its 3 dc like the others.
- The first and last st of a row, which make the long side, are its edge stitches: at one end the dc that ends the row, at the other the first 3 chs of the ch 4 that began it.
- Any size: every row more adds one group to each of the two equal sides, and a half square of any number of rows has the groups of a granny square of as many rounds. The long side then takes 3 sc over the edge stitch of every odd row and 2 sc over that of every even row.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along one of the two equal sides of a half square: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 5 in (13 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9½ in (24 cm).

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