Large granny star

US terms



Finished size

About 11¾ in (30 cm) across at the widest, from point to point

Skill

Easy

Worked in rounds, with color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn

Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

After round 3 the piece measures about 5½ in (14 cm) across at the widest.

You will need

Yarn A: butter yellow, round 1	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: marigold, round 2	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: apricot, round 3	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: coral, round 4	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, round 5	**about 11 yd (10 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: plum, round 6	**about 14 yd (13 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: dusk violet, round 7	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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.

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

Special stitches

cluster: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times, all in the same place (4 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 4 loops. It leaves 1 cluster for the next round.

Gauge

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the piece measures about 5½ in (14 cm) across at the widest. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- 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.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.
- 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.
- The five ch-3 spaces are the points of the star. Midway between two points is the bottom of a valley.
- In Rnds 3, 5 and 7 the cluster of each side stands in the valley. In Rnds 4 and 6 the cluster is passed over: one group of 3 dc goes into the ch-1 sp before it and the next group into the ch-1 sp after it, with ch 1 between them.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 15 in (38 cm).

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Instructions

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 and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, butter yellow; B, marigold; C, apricot; D, coral; E, rose; F, plum; G, dusk violet.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, make a magic ring.

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** — Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 3, **[**3 dc in ring, ch 3**] 4 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(15 dc, 5 ch-3 sps)

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 2** — Join B with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1,
[(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join
(30 dc, 5 ch-3 sps, 5 ch-1 sps)

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 3** — Join C with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1,
cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
[(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(30 dc, 5 ch-3 sps, 10 ch-1 sps, 5 clusters)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 4** — Join D with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 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 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
> 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**,

sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(60 dc, 5 ch-3 sps, 15 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 5** — Join E with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1,
3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
> **[**(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
> cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**,

sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(60 dc, 5 ch-3 sps, 20 ch-1 sps, 5 clusters)**

Fasten off E.

☐ **Rnd 6** — Join F with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 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 in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
> **[**(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1,
> 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**,

sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(90 dc, 5 ch-3 sps, 25 ch-1 sps)**

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Fasten off F.

☐ **Rnd 7**	Join G with sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 3, 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, cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, cluster in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(90 dc, 5 ch-3 sps, 30 ch-1 sps, 5 clusters)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the star out on a flat surface, right side up, with its five points equally far from the middle and its sides straight, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 rounds; 14 ends to weave in.

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