Lemon granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 8 in (20 cm) across, the picots included

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 5 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: azulejo blue, rounds 1 to 4 and 6 of the square	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, round 5 of the square	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: lemon yellow, round 7 of the square and the lemons	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: leaf green, the leaves	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 40 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a handful of toy stuffing 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.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 of the square the piece measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- A chain that counts as a stitch is marked so in its line and is included in the count.

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- A chain 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches, its picots and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- The chain in the middle of a lemon is worked round on both sides: the 3 sc in the last ch are one end, and the 2 sc that end Rnd 1 go into the chain that holds its first sc, so that there are 3 sc in it as well. A lemon has a point at each end, the dc of Rnd 3; the two ends are alike.
- A leaf has its tip at the picot and its base at the 3 sc in the last ch.
- In Rnd 5 every corner is worked into the top of a corner tr, and the three groups between two corners are worked into the 4th, the 8th and the 12th of the 15 dc of that side; the 3 dc skipped last on a side are those before the next corner tr. In Rnd 7 every picot stands on a sc that was worked in a space, at a corner on the 2nd of the 3 sc.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- French knot (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back, wrap the yarn twice round the needle close to the surface, hold the wraps and put the needle down beside the place where it came up. For a large knot use the yarn double and wrap it three times.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc, 4 tr): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the top of the stitch just made.

Square

Yarns in order of use: A, azulejo blue; B, white; C, lemon yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, tr in ring, **[**3 dc in ring, tr in ring**] 3 times**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(12 dc, 4 tr)

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☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(28 dc, 4 tr)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 7 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, dc in next 2 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(44 dc, 4 tr)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr, **[**dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, tr, 2 dc) in next tr**] 3 times**, dc in next 4 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(60 dc, 4 tr)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join B with sl st in any tr, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same st, **[**ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st**] 3 times**, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next tr, **[**ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st**] 3 times**, ch 1, sk next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off B.	
☐ **Rnd 6**	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**] 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 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(72 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 20 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (2 sc, picot, sc) in same sp, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 sc, picot, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp, picot**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(104 sc, 24 picots)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Lemon: make 2

Yarn C, lemon yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 4.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next ch, 2 sc in next ch, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, (hdc, dc, hdc) in next st, 2 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join	(18 sc, 4 hdc, 2 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Leaf: make 2

Yarn D, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 7.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, 3 sc in last ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, picot, sl st in first sc to join (5 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc, 1 picot)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the square with one side at the top. The distances are measured from its magic ring, up and down and to the left and right of the upright line through it.
- Stems: thread D double. Work one straight stitch for each lemon: from a point on the upright line, 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above the magic ring, down to a point 5/8 in (1.6 cm) to the left of the line and ¾ in (1.9 cm) above the ring; the second one the same to the right.
- Lemons: sew one to each side of the upright line, right side up, with its tail. The dc at its upper end lies on the lower end of the stem, 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the upright line and ¾ in (1.9 cm) above the magic ring; the dc at its lower end lies 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from the line and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) below the ring. Before you close the seam weave in the beginning end, then push in a piece of stuffing as large as a walnut and spread it flat. The stitches go under both loops of Rnd 3.
- Leaves: sew one to the left and one to the right, right side up, with their tails. The middle one of the 3 sc at the base lies 1/8 in (0.3 cm) from the upright line and 1¼ in (3.2 cm) above the magic ring, over the upper end of the stem; the picot lies 2 in (5.1 cm) from the line and 1 5/8 in (4.1 cm) above the ring.
- Veins: with a single strand of C, backstitch along the foundation chain of each leaf, from 1/8 in (0.3 cm) off its base to ¼ in (0.6 cm) off its picot.
- Shine: with B and the lemon held upright, work on the left half of each lemon, in the groove between Rnds 2 and 3: with the yarn double, one straight stitch 3/8 in (1 cm) long that begins 3/8 in (1 cm) above the level of the middle of the foundation chain and runs upward along the groove, and one large French knot in the same groove at 1/8 in (0.3 cm) above that level.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 5 pieces; 518 stitches (396 in the square, 48 in each lemon, 13 in each leaf).

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