Mexican granny blanket

US terms



Finished size

About 45¼ in (115 cm) wide and about 54½ in (138 cm) long

Skill

Easy

Worked in rounds, with 80 pieces and color changes.

Yarn

Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

After round 2 the square measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across.

You will need

Yarn A: hot pink,	**about 380 yd (347 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange,	**about 240 yd (219 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow,	**about 235 yd (215 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lime green,	**about 245 yd (224 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: turquoise,	**about 245 yd (224 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: violet,	**about 245 yd (224 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: black,	**about 735 yd (672 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)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the square measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across. 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 blanket is 80 squares, 10 rows of 8. For every square more along an edge add 16 sc to that edge in Rnd 1 of the border and work 2 scallops more on it in Rnd 8; allow yarn in proportion.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 36¼ in (92 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 42¼ in (107 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 69¼ in (176 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, sc is double crochet, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Square: make 80

Make 80 in six colorings. The lines give coloring 1. In every square Rnd 4 is worked in G; the other rounds change: coloring 1 (make 14): Rnd 1 in C, Rnd 2 in A, Rnd 3 in E; coloring 2 (make 14): Rnd 1 in B, Rnd 2 in D, Rnd 3 in F; coloring 3 (make 13): Rnd 1 in A, Rnd 2 in E, Rnd 3 in B; coloring 4 (make 13): Rnd 1 in E, Rnd 2 in F, Rnd 3 in C; coloring 5 (make 13): Rnd 1 in D, Rnd 2 in B, Rnd 3 in A; coloring 6 (make 13): Rnd 1 in F, Rnd 2 in C, Rnd 3 in D.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic 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 C.
☐ **Rnd 2**	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, 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 A.
☐ **Rnd 3**	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 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)**
	Fasten off E.
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join G 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 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 4 5/8 in (11.5 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Weave in the ends of every square with the yarn needle.

3. Lay the 80 squares out in 10 rows of 8, right sides up. The colorings, from left to right: row 1 (at the top) 1 2 3 4 5 6 1 2; row 2 3 4 5 6 1 2 3 4; row 3 5 6 1 2 3 4 5 6. Rows 4, 7 and 10 are laid like row 1, rows 5 and 8 like row 2, rows 6 and 9 like row 3.

4. Join with a slip stitch seam in G: hold two squares that lie side by side with right sides together. Begin with 1 slip stitch in the corner space of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in every stitch and chain-1 space along the side (15 slip stitches), and end with 1 slip stitch in the next corner space of both; into a stitch, work under both of its top loops on both squares; into a chain-1 space, work into the space itself on both squares. Join the squares of each row first, then join the rows to each other with one long seam each, going straight on from one pair of squares to the next. Fasten off at the end of each seam.

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5. Border, Rnd 1: with G and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in any corner space of the blanket and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 sc in each of the four corner spaces of the blanket and, along the edges, 1 sc in every stitch and chain-1 space of the squares and 1 sc in every seam, between the two corner spaces that meet there; slip stitch in the first sc to join. Between the corners there are 127 sc on each short edge and 159 sc on each long edge (584 sc in all). Fasten off.

6. Border, Rnd 2: join C with a slip stitch in the middle one of the 3 sc at any corner, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in the same st, dc in every sc up to the middle one of the 3 sc at the next corner, [(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in that middle sc, dc in every sc up to the middle one at the next corner] 3 times, the last time up to the corner the round began in; slip stitch in the top of the ch 3 to join. Between two corner ch-2 spaces there are now 133 dc on a short edge and 165 dc on a long edge (596 dc in all). Fasten off.

7. Border, Rnds 3 to 7: work one round each in B, A, F, E and D in the same way, but join in any corner ch-2 space, work (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each of the four corner ch-2 spaces, the first dc being the ch 3, and dc in every dc between them. Every round has 4 dc more on each edge: after Rnd 7 there are 153 dc on a short edge and 185 dc on a long edge (676 dc in all). Fasten off at the end of each round.

8. Border, Rnd 8 (scallops): join A with a slip stitch in any corner ch-2 space, ch 4 (counts as tr), 10 tr in the same space; * sc in the first dc of the edge, [sk the next 3 dc, 9 tr in the next dc, sk the next 3 dc, sc in the next dc] 19 times on a short edge or 23 times on a long edge, which ends with a sc in the last dc of the edge; 11 tr in the next corner ch-2 space; work on from * for each edge, leaving out the last 11 tr; slip stitch in the top of the ch 4 to join (84 scallops of 9 tr and 4 of 11 tr). Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle.

In all: 80 pieces; 812 ends to weave in.

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