Mini granny squares

US terms



Finished size
The mat is about 8¾ in (22 cm) across and each square about 2 in (5 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 16 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 10 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
After round 1 the square measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across.

What you need

Yarn A: raspberry, round 2	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: turquoise, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sunflower yellow, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: violet, some of the pieces	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: leaf green, round 1	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: orange, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: cobalt blue, some of the pieces	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn H: hot pink, some of the pieces	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn I: peach, some of the pieces	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn J: cream, some of the pieces	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 50 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 250 yd (229 m).

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), 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. Yarns A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H and I: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn J: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 1 the square measures about 1¼ in (3 cm) across.

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Notes

- 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.
- Squares 1 to 16 lie in four rows of four, like words on a page: row 1 is squares 1 to 4 from left to right, row 2 below it is squares 5 to 8, row 3 is squares 9 to 12 and row 4 is squares 13 to 16. Work them in that order. All right sides face up, and the four corners of a square are called top right, top left, bottom left and bottom right.
- The colors are: square 1 (and 10) in A with its center in E, square 2 (and 11) in B with its center in F, square 3 (and 12) in C with its center in G, square 4 (and 13) in D with its center in I, square 5 (and 14) in E with its center in H, square 6 (and 15) in F with its center in B, square 7 (and 16) in G with its center in C, square 8 in H with its center in D and square 9 in I with its center in A. Squares 10 to 16 take the same colors as squares 1 to 7.
- Begin Rnd 2 of every square in the ch-2 sp that is to be its bottom right corner. If you are right-handed you then come to the top right, the top left and the bottom left corner in that order, and last to the bottom edge; nothing in the bottom right corner or along the bottom edge is ever joined as it is worked. (If you are left-handed, work each row of squares from right to left, begin Rnd 2 in the bottom left corner, and read left for right and right for left in all that follows.)
- To join a corner: in place of its ch 2 work ch 1, sl st in the ch-2 sp at the corner it is joined to, ch 1. To join a side: in place of the ch 1 in the middle of that side work sl st in the ch-1 sp in the middle of the side it is joined to. For a sl st that joins, put the hook into the space from front to back; both squares keep their right sides facing you.
- Squares 2, 3 and 4 are joined along their left sides to the square before them: their top left corner to its top right corner, the middle of their left side to the middle of its right side and their bottom left corner to its bottom right corner.
- Squares 5, 9 and 13 are joined along their tops to the square above them: their top right corner to its bottom right corner, the middle of their top to the middle of its bottom edge and their top left corner to its bottom left corner.
- All the other squares are joined both to the square above and to the square on their left: top right corner to the bottom right corner of the square above; middle of the top to the middle of its bottom edge; at the top left corner, where four squares meet, work ch 1, sl st in the bottom left corner sp of the square above, sl st in the top right corner sp of the square on the left, ch 1; middle of the left side to the middle of the right side of the square on the left; bottom left corner to its bottom right corner. Where a corner sp already holds a join, put the hook into it on the near side of that join.
- For a larger mat work more squares in a row, or more rows, in the same way: each adds about 2 in (5 cm).
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 7½ in (19 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 11¼ in (29 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 14½ in (37 cm).

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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
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 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Square: make 16

Yarns in order of use: E, leaf green; A, raspberry.

Every square has a center (Rnd 1) in one color and Rnd 2 in another, as the notes say. The lines give the colors of square 1, which is joined to nothing. From square 2 on, parts of Rnd 2 are joined to squares already worked, as the notes say.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, 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**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps) Fasten off E.
☐ **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)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Border, round 1: Every square is joined, so there is nothing to sew. With the right side facing, join J with sl st in the ch-2 sp at the top right corner of the mat and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch. [3 sc in the corner sp, sc in each of the next 3 dc, sc in the ch-1 sp, sc in each of the next 3 dc, (sc in the corner sp before the join, sc in the corner sp of the next square after the join, sc in each of the next 3 dc, sc in the ch-1 sp, sc in each of the next 3 dc) 3 times] 4 times, sl st in the first sc to join (148 sc: 3 in every corner and 34 between the corners along each side).
- Border, round 2: Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc in the same st, which is the first of the 3 in the corner, [3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of the 3 in a corner, sc in each of the next 36 sts] 3 times, 3 sc in the next st, which is the middle one of the 3 in the last corner, sc in each of the last 35 sts, sl st in the first sc to join (156 sc). Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends with the yarn needle. Then block: pin the mat out square, right side up, on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 16 pieces.

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