Panda granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 6 pieces and color changes.

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.

You will need

Yarn A: soft white, rounds 1 to 6 of the square and the muzzle	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: bamboo green, rounds 7 and 8 of the square	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, round 9 of the square	**about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the ears and the eye patchs	**about 9 yd (8 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.

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

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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 6 of the square the piece measures about 3¼ in (8 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.
- 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.
- A slip stitch at the start of a round only carries the yarn to the place named; the first stitch of the round is worked in that same place. If stitches lie between the joining and that place, slip stitch across them first.
- 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.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- 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 two dc of an eye patch are its tip.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- 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.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Square

Yarns in order of use: A, soft white; B, bamboo green; C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(36 sc)**
Fasten off A.		
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join B with sl st in any st, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in same st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts, **[**(2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(16 tr, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 dc, 16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 12 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(64 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
Fasten off B.		
☐ **Rnd 9**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in same sp, sc in next 16 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(76 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Ear: make 2

Yarn D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Eye patch: make 2

Yarn D, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, (2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 hdc) in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(2 sc, 4 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing.	

Muzzle

Yarn A, soft white.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface: each eye patch as a drop ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide and 1 in (2.5 cm) long, narrower at its tip. Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Lay the square down, right side up, with one side at the top. The face is the round of white in its middle, and the magic ring is the middle of the face. The middle line runs straight up and down through the magic ring.
- Ears: lay one ear on each side of the middle line at the top of the face, right sides up, partly on the white and partly on the green. The magic ring of each is 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) above the magic ring of the face and 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) from the middle line. Sew each ear down all round its edge with its tail.
- Eye patches: lay one on each side of the middle line, right side up: the magic ring of each is ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the magic ring of the face and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the middle line. Their tips lie outward and down: the tip of the right patch points to five o'clock and that of the left patch to seven o'clock. Sew each patch down all round its edge with its tail.
- Eyes: with A, work one French knot on each eye patch, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the magic ring of the face and 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the middle line.
- Muzzle: lay it on the face, right side up, its magic ring ¾ in (1.9 cm) straight below the magic ring of the face, and sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Nose: with D, work two large French knots side by side, touching, ¼ in (0.6 cm) above the magic ring of the muzzle, one to each side of the middle line. Mouth: with D, work a line of backstitch ¼ in (0.6 cm) long straight down from between the two knots, and from its lower end a curve to each side, 3/8 in (1 cm) wide, that dips 1/8 in (0.3 cm) and comes up again.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 6 pieces; 386 stitches (314 in the square, 18 in each ear, 8 in each eye patch, 20 in the muzzle).

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