Poppy granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
18 stitches and 19 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: leaf green, rounds 1, 5 to 7 and 10	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, round 2	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: deep red, round 3	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: poppy red, round 4	**about 9 yd (8 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, rounds 8 and 9	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

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. 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)
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

18 stitches and 19 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 2 the piece measures about 1 in (2.5 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.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. Working into one leaves the other free for a later round.
- Where a line names an earlier round, fold what has been worked since toward you and work into the stitches of that round behind it.
- 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.
- Rnds 3 and 4 make the four petals; each petal is worked over 4 sc of Rnd 2, the first petal over the first 4. In Rnd 4 the two sc side by side are the dip between two petals.
- In Rnd 5 the chains lie behind the petals by turns: the first ch-4 sp lies behind the middle of the first petal and the second behind the dip after it.
- In Rnd 8 the 3 sts between the last group of a side and the corner are passed over: after the third group work its ch 1, then go on to the next ch-2 sp; on the last side, after that ch 1, join.
- 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.
- 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 4¾ in (12 cm); medium yarn (4) and a 5 mm hook, about 7¼ in (18 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 9¼ in (23 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.

Yarns in order of use: A, leaf green; B, black; C, deep red; D, poppy red; E, cream.

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

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)** — Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join — **(8 sc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 2** — Join B with sl st in first sc, ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join — **(16 sc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 3** — Join C with sl st in first sc, working in front loops only, ch 1, (sc, 2 dc) in same st,
3 tr in each of next 2 sts, (2 dc, sc) in next st,
[(sc, 2 dc) in next st, 3 tr in each of next 2 sts, (2 dc, sc) in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(8 sc, 16 dc, 24 tr)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 4** — Join D with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, hdc in next st,
2 dc in each of next 8 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st,
[sc in next st, hdc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 8 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
sl st in first sc to join — **(8 sc, 8 hdc, 64 dc)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 5** — Join A with sl st in first sc of Rnd 2, working in back loops only, ch 1, sc in same st,
ch 4,
[sk next 2 sc of Rnd 2, sc in next sc of Rnd 2, ch 4, sc in next sc of Rnd 2, ch 4**] 3 times**,
sk next 2 sc of Rnd 2, sc in next sc of Rnd 2, ch 4, sl st in first sc to join — **(8 sc, 8 ch-4 sps)**

☐ **Rnd 6** — Sl st in next ch-4 sp, ch 4 (counts as tr), (2 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in same sp,
5 dc in next ch-4 sp, **[**(3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in next ch-4 sp, 5 dc in next ch-4 sp**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-4 to join — **(24 tr, 4 ch-2 sps, 20 dc)**

☐ **Rnd 7** — Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 11 sts,
[(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join — **(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 8** — 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,
[sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times**,
[(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1,
[sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1**] 3 times] 3 times**,
sl st in top of ch-3 to join — **(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**

Sl st in next 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 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 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 **(72 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 20 ch-1 sps)**

Fasten off E.

☐ **Rnd 10**

Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp,
[sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts,

> **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 5 times**,
> sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**,

sl st in first sc to join **(100 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

☐ **End**

Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the granny square to shape on a flat surface with two petals that face each other lying on top of the other two at the dips, spray it with water and let it dry.
- With B, work 12 French knots on the petals, in a ring round the black center: three on each petal, one on the line from the magic ring to the middle of the outer edge of the petal and one to each side of it. Each knot is ¾ in (1.9 cm) from the middle of the magic ring, and from knot to knot it is 3/8 in (1 cm). Take the needle up and down through the petal alone, from the back of the petal, and not through the green square behind it: the petals stay loose.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 10 rounds; 496 stitches.

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