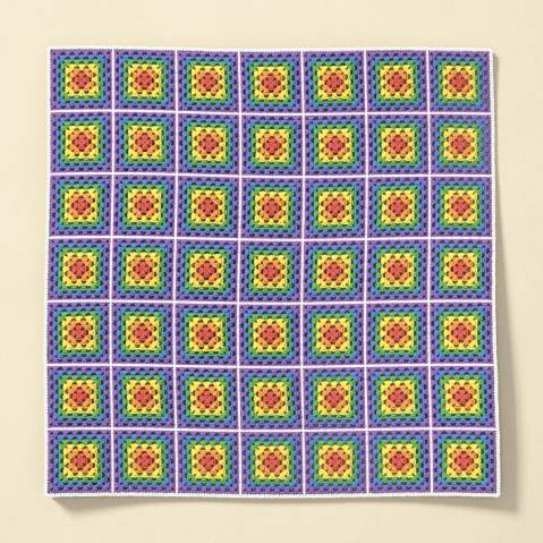
Rainbow granny square blanket

US terms



Finished size
About 54½ × 54½ in (138 × 138 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with stitches worked into chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet worked in rounds.

You will need

Yarn A: red, round 1	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: orange, round 2	**about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, round 3	**about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, round 4	**about 375 yd (343 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: blue, round 5	**about 475 yd (434 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: purple, round 6	**about 550 yd (503 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: white, the seams and the border	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. 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)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
sp	space
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet worked in rounds.

Hook: 5.5 mm (I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the granny square measures about 4 in (10 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Before you start

- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- The foundation is 4 chains joined into a ring. If you prefer, begin with a magic ring instead: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The chain 3 at the start of a round counts as a double crochet.
- From round 2 on, each corner is (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) worked in one corner space.
- A new color is joined at the start of a round and never inside one; this pattern has 5 changes of color in each granny square.
- Each granny square leaves 12 ends to weave in.

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 and dc is treble.

Granny square: make 49

Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, orange; C, yellow; D, green; E, blue; F, purple.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a 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, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

☐ **Rnd 2** — Join B with sl st in any corner 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, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

☐ **Rnd 3** — Join C with sl st in any corner 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)**

> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** After round 3 the granny square measures about 4 in (10 cm) across.

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

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in any corner 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**] 2 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)**

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

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join E with sl st in any corner 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 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, 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)**

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

☐ **Rnd 6**	Join F with sl st in any corner 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)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of every granny square and block it before you join them: pin it out 7¾ in (20 cm) square on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Lay the granny squares out in 7 rows of 7, right sides up.

3. Join with a slip stitch seam in G: with two granny squares side by side, begin in the corner chain of each that lies nearest the other, and work 1 slip stitch through both loops of the matching stitch or chain of each, in every stitch and chain along the side, ending in the corner chain at the far end (25 slip stitches for each pair of granny squares).

4. First work the 6 seams that lie between one row and the next, each along the whole width from one side edge to the other (175 slip stitches a seam); then work the 6 seams that lie between one column and the next, each along the whole height, going straight on over every seam it crosses (175 slip stitches a seam): 2,100 slip stitches in all.

5. The seam shows as a raised line on the side that faces you; work every seam from the same side. Begin every seam with a new length of yarn, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and fasten off at its end, leaving another.

6. Border, round 1: with G, join with a slip stitch in any corner space of the throw and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 single crochet in that same space and in each of the other three corner spaces of the throw, 1 in every stitch and chain-1 space along the edges and 1 in each of the two corner spaces that meet at a seam; slip stitch in the first single crochet to join (704 sc). Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the 26 ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle; with the 588 ends of the granny squares, woven in before joining, that is 614 ends in all.
- Block the finished blanket: pin it to its size on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 49 pieces; 12,348 stitches; 614 ends to weave in.

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