Retro granny shoulder bag

US terms



Finished size
About 11½ in (29 cm) wide and 12¾ in (32.5 cm) tall, each square about 5¾ in (14.5 cm), with a strap about 22¾ in (58 cm) long before sewing

Skill
Easy
It is granny squares sewn together, with a plain band and a strap.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: chocolate, borders, band and strap	**about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: tangerine, round 2	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sunshine, centers	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lime, round 3	**about 50 yd (46 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: cream, round 4	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches 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)
st	stitch
sp	space
rnd	round
RS	right side

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Gauge

14 stitches and 7 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet.

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 5 the square should measure about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- The chain of 3 at the start of a round counts as its first double crochet. Where a round begins with a new color, fasten off the old one first and join the new one in the corner space named.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.

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.

Square: make 8

Yarns in order of use: C, sunshine; B, tangerine; D, lime; E, cream; A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	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)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B 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)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join D 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)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	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 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)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	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 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 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)**

Stop and measure now, after round 5. After round 5 the square should measure about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across, from edge to edge.

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☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Top band

Yarn A, chocolate.

Work the band after step 2 of Putting it together. Join A with a slip stitch in one side seam, between the two corner spaces that meet there, and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch. Work the first single crochet of round 1 into the same place, then one in each double crochet, each chain-1 space and each seam between two squares; pass over the corner spaces. The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.

☐ **Foundation**	The top edge of the two sides, RS facing; 80 places: in each square 15 dc and 4 ch-1 sps, and 1 place at each seam.	
☐ **Rnds 1 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(80 sc)**

A box for each round, 1 to 5: tick them off as you go.

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Strap

Yarn A, chocolate.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 81.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(80 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(80 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 22 in (56 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 22 in (56 cm).	

Assembly

1. Lay 4 squares out in two rows of two for each side. Sew with new lengths of A, each about 1 yd (1 m) long: a seam takes about three times its own length. Whip stitch the squares of each side together, stitch to stitch and space to space.

2. Put the two sides together, wrong sides facing in. Whip stitch down one side, along the bottom and up the other side, stitch to stitch and space to space; leave the top open.

3. Work the top band as written.

4. Lay the ends of the strap on the inside of the band at the two side seams, over all 5 rounds of it, with the seam at the middle of the end, and whip stitch each end down round all its edges.

Finishing

- Weave every tail in on the wrong side.

In all: 10 pieces; 2,320 stitches (180 in each square, 400 in the top band, 480 in the strap); 84 ends to weave in.

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