Sampler square throw

US terms



Finished size
About 35¾ in (91 cm) wide and about 41½ in (105 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 42 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
After round 2 the solid square measures about 2½ in (6 cm) across.

You will need

Yarn A: cream, round 5 of the solid squares, round 5 of the granny squares, round 5 of the popcorn squares and rounds 4 and 5 of the circle squares	**about 635 yd (581 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: heather blue, rounds 2 and 4 of the granny squares, rounds 1 to 4 of the popcorn squares and round 1 of the circle squares	**about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: denim blue, rounds 1 to 4 of the solid squares	**about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: navy, rounds 1 and 3 of the granny squares and rounds 2 and 3 of the circle squares	**about 210 yd (192 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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Special stitches

popcorn: Work 5 dc in the place named, take the hook out of the loop, put it through the top of the first of the 5 dc from front to back, pick up the loop again and pull it through. A popcorn is one stitch: where a later round works into it, work into its top, which is the loop pulled through the first dc, and not into the tops of its other dc. It leaves 1 popcorn for the next round.

Gauge

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 2 the solid square measures about 2½ in (6 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.
- 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.
- 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 blanket is 42 squares, 7 rows of 6; add a row or a column to make it larger, and allow yarn in proportion.
- All four squares have 5 rounds and the same edge: 19 dc on every side and a ch-2 space at every corner.
- In Rnd 4 of the granny square work dc in next ch-1 sp into the space itself, between two groups.
- In Rnd 4 of the circle square the four groups with a ch 2 are the corners, one in every tenth st of Rnd 3.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 27¾ in (70 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 32¼ in (82 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 53 in (135 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.

Solid square: make 10

Yarns in order of use: C, denim blue; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, 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**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 7 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	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 C.	
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Granny square: make 11

Yarns in order of use: D, navy; B, heather blue; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, 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**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
Fasten off D.	
☐ **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)**
Fasten off B.	
☐ **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)**

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Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Popcorn square: make 11

Yarns in order of use: B, heather blue; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, 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**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next st, popcorn in next st, dc in next st, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next st, popcorn in next st, dc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 popcorns)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 2 sts, popcorn in next st, dc in next st, popcorn in next st, dc in next 2 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 2 sts, popcorn in next st, dc in next st, popcorn in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(36 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 popcorns)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 5 sts, popcorn in next st, dc in next 5 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 5 sts, popcorn in next st, dc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(56 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 popcorns)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 5**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Circle square: make 10

Yarns in order of use: B, heather blue; D, navy; A, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 11 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(12 dc)**

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Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 2**	Join D with sl st in any st, ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 11 sts, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(24 dc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next st, **[**2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 7 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(40 dc)**

Fasten off D.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join A with sl st in any st, ch 4 (counts as tr), (tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in same st, 2 tr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 tr in next st, **[**(2 tr, ch 2, 2 tr) in next st, 2 tr in next st, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, dc in next 2 sts, 2 tr in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-4 to join	**(32 tr, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 dc, 12 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 15 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	**(76 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Assembly

1. Block every square to the same size, about 5¾ in (14.5 cm) across: pin it out on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

2. Weave in the ends of every square with the yarn needle.

3. Lay the 42 squares out in 7 rows of 6, right sides up: 10 solid squares, 11 granny squares, 11 popcorn squares and 10 circle squares. From left to right, rows 1 and 5: solid, granny, popcorn, circle, solid, granny. Rows 2 and 6: granny, popcorn, circle, solid, granny, popcorn. Rows 3 and 7: popcorn, circle, solid, granny, popcorn, circle. Row 4: circle, solid, granny, popcorn, circle, solid.

4. Join with a slip stitch seam in A: hold two squares that lie side by side with right sides together. Begin with 1 slip stitch in the corner space of both, work 1 slip stitch through both in every stitch along the side (19 slip stitches), and end with 1 slip stitch in the next corner space of both; work under both top loops of the stitch on both squares. Join the squares of each row first, then join the rows to each other with one long seam each, going straight on from one pair of squares to the next. Fasten off at the end of each seam.

5. Border, round 1: with A and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in any corner space of the blanket and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 sc in each of the four corner spaces of the blanket, 1 sc in every stitch along the edges and 1 sc in each of the two corner spaces that meet at a seam; slip stitch in the first sc to join (550 sc). Fasten off.

6. Border, round 2: join B with a slip stitch in the middle sc of any corner, ch 1, 3 sc in the same sc, 1 sc in every sc along the edges and 3 sc in the middle sc of each of the other three corners; slip stitch in the first sc to join (558 sc). Fasten off.

7. Border, round 3: join D with a slip stitch in the middle sc of any corner, ch 1, 3 sc in the same sc, 1 sc in every sc along the edges and 3 sc in the middle sc of each of the other three corners; slip stitch in the first sc to join (566 sc). Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in all the ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle.

In all: 42 pieces; 342 ends to weave in.

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