Shell stitch granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Light (3), 3 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: sand, rounds 1, 2, 4, 6 and 8	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: lagoon, rounds 3 and 7	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: seafoam, round 5	**about 9 yd (8 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)
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 square measures about 2 in (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.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- A shell is 5 dc, all in one stitch. A corner fan is (3 dc, tr, 3 dc), all in one corner space; its tr is the tip of the corner.
- In Rnds 4, 6 and 8 the corner is worked in the tr of a fan. On both sides of it, the two dc of the fan nearest the tr take 1 sc each, and the third dc of the fan, the one farthest from the tr, is skipped. Every single sc of the round before, whether it lies between a fan and a shell or between two shells, takes 1 dc, and the 5 dc of every shell take 1 sc each.
- Between one corner space and the next, counting the sc beside both of them, Rnd 4 has 13 stitches, Rnd 6 has 19 and Rnd 8 has 25.
- 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).

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, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, sand; B, lagoon; C, seafoam.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, 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)**

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Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 3**

Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, tr, 3 dc) in same sp,
sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st,
> **[**(3 dc, tr, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st, sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st,
> sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**,

sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(44 dc, 4 tr, 8 sc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 4**

Join A with sl st in any tr, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same st, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st,
dc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts,
> **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next tr, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st, dc in next st,
> sc in next 5 sts, dc in next st, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**,

sl st in first sc to join **(44 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 dc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 5**

Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, tr, 3 dc) in same sp,
sc in next st, [sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] twice,
> **[**(3 dc, tr, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st,
> [sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st] twice**] 3 times**,

sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(64 dc, 4 tr, 12 sc)**

Fasten off C.

☐ **Rnd 6**

Join A with sl st in any tr, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same st, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st,
dc in next st, [sc in next 5 sts, dc in next st] twice, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts,
> **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next tr, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st, dc in next st,
> [sc in next 5 sts, dc in next st] twice, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**,

sl st in first sc to join **(64 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 dc)**

Fasten off A.

☐ **Rnd 7**

Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, tr, 3 dc) in same sp,
sc in next st, **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times**,
> **[**(3 dc, tr, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st,
> **[**sk next 2 sts, 5 dc in next st, sk next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 3 times] 3 times**,

sl st in top of ch-3 to join **(84 dc, 4 tr, 16 sc)**

Fasten off B.

☐ **Rnd 8**

Join A with sl st in any tr, ch 1, (sc, ch 2, sc) in same st, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st,
dc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts,
> **[**(sc, ch 2, sc) in next tr, sc in next 2 sts, sk next st, dc in next st,
> **[**sc in next 5 sts, dc in next st**] 3 times**, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**,

sl st in first sc to join **(84 sc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 dc)**

☐ **End**

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

Finishing

- Block: pin the square to shape on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in the ends with the yarn needle.

In all: 8 rounds; 508 stitches; 14 ends to weave in.

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