Spiral granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) across

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rounds, with color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: aqua, round 4	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: coral, round 3	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, round 2	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: navy, rounds 1 and 5	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: golden yellow, round 6	**about 8 yd (7 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, 4 stitch markers 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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Gauge

14 stitches and 15 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 each side measures about 2¼ in (6 cm) from one ch-2 corner to the next. 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 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- Join E with sl st, which comes in Rnd 6 only, means: insert the hook in the stitch named, pull up a loop of E and make a slip stitch there; the ch 1 and the first sc of Rnd 6 are worked in that same stitch. No other color is joined with a slip stitch: how A, B, C and D begin, and how you change from one to another in Rnds 1 to 5, is told in the notes that follow.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches and the chain spaces between them; slip stitches are not counted.
- All four colors are worked into one ring. A begins it. For B, C and D make a slip knot of the new yarn on the hook, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and work the first sc straight into the ring.
- Live loops: in Rnds 1 to 4, when a color has worked its part and another comes next, do not cut it: take the hook out, draw the loop up to about 3 in (8 cm) so that it cannot run, and hang a stitch marker in it. In Rnds 2 to 5 the words With D, With A and so on mean: put the hook back in the loop of that color, draw it down to the height of the stitch to come and go on. No chain is worked; the loop itself carries the yarn up. Draw the ring closed after Rnd 1.
- A round goes once over all four colors. Its first color is always the one the round before ended with, so leave the hook in its loop and go straight on with it. In Rnds 2 to 5 every color works on the stitches of the color ahead of it, never on its own: in Rnd 2, D on those of A, A on those of B, B on those of C and C on those of D.
- Rnds 1 to 5 are not joined. Rnd 2 begins with D in the sc of A; the first dc of every color there lies over the sc of the color ahead.
- In Rnd 5 every color begins with tr, which stand beside the last stitches of that color in Rnd 4, and ends with hdc and sc, so that its end slopes down and the square has straight sides. When a color has worked its part of Rnd 5, cut its yarn and draw the end through the loop: all four are fastened off in this way, D last.
- Rnd 6 is worked with E alone over all four colors. It begins in the first tr of A in Rnd 5 and takes every stitch of Rnd 5 and every corner.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¾ in (12 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm).

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Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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, aqua; D, navy; B, coral; C, cream; E, golden yellow.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, sc in ring, hdc in ring, dc in ring, tr in ring, With B, sc in ring, hdc in ring, dc in ring, tr in ring, With C, sc in ring, hdc in ring, dc in ring, tr in ring, With D, sc in ring, hdc in ring, dc in ring, tr in ring, do not join **(4 sc, 4 hdc, 4 dc, 4 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	With D, dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, With A, dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, With B, dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, With C, dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 2 sts, do not join **(28 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, With D, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, With A, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, With B, dc in next 3 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 4 sts, do not join **(44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	With B, dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, With C, dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, With D, dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, With A, dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 6 sts, do not join **(60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	With A, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, With B, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, With C, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, With D, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next 4 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, sc in next 2 sts, do not join **(12 tr, 44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 hdc, 8 sc)**
	Fasten off D.
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join E with sl st in first tr, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 8 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 3 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join **(88 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Block: pin the granny 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: 6 rounds; 312 stitches; 12 ends to weave in.

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