Strawberry granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 5½ in (14 cm) across

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with 3 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 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: strawberry red, the berry	**about 8 yd (7 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the cap	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, rounds 1 to 4 of the square, and the seeds	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: blush, round 5 of the square	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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. 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 the 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.
- 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.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- A petal or point is worked back along its own chain: begin in the chain named and work one stitch or group in each chain until none is left.
- 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, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- In rnd 1 of the berry the 8 tr in one ch make its wide top and the ch-1 sp makes its point.
- In rnd 1 of the cap the five points worked on a ch 4 are the leaves and the short one worked on a ch 3 is the stem.
- Straight stitch (sewn): bring the yarn needle up from the back at one end of the stitch and put it down at the other end.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3¾ in (10 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4¼ in (11 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 7¼ in (18 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.

Square

Yarns in order of use: C, cream; D, blush.

☐ **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 D 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.

Berry

Yarn A, strawberry red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, tr in next 2 chs, 8 tr in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, tr in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, hdc in next ch, (sc, ch 1) in next ch, sl st in first sc to join **(2 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 12 tr, 1 ch-1 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 8 sts, sc in next 5 sts, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, sl st in first sc to join **(28 sc, 1 ch-1 sp)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 26 sts, 3 sc in next ch-1 sp, sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join **(31 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.

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Cap

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	**[**Ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, sl st in ring**] 5 times**, ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next ch, sl st in ring **(5 sc, 5 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing.

Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the square with one side at the top. Lay the berry on its middle, right side up, with its point toward the middle of the side at the bottom, and sew it down all round its edge with its tail.
- Lay the cap on the berry with its stem straight up and its center 3/8 in (1 cm) below the top edge of the berry, and sew it down with its tail: round the center, and at the tip of every leaf and of the stem.
- Seeds: with C, work 8 straight stitches on the berry, each ¼ in (0.6 cm) long and pointing from the cap to the point. Work 3 in a row straight across the middle of the berry, ¾ in (1.9 cm) apart; 2 in a row 5/8 in (1.6 cm) higher, one above each end of that row and near the edge of the berry; 2 in a row 5/8 in (1.6 cm) lower, below the gaps between the 3; and 1 in the middle ½ in (1.3 cm) below those.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 307 stitches (220 in the square, 77 in the berry, 10 in the cap); 10 ends to weave in.

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