Sunflower blanket of granny squares

US terms



Finished size
About 52¼ × 58¾ in (133 × 149 cm)

Skill
Easy
Worked in rounds, with stitches worked into chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet worked in rounds.

What you need

Yarn A: brown, round 1	**about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: gold, round 2	**about 500 yd (457 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: yellow, round 3	**about 575 yd (526 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, rounds 4 and 5, the seams and the border	**about 1,600 yd (1,463 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 1,450 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: yarn needle, scissors and pins for blocking.

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.

Gauge

13 stitches and 7 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet worked in rounds.

Hook: 5.5 mm, or the size that gives you the gauge.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 3 the piece, which is still a circle, measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across. If yours is larger, use a smaller hook; if it is smaller, use a larger hook.

Notes

- Every round is worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- The foundation is 4 chains joined into a ring. If you prefer, begin with a magic ring instead: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The chain 2 at the start of round 2 does not count as a stitch.

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- The chain 3 at the start of round 3 does not count as a stitch.
- Round 4 makes the four corners: each is (3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) worked in one place.
- In round 5 each corner is (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) worked in one corner space.
- A new color is joined at the start of a round and never inside one; this pattern has 3 changes of color in each square.
- Each square leaves 8 ends to weave in.
- One square measures about 6½ in (17 cm) across.
- A finished side of the square is 19 stitches and 2 corner chains long, 21 in all, which is about 6½ in (17 cm) at the gauge: the open rounds in the middle give, so pin the square out to that size when you block it.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
ch-1 sp: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 15 times: work what is inside 15 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(16 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times (7 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 7 loops.

cluster: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 4 times (5 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 5 loops.

Square: make 72

Yarns in order of use: A, brown; B, gold; C, yellow; D, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 4, sl st in first ch to form a ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), 15 dc in ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(16 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 2, (puff, ch 1) in first st, **[**(puff, ch 1) in next st**] 15 times**, sl st in first puff to join	(16 puffs, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join C with sl st in any ch-1 sp, ch 3, (cluster, ch 2) in same sp, **[**(cluster, ch 2) in next ch-1 sp**] 15 times**, sl st in first cluster to join	(16 clusters, 16 ch-2 sps)

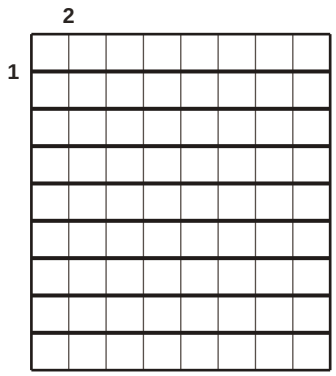
> **Stop and measure now, after round 3.** The piece, which is still a circle, measures about 3½ in (9 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same sp, 3 hdc in next ch-2 sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, (3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in next ch-2 sp, > **[**3 dc in next ch-2 sp, 3 hdc in next ch-2 sp, 3 dc in next ch-2 sp, > (3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(24 dc, 12 hdc, 24 tr, 4 ch-2 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 15 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 3 sts, 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



9 rows of 8. 1: the 8 seams across, worked first, each the whole width. 2: the 7 seams down, each the whole height. The line round all of it is the border.

1. Weave in the ends and block every square to the same size before you join them.

2. Lay the squares out in 9 rows of 8, right sides up.

3. Join with a slip stitch seam in D: with two squares side by side, begin in the corner chain of each that lies nearest the other, and work 1 slip stitch through both loops of the matching stitch or chain of each, in every stitch and chain along the side, ending in the corner chain at the far end (21 slip stitches for each pair of squares).

4. First work the 8 seams that lie between one row and the next, each along the whole width from one side edge to the other (168 slip stitches a seam); then work the 7 seams that lie between one column and the next, each along the whole height, going straight on over every seam it crosses (189 slip stitches a seam): 2,667 slip stitches in all.

5. The seam shows as a raised line on the side that faces you; work every seam from the same side. Begin every seam with a new length of yarn, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail, and fasten off at its end, leaving another.

6. Border, round 1: with D, join with a slip stitch in any corner space of the throw and chain 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 3 single crochet in each of the four corner spaces of the throw, 1 in every stitch along the edges and 1 in each of the two corner spaces that meet at a seam; slip stitch in the first single crochet to join (718 sc). Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.

Finishing

- Weave in the 32 ends of the seams and the border with the yarn needle; with the 576 ends of the squares, woven in before joining, that is 608 ends in all.
- Block the finished blanket: pin it to its size on a flat surface, spray it with water and let it dry.

In all: 72 pieces; 608 ends to weave in.

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