Sunflower square afghan

Lap · US terms



Finished size
About 30½ × 39¾ in (77 × 101 cm) with the border: 12 squares, 3 across by 4 down, each about 9¼ in (23.5 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Popcorns, petals in layers, rounds with corners and sewing

Yarn
Medium (4), 6 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In double crochet in rounds.

What you need

Yarn A: deep denim, main color	**about 370 yd (338 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: chocolate, the square, rounds 1 to 4	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sunflower gold, the square, rounds 5 and 6 and the border, rounds 3 and 4	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: marigold, the square, rounds 7 and 8	**about 210 yd (192 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: moss green, the square, rounds 9 and 10	**about 230 yd (210 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: cornflower, the square, round 13 and the border, rounds 5 and 6	**about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 750 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: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Lap (this file)	**30½ × 39¾ in (77 × 101 cm), 9¼ in (23.5 cm)**	**about 1,490 yd (1,362 m)**
Throw	49 × 58¼ in (124 × 148 cm), 9¼ in (23.5 cm)	about 3,460 yd (3,164 m)

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Gauge

14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet in rounds.

Check it on the first square itself when 4 rounds are done, laid flat: the brown heart is about 3 in (7.5 cm) across. Check again when round 10 is done: the moss square behind the petals is about 6¼ in (16 cm) from one straight edge to the other. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one. A finished square is about 9¼ in (23.5 cm).

Notes

- The squares are worked in joined rounds, always with the right side facing: do not turn.
- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch, and neither does a joining sl st. A ch 3 or ch 4 that counts as a stitch says so. Where a round goes on without a new join, its first stitch goes into (or around) the stitch the joining sl st was made in, the first one of the round before; a ch 3 that counts stands on that stitch, and the next dc goes into the one after it. In round 2 both of the first 2 dc go into it.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them.
- A petal is worked into one stitch. Its picot stands on top of the tall stitch in its middle and makes the point; a picot is not a stitch and is not worked into or counted when stitches are skipped.
- In round 4 the sc go into the top of each popcorn and into each ch-1 sp. In round 5 an sc and a petal take turns, and each goes into one sc of round 4: the sc into the one over a popcorn, the petal into the one over a space.
- Rounds 6 and 8 are worked behind the petals: bend the petals toward you. Each BPsc goes around an sc that stands between two petals, the first one around the first sc of the round; the 5 sts skipped after it are the petal, and the chain lies behind it.
- Round 7 begins in the first ch-2 sp of round 6, the one behind the first petal. Its sc go into the chain spaces, behind the front petals; its petals go into the top of the BPsc of round 6, so that they stand between the front petals. The last of them goes into the first BPsc of round 6. In round 9 all the stitches go into the chain spaces of round 8.
- Round 9 is joined in the chain space behind the first petal of round 7, and that space becomes the first corner. It ends with 4 dc in the last chain space, the one just before the space it was joined in. Rounds 11 and 13 are joined in the first corner space after the join; they end with the stitch just before that space. Rounds 10 and 12 go on from the join, which lies a few stitches before the first corner space: they work up to it, go round the square, and end with the stitches between the last corner space and the join.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook. Fasten off the yarn before. For round 5, which begins "With C", make the sl st that joins round 4 with C. Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) whenever a yarn is joined or cut, and weave the tails in on the wrong side, through stitches of their own color.
- When a ball runs out in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. At the beginning and at the end of every length, leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on the wrong side and fasten the length there: sew three times through the same place. These fastening stitches are not counted. Weave the tails in afterward.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.

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- In the border, make the sl st that joins a round with the new yarn where the next round begins "With" another, and cut the old yarn. The first stitch of a round goes into the same st as the join. The right side faces you in every round.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Lap. 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), **beg** beginning, **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
sk skip, **yo** yarn over the hook.
2 dc in each st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

pop (Popcorn): 5 dc in the same st, take the hook out of the loop, put it from the front to the back under both loops of the first of the 5 dc, catch the loop again and pull it through; the popcorn stands out toward you. Its top is the loop on the hook. In UK terms: a popcorn of 5 tr.

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

BPsc (Back post single crochet; UK BPdc): Insert the hook from the back to the front on the right of the post (the upright part) of the st named, across the front of the post, and to the back again on its left, yo, pull the loop round the post to the back, yo, pull through both loops on the hook. The petals of the round stay in front of it. In UK terms: back post double crochet, or raised double crochet back.

dtr (Double treble crochet): Yo 3 times, insert hook in the place named, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 4 times. In UK terms: triple treble (ttr).

Square: make 12

Yarns in order of use: B, chocolate; C, sunflower gold; D, marigold; E, moss green; A, deep denim; F, cornflower.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first sc	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(16 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**pop in next st, ch 1**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first pop	(16 pop, 16 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(32 sc)

The front petals, in C, sunflower gold

☐ **Rnd 5**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next st, (hdc, dc, tr, picot, dc, hdc) in next st**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(16 sc, 32 hdc, 32 dc, 16 tr, 16 picots)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**BPsc around next st, ch 2, sk next 5 sts**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first BPsc	(16 BPsc, 16 ch-2 sps)

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The back petals, in D, marigold

☐ **Rnd 7**	Join D with sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same sp, (dc, tr, dtr, picot, tr, dc) in next st, **[**sc in next ch-2 sp, (dc, tr, dtr, picot, tr, dc) in next st**] 15 times**; join with sl st in first sc (16 sc, 32 dc, 32 tr, 16 dtr, 16 picots)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**BPsc around next st, ch 3, sk next 5 sts**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first BPsc (16 BPsc, 16 ch-3 sps)

The leaves, in E, moss green

☐ **Rnd 9**	Join E with sl st in next ch-3 sp, ch 4 (counts as tr), (2 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in same sp, 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, **[**(3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr) in next ch-3 sp, 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, 4 dc in next ch-3 sp, 4 dc in next ch-3 sp**] 3 times**; join with sl st in top of beg ch-4 (24 tr, 48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 2 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 18 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 15 sts; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (88 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

The field, in A, deep denim

☐ **Rnd 11**	Join A with sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 22 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 22 sts**] 3 times**; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (104 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 26 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp**] 3 times**, dc in next 24 sts; join with sl st in top of beg ch-3 (120 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)

The line round it, in F, cornflower

☐ **Rnd 13**	Join F with sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, (hdc, ch 2, hdc) in same sp, hdc in next 30 sts, **[**(hdc, ch 2, hdc) in next ch-2 sp, hdc in next 30 sts**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first hdc (128 hdc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Border

Yarns in order of use: A, deep denim; C, sunflower gold; F, cornflower.

Work it when the squares are sewn to each other (Putting it together). Along an edge of the blanket each square has 32 sts between its two corner ch-2 sps; where two squares meet, the ch-2 sp of one and the ch-2 sp of the next lie side by side, the seam between them, and each takes one sc.

The first st is the first one after the corner ch-2 sp at the top right corner of the blanket.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the joined squares, right side facing: the 3 squares of the top edge, the 4 squares of the left edge, the 3 squares of the bottom edge, the 4 squares of the right edge.
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next 31 sts, **[**sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 32 sts**] 2 times**, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 32 sts, **[**sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 32 sts**] 3 times**, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 32 sts, **[**sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 32 sts**] 2 times**, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 32 sts, **[**sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 32 sts**] 3 times**, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp; join with sl st in first sc (476 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 100 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 136 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 102 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 136 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next st; join with sl st in first sc (484 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	With C, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 101 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 138 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 104 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 138 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 2 sts; join with sl st in first sc (492 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 102 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 140 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 106 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 140 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 3 sts; join with sl st in first sc (500 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 5**	With F, ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 103 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 142 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 108 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 142 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 sts; join with sl st in first sc (508 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, sc in same st as join, sc in next 104 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 144 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 110 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 144 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 5 sts; join with sl st in first sc (516 sc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.

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Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of every square. Lay the 12 squares out, right sides up, in 4 rows of 3, with the petals lifted.

2. Seams across the blanket, 3 of them, one between every row of squares and the next: hold the two rows with right sides together, the bottom edges of the upper row against the top edges of the lower one, square against square, and sew them from one side of the blanket to the other. Cut one piece of F for each seam, about 88 in (224 cm) long. Whip stitch through both loops of each pair of sts, 34 stitches for each pair of squares: one in the ch-2 sp at the first corner, 32 in the sts and one in the ch-2 sp at the second corner. Go on to the next pair of squares without cutting the yarn. Fasten every length at both ends, as the note on whip stitch says.

3. Seams down the blanket, 2 of them, one between every column of squares and the next: fold the blanket between the two columns with right sides together, and whip stitch the 4 pairs of squares in the same way, 34 stitches a pair, from the top edge to the bottom edge, straight across the seams that are done. Cut one piece of F for each seam, about 112 in (284 cm) long.

4. Then work the border.

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the seams and of the border with the yarn needle.
- Lay the afghan flat, damp it, pat its edges straight and its corners square, lift the petals with your fingers, and leave it until it is dry.

In all: 12 pieces; 150 ends to weave in.

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