Tree of life granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 11½ in (29 cm) square

Skill
Intermediate
Worked in rows, with color changes and 3 special stitches.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

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

What you need

Yarn A: oat, rows 1 to 29 **about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: moss green, the sewn details **about 55 yd (50 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 75 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), 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. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

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

The panel is about 8¼ in (21 cm) wide and, before it is blocked, about 7¾ in (20 cm) tall.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Notes

- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- The odd rows, from Row 1 to Row 29, are right side rows. After a ch 1 and a turn the first stitch is worked in the last stitch of the row before.

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- The lines of the tree are worked in the odd rows, around the post stitches of the odd row before (two rows below), and in front of the even row between. Row 3 works them around the seven dc of Row 1.
- After a post stitch, sk next st is the stitch of the row before that lies behind it: the post stitch stands in its place. A post stitch may lean to the right or to the left of the one it is worked around; the count of the sc before it says where it stands.
- The next FPdc or FPtr of a row is the next one of that kind to the left of the last one you worked around. Two branches end in Row 21: Row 23 passes over the first and the last FPdc of Row 21, which nothing is worked around. Two end in Row 23: Row 25 passes over the two FPtr of Row 23. The three others end in Row 25.
- The bobbles are worked in even rows, with the wrong side facing, and stand out on the right side. Push them through from the back as you go.
- With B and With A inside a line change the color: draw the new color through in the last yarn over of the stitch before. Lay B in at the start of Row 16 and, in every row from there to Row 28, lay the color you are not using along the tops of the stitches and work over it, in the odd rows too, so that B is at hand for the next bobbles. Fasten off B after Row 28.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along one side: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 7¾ in (20 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 9 in (23 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 14¾ in (37 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch.
sk skip.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(22 sc, 7 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

bobble: [yarn over, insert the hook in the place named, yarn over and pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 5 times, all in the same place (6 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 6 loops.

FPdc (Front post double crochet; UK FPtr): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] twice.

FPtr (Front post treble crochet; UK FPdtr): Yarn over twice, insert the hook from front to back to front round the post of the stitch named, yarn over and pull up a loop, [yarn over and pull through 2 loops] 3 times.

Yarns in order of use: A, oat; B, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 30.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next 3 chs	(22 sc, 7 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, FPtr around next dc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next dc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next dc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next dc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next dc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next dc of Row 1, sk next st, sc in next 5 sts	(22 sc, 2 FPtr, 5 FPdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next FPdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next st, FPtr around next FPdc of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 3, sk next st, sc in next 7 sts	(22 sc, 4 FPtr, 3 FPdc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 9 sts, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPtr of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**FPdc around next FPdc of Row 5, sk next st**] 3 times**, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPtr of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next st, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 5, sk next st, sc in next 9 sts	(22 sc, 2 FPtr, 5 FPdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, FPdc around next FPtr of Row 7, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**FPdc around next FPdc of Row 7, sk next st**] 5 times**, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPtr of Row 7, sk next st, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc, 7 FPdc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 11 sts, **[**FPdc around next FPdc of Row 9, sk next st**] 7 times**, sc in next 11 sts	(22 sc, 7 FPdc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 11 sts, **[**FPdc around next FPdc of Row 11, sk next st**] 7 times**, sc in next 11 sts	(22 sc, 7 FPdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 13, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**FPdc around next FPdc of Row 13, sk next st**] 5 times**, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 13, sk next st, sc in next 10 sts	(22 sc, 7 FPdc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 4 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 13 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 4 sts	(25 sc, 4 bobbles)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 8 sts, FPtr around next FPdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next st, **[**FPdc around next FPdc of Row 15, sk next st**] 3 times**, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next FPdc of Row 15, sk next st, sc in next 8 sts	(22 sc, 2 FPtr, 5 FPdc)

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☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 9 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts	(23 sc, 6 bobbles)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, **[**FPdc around next FPdc of Row 17, sk next st**] 3 times**, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 17, sk next st, sc in next 6 sts	(22 sc, 2 FPtr, 5 FPdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 5 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts	(23 sc, 6 bobbles)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, FPdc around next FPtr of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPtr around next FPdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next st, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, FPtr around next FPdc of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next FPtr of Row 19, sk next st, sc in next 5 sts	(22 sc, 5 FPdc, 2 FPtr)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 5 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 7 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 5 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts	(23 sc, 6 bobbles)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 6 sts, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next 4 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next 4 sts, FPtr around next FPtr of Row 21, sk next st, sc in next 6 sts	(24 sc, 2 FPtr, 3 FPdc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 2 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 5 sts	(23 sc, 6 bobbles)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 10 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 23, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 23, sk next st, sc in next 3 sts, FPdc around next FPdc of Row 23, sk next st, sc in next 10 sts	(26 sc, 3 FPdc)
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 7 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 4 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 4 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next st, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 7 sts	(24 sc, 5 bobbles)

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☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 12 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 3 sts, With B, bobble in next st, With A, sc in next 12 sts	(27 sc, 2 bobbles)
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(29 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Weave in the ends of the panel with the yarn needle. Block: pin the panel right side up to a square, about 8¼ in (21 cm) on every side, spray it with water and let it dry. Push every bobble and every raised line out toward the right side first.
- Frame, round 1: with A and the right side facing, join with a slip stitch in the first st of Row 29, at its right-hand end, and ch 1, which does not count as a stitch; work 1 sc in each of the 29 sts of Row 29, ch 2, 1 sc in the end of each of the 29 rows down the left side, ch 2, 1 sc in each of the 29 chains along the foundation, ch 2, 1 sc in the end of each of the 29 rows up the right side, ch 2; slip stitch in the first sc to join (116 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Frame, round 2: join B with a slip stitch in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, [sk next 2 sc, 3 dc in next sc] 9 times, sk next 2 sc; now work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, [sk next 2 sc, 3 dc in next sc] 9 times, sk next 2 sc, along each of the three other sides; slip stitch in the top of the ch-3 to join (132 dc in groups of 3, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Frame, round 3: join A with a slip stitch in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, 3 dc in each of the next 10 spaces between two groups; now work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp and 3 dc in each of the next 10 spaces between two groups along each of the three other sides; slip stitch in the top of the ch-3 to join (144 dc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Frame, round 4: join B with a slip stitch in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, 3 sc in the same sp, sc in each of the next 36 dc, [3 sc in the next ch-2 sp, sc in each of the next 36 dc] 3 times; slip stitch in the first sc to join (156 sc). Fasten off.
- Pin the finished square right side up to about 11½ in (29.2 cm) on every side, its four corners square, spray it with water and let it dry.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 29 rows.

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