12-inch granny square

US terms



Finished size
About 12 in (30 cm) across

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

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
After round 5 the square measures about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

What you need

Yarn A: butter yellow, rounds 1, 2 and 10	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: apricot, rounds 3 and 4	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: rose, rounds 5 and 6	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: plum, rounds 7 and 8	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: deep teal, rounds 9 and 11	**about 40 yd (37 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 65 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. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 5 the square measures about 5¾ in (15 cm) across.

Notes

- 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.
- 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.

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- 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.
- Rounds 1 and 2 are butter yellow, 3 and 4 apricot, 5 and 6 rose, 7 and 8 plum, 9 deep teal, 10 butter yellow and 11 deep teal. Where the next round is in the same color, do not fasten off: slip stitch across to the corner space as the line says; the slip stitches are not counted.
- Every round begins in a corner: the ch 3 and the stitches after it in the same space are the first corner. The skipped stitches at the end of a side in round 4 are the last 3 before the corner space; after the last of them round 4 is joined.
- Check every side. Counted from one corner space to the next: round 2 has 6 dc and 1 ch-1 space; round 3 has 11 dc; round 4 has 12 dc and 3 ch-1 spaces; round 5 has 15 dc and 4; round 6 has 18 dc and 5; round 7 has 21 dc and 6; round 8 has 24 dc and 7; round 9 has 27 dc and 8; round 10 has 30 dc and 9; round 11 has 43 dc.
- Measure twice: after round 5, about 5¾ in (15 cm), and after round 11, about 12 in (30 cm), both straight across. If the square is more than ¼ in (0.6 cm) small after round 5, begin again with the next larger hook.

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **sp** space, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
sk skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 dc in next st: all in one stitch. **dc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.
(12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, butter yellow; B, apricot; C, rose; D, plum; E, deep teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, 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**, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (12 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off A.
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join B with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (44 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next st, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, **[**ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st**] 2 times**, ch 1, sk next 3 sts, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next 3 sts, 3 dc in next st**] 2 times**, ch 1, sk next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (48 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off B.
☐ **Rnd 5**	Join C with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join (60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)

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☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(72 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 20 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 5 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(84 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 24 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next 2 sts, sl st in next ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 6 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 6 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(96 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 28 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off D.	
☐ **Rnd 9**	Join E with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 7 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 7 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(108 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 32 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off E.	
☐ **Rnd 10**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 8 times**, **[**(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 8 times] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(120 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 36 ch-1 sps)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 11**	Join E with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 3 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same sp, **[**dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, dc in next 3 sts, **[**(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp, **[**dc in next 3 sts, dc in next ch-1 sp**] 9 times**, dc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in top of ch-3 to join	(172 dc, 4 ch-2 sps)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Finishing

- Block: pin the square to exactly 12 in (30.5 cm) on every side, spray it with water and let it dry.
- To join squares: lay two with right sides together and, with E, slip stitch through both top loops of both, 1 in the corner spaces, 1 in each of the 43 dc of the side and 1 in the next corner spaces. Fasten off. Each side takes about 50 in (127 cm) of E, with its ends. Twelve squares in 4 rows of 3 make a lap blanket of about 36 by 48 in (91 by 122 cm).
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 11 rounds; 840 stitches; 14 ends to weave in.

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