CROCHET GRANNY SQUARE BLANKET: A BEAUTIFUL 117-SQUARE THROW IN 9 SIZES

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FINISHED SIZE

The pattern is written for the Throw size. Every square is the same in all sizes, so to make another size, make the number of squares in the table and arrange them in the layout shown.

Size | Finished size | Squares | Layout (across x down) | Yarn for squares | Yarn for joining and edging

Lovey | 13 x 13 in (33 x 33 cm) | 4 | 2 x 2 | about 100 yds (91 m) | about 85 yds (78 m)

Security | 18 x 18 in (46 x 46 cm) | 9 | 3 x 3 | about 220 yds (201 m) | about 130 yds (119 m)

Baby | 33 x 33 in (84 x 84 cm) | 36 | 6 x 6 | about 875 yds (800 m) | about 250 yds (229 m)

Crib | 43 x 63 in (109 x 160 cm) | 96 | 8 x 12 | about 2,325 yds (2,126 m) | about 505 yds (462 m)

Lap | 38 x 48 in (97 x 122 cm) | 63 | 7 x 9 | about 1,530 yds (1,399 m) | about 385 yds (352 m)

Throw | 48 x 68 in (122 x 173 cm) | 117 | 9 x 13 | about 2,835 yds (2,592 m) | about 565 yds (517 m)

Twin | 63 x 93 in (160 x 236 cm) | 216 | 12 x 18 | about 5,225 yds (4,778 m) | about 830 yds (759 m)

Queen | 93 x 93 in (236 x 236 cm) | 324 | 18 x 18 | about 7,840 yds (7,169 m) | about 1,070 yds (979 m)

King | 93 x 108 in (236 x 274 cm) | 378 | 18 x 21 | about 9,145 yds (8,362 m) | about 1,190 yds (1,088 m)

Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension. The finished size is the size after the border: the squares alone measure 3 inches (8 cm) less in each direction, because the border adds about 1.5 inches (4 cm) on every side.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. You need chains, double crochet, single crochet, half double crochet, slip stitches, working in joined rounds, and a flat slip stitch join. The stitches are simple and the same square is repeated throughout, so this is a calm project for a first blanket.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. A throw of 117 squares is a project for several weeks of relaxed evenings: each square takes only a few minutes, and the joining and border come at the end. That estimate is NOT a source fact; do not quote it as one.

MATERIALS

- DK weight (#3) yarn, Universal Yarn Uptown DK (100% acrylic, 273 yds / 250 m, 100 g per skein):
- Color A Bright Yellow (#141), Color B Aqua (#146), Color C Bashful (#104), Color D Root (#113): one color per square. For the Throw you need about 2,835 yds (2,592 m) for the squares in total. Divide that by the number of colors you use: with all four colors, about 709 yds (648 m) of each. Skein counts are computed from the source yardage: about 11 skeins of 273 yds if the squares are worked in one color, or about 3 skeins of each of the four colors.
- Color E White (#101) for joining and edging: for the Throw about 565 yds (517 m), about 3 skeins of 273 yds, computed from the source yardage.
- Total yarn for the Throw: about 3,400 yds (3,109 m).
- For the other sizes, use the yardage in the Finished Size table. The source gives yardage only, no skein counts.
- I (5.5 mm) crochet hook for the squares and the edging, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- J (6.0 mm) crochet hook for the joining (one size larger than the square hook)
- Locking stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. ch sp: chain space. dc: double crochet. hdc: half double crochet. picot: see Special Stitches. rep: repeat. RS: right side. sc: single crochet. sl st: slip stitch. sp(s): space(s). st(s): stitch(es). yo: yarn over.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Picot: Ch 3, starting from above the stitch, insert the hook under the front loop and one vertical bar of the last stitch, yo, pull through both strands of the stitch and the loop on the hook.

NOTES

This pattern uses standard US terms. Each square is worked in one color only, to keep the ends to a minimum: work each square in Color A, B, C, or D. The joining and the edging are worked in Color E (White). The chain 2 at the beginning of a round does NOT count as a stitch. To join a round, work a half double crochet in the first stitch of the round; that half double crochet counts as the corner chain space. Each square is 5 rounds and measures about 5 inches (13 cm) across after blocking. Gauge: 5 rounds of granny square = about 5 inches (13 cm). Make one square first and measure it: if it is bigger than 5 inches (13 cm), go down half a hook size; if it is smaller, go up half a size. All 117 squares must match, so check the size of every square as you go.

GRANNY SQUARE (make 117 for the Throw, or the number in the Finished Size table for your size)

Work with the smaller hook. Make a magic ring, or chain 4 and slip stitch to join to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 2 (does not count as a st), [3 dc in ring, ch 2] 3 times, 3 dc in ring, hdc in first st to join (the hdc counts as the corner ch sp). (12 dc, 4 ch-2 corner sps)

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 3 dc in corner ch sp, *skip next 3 sts, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch sp, rep from * 2 more times, skip next 3 sts, 3 dc in next corner ch sp, hdc in first st to join. (24 dc, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 4 side sps)

Rnd 3: Ch 2, 3 dc in corner ch sp, *3 dc in each sp between 3-dc groups to next corner ch sp, skipping the sts between the sps, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch sp, rep from * 2 more times, 3 dc in each sp between 3-dc groups to next corner ch sp, skipping the sts between the sps, 3 dc in next corner ch sp, hdc in first st to join. (36 dc, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 8 side sps)

Rnd 4: Repeat Rnd 3. (48 dc, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 12 side sps)

Rnd 5: Repeat Rnd 3. (60 dc, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 16 side sps)

Fasten off. Each finished square has 15 dc along each side, and measures about 5 inches (13 cm) across.

LAYOUT

Decide how to arrange the colors before you join. Arrange the squares mostly at random, but never put two squares of the same color right next to each other, up and down or side to side. Lay all the squares out on a flat surface in rows, with the right side up, in the layout for your size: for the Throw, 9 squares across and 13 squares down.

FLAT SLIP STITCH JOIN

Join with Color E (White) and the larger hook. Join the rows first, then the columns. Each side of a square has 15 stitches, and each side join uses 17 slip stitches, because you include one chain at each end from the corner chain spaces.

Place the first square of the first row on a flat surface in front of you with the right side up. Place the first square of the second row also right side up in front of you above the first square, so the line between them runs horizontally across your flat surface.

Make a slip knot in the yarn and place it on the hook. Insert the hook through the back loop of the first chain of the first corner chain space of the top square, then insert the hook through the back loop of the second chain of the first corner chain space of the bottom square, yo, pull through both chains and the loop on the hook. Keep the working yarn below the squares and the hook, so as you work you are pulling the working yarn from underneath the join.

*Insert the hook through the back loop of the next stitch of the bottom square, insert the hook through the back loop of the next stitch of the top square, yo, pull through both stitches and the loop on the hook, insert the hook through the back loop of the next stitch of the top square, insert the hook through the back loop of the next stitch of the bottom square, yo, pull through both stitches and the loop on the hook, rep from * across in every stitch and corner chain, working each corner chain with the side it is closest to.

After you join one set of squares, chain 1 and continue to join the next set of squares in order in the two rows. When you have joined all the squares in those two rows, fasten off. Then join all the squares of the third row to those of the second row in the same way, and so on, always working the joins in the same direction across the blanket. Continue until all the rows of squares are joined together.

Then turn the piece 90 degrees and join the columns of squares in the same manner, working each column of joining in the same direction as all the other columns. Each time you come to a corner, chain 1 and continue to the next set of squares, letting the chain and the working yarn travel over the perpendicular join.

EDGING

Work with Color E (White) and the smaller hook. The counts for the Throw are given after each round below; the counts for all sizes are in the Edging Counts table above.

EDGING COUNTS BY SIZE

Size | Rnd 1: short sides (sc) | Rnd 1: long sides (sc) | Rnd 1: total (sc) | Rnd 2 (dc) | Rnd 3 (dc) | Rnd 4 (picots)

Lovey | 37 | 37 | 148 | 156 | 168 | 60

Security | 55 | 55 | 220 | 228 | 240 | 84

Baby | 109 | 109 | 436 | 444 | 456 | 156

Crib | 145 | 217 | 724 | 732 | 744 | 252

Lap | 127 | 163 | 580 | 588 | 600 | 204

Throw | 163 | 235 | 796 | 804 | 816 | 276

Twin | 217 | 325 | 1,084 | 1,092 | 1,104 | 372

Queen | 325 | 325 | 1,300 | 1,308 | 1,320 | 444

King | 325 | 379 | 1,408 | 1,416 | 1,428 | 480

Rnd 1 (RS): (Join with sc, sc) in one corner ch sp, *[sc in each st and ch sp to next join, sc in next join] to next blanket corner**, 4 sc in corner, place marker in second corner st, rep from * 3 more times, ending the last repeat at **, 2 more sc in blanket corner, place marker in last st, sl st in first st to join. For the Throw: short sides 163 sc; long sides 235 sc; total 796 sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 3 dc in first st, *[skip 2 sts, 3 dc in next st] to 2 sts before next marker, skip next 2 sts, 3 dc in marked st**, remove marker, ch 2 (counts as corner ch sp), 3 dc in next st, rep from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, hdc in first st to join. For the Throw: 804 dc.

Rnd 3: Ch 2, 3 dc in corner ch sp, *3 dc in each sp between 3-dc groups to next corner ch sp, skipping the sts between the sps**, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next corner ch sp, rep from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, 3 dc in next corner ch sp, hdc in first st to join. For the Throw: 816 dc.

Rnd 4: Ch 1 loosely, (hdc, picot, sc) in corner ch sp, *[sc in next st, ch 1, hdc in next st, picot, sc in next st] to next corner ch sp**, (sc, ch 1, hdc, picot, sc) in next corner ch sp, rep from * 3 more times, ending last repeat at **, sc in last ch sp, sl st in first st to join. For the Throw: 276 picots.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends with the tapestry needle, hiding them inside the stitches so they do not show. Block the blanket to the finished measurements: pin it out, lightly spray it with water, and leave it to dry fully before you take the pins out.

CARE

The source pattern gives no care instructions. The yarn is 100% acrylic; follow the washing instructions on the ball band.

TIPS FOR A NEAT BLANKET

- Make one square first and measure it. It should be about 5 inches (13 cm) across after 5 rounds. If it is off, change your hook before you make 117 squares in the wrong size.
- Count the stitches at the end of every round: 12, 24, 36, 48, then 60 dc. Each round adds exactly 12 dc, one cluster of 3 dc on each side of the square.
- Keep the squares the same size. Lay each finished square on top of the first one as you go: if a square is bigger or smaller, check your tension before you make more.
- Lay out all the squares before you join anything. Check that no two squares of the same color sit next to each other, up and down or side to side.
- Join in the same direction every time. Work all the row joins in one direction, then turn the blanket 90 degrees and work all the column joins in one direction, so the seams look even.
- Count the border as you go. The first border round for the Throw has 796 sc in total: 163 along each short side and 235 along each long side. If your count is off, check the side you just worked before going on.

VARIATIONS

- Solid color blanket: work all the squares in one color and join and edge in the same color. You will have fewer ends to weave in, and the granny stitch texture does all the talking.
- Two color blanket: work the squares in two colors and join and edge in white. Alternate the colors in a checkerboard layout.
- A baby blanket: make the Baby size, 36 squares in a 6 by 6 layout, 33 by 33 inches (84 by 84 cm). It takes about 875 yards (800 m) for the squares and about 250 yards (229 m) for the joining and edging.
- A bedspread: make the Queen or King size. The Queen takes 324 squares and the King takes 378 squares, so allow plenty of time and yarn.
- A scrap blanket: work each square in a different leftover color of the same DK weight yarn. Keep the joining and edging in one color so the blanket still looks calm.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Banana Moon Studio: Kingfisher Granny Square Blanket, https://bananamoonstudio.com/crochet-granny-square-blanket-pattern/

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