CROCHET OVERALLS: BEAUTIFUL GRANNY SQUARE OVERALLS IN 48 MOTIFS

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FINISHED SIZE

Two size groups: XS/S/M (L/XL/2XL).

- To fit hip measurement: 32-42 (44-52) in [81.5-106.5 (112-132) cm]
- Finished hip measurement: 37 (49) in [94 (124.5) cm]. The pants stretch slightly to fit.
- Pants inseam: approx. 30 in [76 cm], both sizes.

Note: the Ravelry listing for this pattern prints the smaller to-fit hip range as 32-34 in. The pattern PDF itself and the Yarnspirations product page both print 32-42 in [81.5-106.5 cm], and 32 in converts to 81.5 cm while 42 in converts to 106.5 cm, so the PDF reading is used here. The Ravelry 32-34 in looks like a listing typo.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy. You need chains, single crochet, half double crochet, and double crochet, plus a flat slip stitch seam for joining motifs. There is no body shaping beyond the waistband rounds.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. It is a large garment made from 48 (62) motifs, so most crocheters finish it over several relaxed weeks. That estimate is NOT a source fact; do not quote it as one.

MATERIALS

- Red Heart Super Saver (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m), Main Color (MC) Black (0312): 1 ball in both sizes. The pattern states 256 yds (234 m) for XS/S/M and 360 yds (329 m) for L/XL/2XL.
- Red Heart All in One Granny Square (8.8 oz/250 g; 417 yds/381 m), Contrast A Silver Sea (2039): 3 balls for XS/S/M, 4 balls for L/XL/2XL. Note: 1 ball makes 14 motifs, and 3 x 14 = 42 and 4 x 14 = 56, which matches the standard motif counts below.
- Size U.S. I/9 (5.5 mm) crochet hook, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- 2 buttons approx. 1.25 in [3 cm] in diameter

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

Approx: Approximately. Beg: Beginning. Ch: Chain(s). Dc: Double crochet. Hdc: Half double crochet. PM: Place marker. Rep: Repeat. Rnd(s): Round(s). RS: Right side. Sc: Single crochet. Sc2tog: Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc, yarn over hook and draw through all 3 loops on hook. Sl st: Slip stitch. Sp(s): Space(s). St(s): Stitch(es). Tog: Together. Yoh: Yarn over hook.

NOTES

This pattern is written in US crochet terms. The instructions are written for size XS/S/M. If changes are necessary for the larger size, the instructions are written XS/S/M (L/XL/2XL). When only one number is given, it applies to both sizes.

Motifs begin with Color 1, the shortest color repeat, from the center of the pull-skein, leaving a 4 in [10 cm] tail to weave in. Each color aligns with 1 round in the motif, with 5 colors in total. Ch 3 at the beginning of a round counts as dc. Ch 6 at the beginning of a round counts as dc and ch-3 sp. Join all rounds with sl st to the 3rd ch of ch-6 unless otherwise indicated.

If too much color is left at the end of a round, pull back some stitches and slightly loosen the gauge to re-work the stitches and finish at the color change. If too little color is left, pull back some stitches and slightly tighten the gauge to re-work the stitches and finish at the color change. When a motif is complete, cut the yarn where Color 5, the longest color repeat, ends, leaving a tail for weaving in. Begin the next motif with Color 1 and repeat the 5 rounds for each motif.

GAUGE

Standard Motif = approx. 6 in [15 cm] square. Modified Motif = approx. 5.5 in [14 cm] square. 12 sc and 15 rows = 4 in [10 cm].

Check: a finished hip of 37 in from 6 in motifs is consistent with 6 motifs around the top, 6 x 6 = 36 in plus seaming, and the larger finished hip of 49 in is consistent with 8 motifs around, 8 x 6 = 48 in plus seaming.

STANDARD MOTIF

With A, make 42 (56) Standard Motifs.

With Color 1, ch 4. Join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.

1st rnd: (RS). Ch 6. (3 dc. Ch 3) 3 times in ring. 2 dc in ring. Join. (12 dc: the ch 6 counts as 1 dc, then 3 + 3 + 3 + 2 dc = 12 dc, in 4 corners.)

2nd rnd: Sl st in ch-3 sp. Ch 6. 3 dc in same ch-3 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more. Ch 1. 2 dc in first ch-3 sp. Join. (24 dc: 4 corners of 6 dc each.)

3rd rnd: Sl st in ch-3 sp. Ch 6. 3 dc in same ch-3 sp. Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more. Ch 1. 3 dc in last ch-1 sp. Ch 1. 2 dc in first ch-3 sp. Join. (36 dc: 4 corners of 6 dc = 24, plus 1 cluster of 3 dc on each of the 4 sides = 12.)

4th rnd: Sl st in ch-3 sp. Ch 6. 3 dc in same ch-3 sp. (Ch 1. 3 dc) in each ch-1 sp to next ch-3 sp. Ch 1. (3 dc. Ch 3. 3 dc) in next ch-3 sp. Rep from * twice more, then from * to ** once. 2 dc in first ch-3 sp. Join. (48 dc: 4 corners of 6 dc = 24, plus 2 clusters of 3 dc on each of the 4 sides = 24.)

5th rnd: Work as 4th rnd. (60 dc: 4 corners of 6 dc = 24, plus 3 clusters of 3 dc on each of the 4 sides = 36.)

Fasten off.

MODIFIED MOTIF

With A, make 6 Modified Motifs.

Work from *** to *** as given for the Standard Motif, that is, the 1st through 3rd rounds, then work the 4th round as given for the Standard Motif.

5th rnd: Sl st in ch-3 sp. Ch 1. (1 sc. Ch 2. 1 sc) in ch-3 sp. 1 sc in each dc and ch-1 sp to next ch-3 sp. Rep from * 3 times more. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off. (44 sc: on each of the 4 sides, 2 sc in the corner plus 1 sc in each of the 6 dc and 3 ch-1 sps of the 4th round = 11 sc per side, 4 x 11 = 44 sc, plus 4 ch-2 sps.)

MOTIF COUNTS, CHECKED

Standard Motifs: 42 (56). Modified Motifs: 6. Total motifs: 48 (62).

Top part of pants: 2 strips with 6 (8) Standard Motifs in each strip = 12 (16) motifs.

Legs: 10 strips, 5 strips for each leg, with 3 (4) Standard Motifs in each strip = 30 (40) motifs for both legs.

12 + 30 = 42, and 16 + 40 = 56. The strip counts match the standard motif counts exactly.

Front bib: 2 strips with 2 Modified Motifs in each strip = 4 motifs. Back bib: 2 Modified Motifs joined together = 2 motifs. 4 + 2 = 6. The bib counts match the modified motif count exactly.

CROTCH GUSSET

Note: each edge of the crotch gusset should match the length of the side of a Standard Motif.

With MC, ch 2.

1st row: (RS). 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Turn. (2 sc)

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Turn. (2 sc)

3rd row: Ch 1. 2 sc in each of next 2 sc. Turn. (4 sc)

4th to 6th rows: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. (4 sc)

7th row: Ch 1. 2 sc in first sc. 1 sc in each sc to last sc. 2 sc in last sc. Turn. (6 sc: 4 + 2)

8th to 19th rows: Rep the last 4 rows 3 times more. (12 sc. Each repeat of rows 4 to 7 adds 2 sts: 6 to 8 to 10 to 12.)

20th to 22nd rows: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. (12 sc)

23rd row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. 1 sc in each sc to last 2 sc. Sc2tog. Turn. (10 sts: 12 - 2)

24th to 35th rows: Rep the last 4 rows 3 times more. (4 sts. Each repeat of rows 20 to 23 takes away 2 sts: 10 to 8 to 6 to 4.)

36th to 38th rows: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. (4 sc)

39th row: Ch 1. (Sc2tog) twice. Turn. (2 sts: 4 - 2)

40th row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each of next 2 sts. Turn. (2 sts)

41st row: Ch 1. Sc2tog. Fasten off. (1 st)

FINISHING AND ASSEMBLY

Following the assembly diagrams in the source pattern, join motifs using the Flat Slip Stitch seam as follows: with MC, sl st motifs together, working through back loops only, keeping the right sides up on all motifs and the working yarn to the wrong side of the work, to create a flat slip stitch chain detail on the right side.

Top part of pants: make 2 strips with 6 (8) Standard Motifs in each strip, joining motifs together using the Flat Slip Stitch seam with MC. Join the strips to make the top part of the pants. Join the back seam.

Legs: make 10 strips, 5 strips for each leg, with 3 (4) Standard Motifs in each strip, joining motifs together using the Flat Slip Stitch seam. Join the strips to make the legs, and join the legs to the top part of the pants, leaving an opening for the crotch gusset. Sew the inner leg seams, and sew the crotch gusset in position between the leg motifs using a flat seam.

Leg edging: 1st rnd: (RS). Join MC with sl st to the inner leg seam. Ch 1. Work 1 sc in each dc, ch-1 sp, and ch-3 sp around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off. Repeat for the second leg. The source gives no stitch total for this round, because the count depends on the leg opening; no total is stated here.

SHAPE BACK WAISTBAND

1st rnd: Join MC with sl st to the center back seam of the pants. Ch 1. 1 sc in the same sp as the sl st and each of the next 45 (60) dc, skipping all ch-sps. 1 sc in the center front joining seam. PM on the last sc. 1 sc in each of the next 45 (60) dc. Join with sl st to first sc. (92 (122) sc: 1 + 45 + 1 + 45 = 92, and 1 + 60 + 1 + 60 = 122.) PM for the beginning of the round.

2nd rnd: Ch 3, counts as dc. 1 dc in each of next 6 (13) sc. 1 hdc in each of next 7 sc. 1 sc in each sc to last 13 (20) sc. 1 hdc in each of next 7 sc. 1 dc in each sc to end of rnd. Join with sl st to top of ch-3. (92 (122) sts: the ch 3 counts as 1 dc, so 1 + 6 = 7 dc, + 7 hdc, + 65 (81) sc, + 7 hdc, + 6 (13) dc = 92 (122).)

3rd rnd: Ch 3. 1 dc in each of next 9 (16) sts. 1 hdc in each of next 7 sts. 1 sc in each st to last 16 (23) sts. 1 hdc in each of next 7 sts. 1 dc in each st to end of round. Join with sl st to first st. (92 (122) sts: 1 + 9 = 10 dc, + 7 hdc, + 59 (75) sc, + 7 hdc, + 9 (16) dc = 92 (122).)

4th rnd: Ch 3. 1 dc in each of next 13 (20) sts. 1 hdc in each of next 7 sts. 1 sc in each st to last 20 (27) sts. 1 hdc in each of next 7 sts. 1 dc in each st to end of rnd. Join with sl st to first st. (92 (122) sts: 1 + 13 = 14 dc, + 7 hdc, + 51 (67) sc, + 7 hdc, + 13 (20) dc = 92 (122).)

5th rnd: Ch 2, does not count as a st. 1 hdc in each st around. Join with sl st to first hdc. (92 (122) hdc.)

6th rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in each hdc around. Join with sl st to first sc. Fasten off. (92 (122) sc.)

WAIST CORD

First st: with MC, ch 2. Draw up a loop in the 2nd ch from the hook. Yarn over hook and draw through 1 loop on the hook, a chain is made. Yarn over hook and draw through 2 loops on the hook, a sc is made.

Remaining sts: draw up a loop in the chain of the previous st. Yarn over hook and draw through 1 loop on the hook, a chain. Yarn over hook and draw through 2 loops on the hook. Repeat from * until the cord measures the length to fit the waist measurement plus extra length for a tie. Fasten off.

Beginning at the front, thread the cord through the 5th round of hdc of the waistband. Tie both ends at the front. The source gives no fixed stitch count for the cord, because the length depends on the waist measurement; no total is stated here.

FRONT BIB

Make 2 strips with 2 Modified Motifs in each strip, joining motifs together using the Flat Slip Stitch seam with MC. Join the strips together.

Front Bib Border. Note: the border is worked around the sides and top of the front bib. With the right side facing, join MC with sl st to the lower right corner of the front bib.

1st row: Ch 1. Work 1 sc in each sc, ch-1 sp, and ch-3 sp, on either side of the seam, along the edge to the next corner ch-3 sp. 3 sc in the corner ch-3 sp. Ch 4. Skip the next 4 sts. 1 sc in each dc, ch-1 sp, and ch-3 sp, on either side of the seam, to 4 sts before the next corner ch-3 sp. Ch 4. Skip the next 4 sc. 3 sc in the corner ch-3 sp. 1 sc in each sc, ch-1 sp, and ch-3 sp, on either side of the seam, to the next corner ch-3 sp. 1 sc in the corner ch-3 sp. Turn.

2nd row: Ch 1. Work 1 sc in each sc to 2 sts before the next ch-4. 3 sc in the next sc. 1 sc in the next sc. 4 sc in the ch-4 sp. 1 sc in each sc to the next ch-4 sp. 4 sc in the ch-4 sp. 1 sc in the next sc. 3 sc in the next sc. 1 sc in each sc to the end of the row. Fasten off.

The source gives no stitch totals for these border rows, because the counts depend on the bib edges; no totals are stated here.

Join the front bib and the back bib to the pants as shown in the diagrams, being careful to align the center of the bibs over the center front and center back of the pants.

BACK BIB

Join 2 Modified Motifs together using the Flat Slip Stitch seam with MC.

Back Bib Border. Note: the border is worked around the sides and top of the back bib. With the right side facing, join MC with sl st to the lower right corner of the back bib.

1st row: Ch 1. Work 1 sc in each sc, ch-1 sp, and ch-3 sp, on either side of the seam, along the edge to the next corner ch-3 sp. 3 sc in the corner ch-3 sp. PM on the central sc of the 3 sc. Repeat from * twice more, ending the final repeat with 1 sc in the corner ch-3 sp. Fasten off.

Join the straps to either side of the back bib as shown in the diagram in the source pattern. Sew the buttons to the opposite ends of the straps.

STRAPS (make 2)

With MC, ch 7.

1st row: 1 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook. 1 sc in each ch to the end of the chain. Turn. (6 sc: 7 ch less 1 = 6 sc.)

2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to the end of the row. Turn.

Repeat the 2nd row until the strap measures 11 (13) in [28 (33) cm]. Fasten off. The source gives the strap length, not a row count. At the stated gauge of 15 rows to 4 in, 11 in is about 41 rows and 13 in is about 49 rows; those row counts are calculated here, not printed in the source, so measure the strap as you work.

CARE

Machine wash, delicate cycle. Do not bleach. Do not dry clean. Do not iron. Tumble dry, gentle. These care instructions are printed in the source pattern.

TIPS FOR NEAT OVERALLS

- Make one motif first and check it measures about 6 in square. A motif that is too small makes the whole pair too small, because the garment is built from squares.
- Count the double crochet stitches in every motif round: 12, 24, 36, 48, then 60. If a round is off, the square will not stay flat.
- Keep the color order the same in every motif. Start each motif with Color 1 from the center of the pull-skein, and finish where Color 5 ends.
- Check the motif counts before assembly: 42 (56) standard motifs and 6 modified motifs. The strips use 12 (16) for the top and 30 (40) for the legs, and the bibs use all 6 modified motifs.
- Check the waistband count after round 1. It must hold 92 (122) single crochet stitches, and every round after that must hold the same total.

VARIATIONS

- Make shortalls: use fewer motif strips in the legs for a shorter leg, keeping the same top, bibs, and straps.
- Change the contrast color: any All in One Granny Square colorway works, or use a solid worsted weight yarn and change colors by hand each round.
- Wear them with the straps crossed at the back for a different look, fastening the buttons to the front bib as usual.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by the Red Heart Design Team: Crochet Granny Square Overalls, RHC0139-37678M, November 28, 2024, Yarnspirations, https://www.yarnspirations.com/en-row/products/red-heart-crochet-granny-square-overalls (free PDF download: https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0711/5132/1403/files/RHC0139-37678M.pdf)

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