CROCHET VEST: A BEAUTIFUL GRANNY SQUARE VEST IN 9 SIZES

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FINISHED SIZE

Size | Fits bust | Length (shoulder to hem) | Width laid flat (under armholes)

XS | 30 in (76 cm) | 16.5 in (42 cm) | 15 in (38 cm)

S | 34 in (86 cm) | 17 in (43 cm) | 17 in (43 cm)

M | 38 in (97 cm) | 17 in (43 cm) | 18 in (46 cm)

L | 42 in (107 cm) | 18 in (46 cm) | 20 in (51 cm)

1X | 46 in (117 cm) | 20 in (51 cm) | 23 in (58 cm)

2X | 50 in (127 cm) | 20 in (51 cm) | 25 in (64 cm)

3X | 54 in (137 cm) | 21 in (53 cm) | 27 in (69 cm)

4X | 58 in (147 cm) | 21.5 in (55 cm) | 29 in (74 cm)

5X | 62 in (157 cm) | 22.5 in (57 cm) | 30 in (76 cm)

Sizes are approximate and will vary a little with your yarn and tension.

SKILL LEVEL

Confident Advanced Beginner. You need chains, double crochet, single crochet, slip stitches, working in joined rounds, and basic seaming with a tapestry needle. The stitches are simple; the garment skills are checking your gauge, seaming the pieces, and working the ribbing.

TIME

The source pattern gives no exact time. Two large granny squares plus side and shoulder sections and ribbing is a weekend project for most crocheters: allow a few relaxed evenings, a little longer the first time.

MATERIALS

- Worsted-weight (#4) yarn, Lion Brand Color Theory (246 yds / 225 m, 3.5 oz / 100 g per skein):
- Color A Peacock (teal): 2 (2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3) skeins, about 127 (132, 140, 151, 164, 178, 193, 209, 223) g
- Color B Nutmeg (rust): 1 skein, about 36 (36, 36, 36, 36, 36, 52, 52, 52) g

- Color C Moonbeam (cream): 1 skein, about 42 (42, 42, 42, 42, 42, 42, 42, 60) g
- Color D Stonewash (grey): 1 skein, about 43 (43, 62, 62, 62, 62, 62, 62, 62) g
- Total yarn, computed from the pattern's gram weights: about 615 (627, 694, 721, 754, 788, 865, 905, 984) yards / 562 (574, 635, 660, 689, 721, 791, 828, 900) m
- J (6.0 mm) crochet hook for the squares, sides, and shoulders, or the size needed to obtain gauge
- I (5.5 mm) crochet hook for the ribbing (one size smaller than the larger hook)
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch markers
- T-pins
- Steamer or iron with steam function (a spray bottle also works)
- Blocking board
- Scissors

ABBREVIATIONS (US terms)

ch: chain. ch sp: chain space. cl: cluster (3 dc). dc: double crochet. pm: place marker. rep: repeat. RS: right side. WS: wrong side. sc: single crochet. scblo: single crochet back loop only. sk: skip. sl st: slip stitch. st(s): stitch(es). tch: turning chain. yo: yarn over.

NOTES

The pattern is written for the smallest size, with the numbers for larger sizes in parentheses: XS (S, M, L, 1X, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X). Highlight all the numbers for your size before you begin. The granny square is worked in joined rounds, so you are always working on the right side of the piece. Each round is finished with a slip stitch to the first stitch of the round. Chain 3 at the beginning of a round always counts as 1 double crochet. Chain 4 at the beginning of a row counts as 1 double crochet plus chain 1. Work one round of each color and fasten off after each round; the color sequence repeats A, B, C, D. The vest is worked with the larger hook. Ribbing, neck, and armhole trim are worked with the smaller hook. The vest is designed to have neutral or slightly negative ease at the bust. If you are between sizes, you may choose to size down for a tight fit, or size up for a looser fit. Gauge: 5 rounds of granny stitch pattern = 5.5 inches (14 cm) using the larger hook. Check your gauge a few rounds into the first square: this is what will ensure your vest turns out the size you expect.

MAIN GRANNY SQUARE (make 2)

Work with the larger hook. Work one round of each color and fasten off after each round.

Foundation: Create a magic circle, or ch 4 and sl st to join to form a ring.

Rnd 1 (Color A): Ch 3, 2 dc, *(ch 2, 3 dc) in ring three times, ch 2, join with sl st to top of tch. (12 dc). Fasten off Color A.

Rnd 2 (Color B): Sl st to first ch 2 sp, (ch 3, 2 dc) in first ch 2 sp, (ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, *ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, rep from * two more times, ch 1, join with sl st to top of tch. (24 dc). Fasten off Color B.

Rnd 3 (Color C): Sl st to first ch 2 sp, (ch 3, 2 dc) in first ch 2 sp, (ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch 2 sp, rep from * two more times, ch 1, 3 dc in

next ch 1 sp, ch 1, join with sl st to top of tch. (36 dc). Fasten off Color C.

Rnd 4 (Color D): Sl st to first ch 2 sp, (ch 3, 2 dc) in first ch 2 sp, (ch 2, 3 dc) in same sp, *(ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch 1 sp until you reach the next ch 2 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in ch 2 sp, rep from * two more times, (ch 1, 3 dc) in each ch 1 sp until you reach the end of the round, ch 1, join with sl st to top of tch. (48 dc). Fasten off Color D.

GAUGE CHECK: Measure the distance across the square. After 4 rounds it should measure about 4.5 inches (11.5 cm) across in both directions. If the piece is too large, decrease the size of your hook. If the piece is too small, increase the size of your hook.

Continuing with the granny square: Repeat Rnd 4, following the (A, B, C, D) color sequence, until you have worked 11 (11, 12, 12, 13, 13, 14, 14, 15) rounds in total. Each round adds 1 cluster of 3 dc to each side of the square and 12 stitches in total.

Round by round: Rnd 5: 60 dc. Rnd 6: 72 dc. Rnd 7: 84 dc. Rnd 8: 96 dc. Rnd 9: 108 dc. Rnd 10: 120 dc. Rnd 11: 132 dc. Rnd 12: 144 dc. Rnd 13: 156 dc. Rnd 14: 168 dc. Rnd 15: 180 dc.

So the finished square has (132, 132, 144, 144, 156, 156, 168, 168, 180) dc. Fasten off.

Note: the source pattern lists 170 dc for the 5X square after 15 rounds. That is a misprint: each round adds 12 stitches, so 15 rounds give 180 dc (14 rounds give 168, plus 12 is 180). This pattern uses 180.

SIDES OF VEST

Front - Left Side (as worn)

With RS facing and Color A, attach yarn in the fifth (fifth, fifth, fifth, fifth, sixth, sixth, sixth, sixth) ch 1 sp from the top right (count the top corner cluster as 1, skip 5 or 6 clusters as your size calls for, attach yarn in the next ch 1 sp). With the larger hook:

Row 1 (RS): Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, *ch 1, sk next cluster, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, rep from * to last corner cluster, ch 1, 3 dc in corner ch 2 sp; turn. (7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 8, 9, 9, 10) clusters)

Row 2 (WS): Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc + ch 1), 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, *ch 1, sk next cluster, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, rep from * to last cluster, ch 1, dc in top of ch 3; turn. (6 (6, 7, 7, 8, 7, 8, 8, 9) clusters and 2 dc)

Row 3 (RS): Ch 3, 2 dc in first ch 1 sp, *ch 1, sk next cluster, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, rep from * to last ch 1 sp, 2 dc in ch 1 sp, 1 dc in top of tch; turn. (7 (7, 8, 8, 9, 8, 9, 9, 10) clusters)

Size XS only: Fasten off, leaving a 24 inch tail to sew the side seam.

Remaining sizes: Rep Rows 2 and 3 until you have worked a total of - (5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 13, 13) rows. Fasten off leaving a 24 inch tail to sew the side seam.

Front - Right Side (as worn)

With RS facing and Color A, attach yarn in the bottom left ch 2 sp. Pm in the ch 1 sp following the fifth (fifth, fifth, fifth, fifth, sixth, sixth, sixth, sixth) cluster from the top (this should be the same row as the top left side row). With the larger hook, work Rows 1 to 3 exactly as for the Front Left Side, then rep Rows 2 and 3 until you have worked the same total number of rows: XS 3 rows; S 5 rows; M 6 rows; L 7 rows; 1X 8 rows; 2X 10 rows; 3X 11 rows; 4X 13 rows; 5X 13 rows. Fasten off leaving a 24 inch tail to sew the side seam.

Back - Left + Right Sides

Repeat the Left and Right Side Front instructions on the second granny square, working until you have completed 2 (4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12, 12) rows. This is one row less than the Front, so as to maintain the granny stitch pattern when joining front and back.

SHOULDERS

Front Panel

Pm in the ch 1 sp following the third (third, third, third, fourth, fourth, fourth, fourth, fifth) cluster in from each corner along the top of the Front granny square.

Right Shoulder

With WS facing and Color A, attach yarn in the front top corner of the right side as worn, in the ch 2 sp. With the larger hook:

Row 1 (WS): Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, *ch 1, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, rep from * across, working the last 3 dc in the first marked sp; turn. (4 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6) clusters)

Row 2 (RS): Ch 4 (counts as 1 dc + ch 1), 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, *ch 1, sk next cluster, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, rep from * to last cluster, ch 1, dc in top of tch; turn. (3 (3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5) clusters and 2 dc)

Row 3 (WS): Ch 3, 2 dc in first ch 1 sp, *ch 1, sk next cluster, 3 dc in next ch 1 sp, rep from * to last ch 1 sp, 2 dc in ch 1 sp, 1 dc in top of tch; turn. (4 (4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6) clusters)

Rep Rows 2 and 3 until you have worked 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8) rows. Fasten off leaving a 16 inch tail for seaming.

Left Shoulder

With WS facing and Color A, attach yarn at the marker on the unworked shoulder. With the larger hook, work Rows 1 to 3 exactly as for the Right Shoulder, then rep Rows 2 and 3 until you have worked 5 (6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8) rows. Fasten off leaving a 16 inch tail for seaming to the back shoulder strap.

Back Panel

Repeat the Left and Right Shoulder Strap instructions on the Back panel, working until you have completed 4 (5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7) rows. This is one row less than the Front, so as to maintain the granny stitch pattern when joining front and back.

JOINING

With RS together, align the front and back side seams. Pin in place using stitch markers. Take care to line up the dc clusters with the ch 1 sps on the opposite piece. Sew the side seams together using the existing yarn tails and mattress stitch. With RS still together, repeat the same process at the shoulder joins. Fasten off and weave in ends.

RIBBING

Ribbing is worked in rows perpendicular to the bottom granny square vest edge and the armhole edge. Ribbing is attached as it is created by slip stitching to the vest edge. Each single crochet is worked through the back loop only (blo) of the stitch in the previous row. On even rows only

(those heading away from the vest), the last stitch of the row is worked as a regular single crochet through both loops. This creates a cleaner-looking edge. Pay attention to the RS/WS designation of each row, as it will help clarify which side of the vest is facing.

Bottom Edge Ribbing

Attach Color A yarn at one side seam. With the smaller hook:

Ribbing Set Up Row (RS): Ch 1, sc in each dc of the bottom row (do not sc in ch 1 sps). Keep yarn attached.

Foundation Row (RS): With attached yarn, ch 9.

Row 1 (WS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each st, sl st to 2nd sc of Ribbing Set Up Row, sl st to next sc; turn. (8 sc + 2 sl sts on vest edge)

Tip: Count your single crochets here to ensure there are 8. Recount periodically as you work the ribbing, because these stitches can be easy to accidentally drop along the way.

Row 2 (RS): (Do not ch 1), sk sl sts along the sweater bottom, scblo of each sc until 1 rem, sc in last st; turn. (8 sc)

Row 3 (WS): Ch 1, scblo next 8 sc, sl st in next 2 sts of Set Up Row; turn.

Row 4 (RS): Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 to the end of the sweater bottom, ending with a Row 4. This may require slip stitching only one stitch instead of two along the sweater bottom on the final repeat. It is fine to improvise here to ensure you end with a Row 4. Fasten off, leaving a tail to seam the ribbing. With RS together, seam the ribbing using mattress stitch.

Armhole Ribbing

Attach Color A yarn at the top of the side seam, in the armhole. With the smaller hook:

Ribbing Set Up Round (RS): Ch 1, sc in same st, sc around the armhole edge, working in existing sc and working 2 sc in the side of each dc of the cluster in the shoulder straps. Keep your stitches loose, making sure that the armhole does not get cinched in. The exact stitch count is not important, but be sure to finish with an even number of sc.

Foundation Row: With attached yarn, ch 4.

Row 1 (RS): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each sc to the edge of the armhole, sl st to 2nd sc of Ribbing Set Up Round, sl st to next two sc; turn. (3 sc and 3 sl st)

Row 2 (WS): (Do not ch 1), sk sl sts along Set Up Row, scblo of each sc until 1 rem, sc through both loops of the last st; turn. (3 sc)

Row 3 (WS): Ch 1, scblo of each sc, sl st to next 2 unworked sc along the armhole edge; turn.

Row 4 (RS): Rep Row 2.

Rep Rows 3 and 4 around the armhole, ending with a Row 4. This may require slip stitching only one stitch instead of two along the armhole on the final repeat. It is fine to improvise here to ensure you end with a Row 4. Fasten off, leaving a 16 inch tail to seam the ribbing. With RS together, seam the ribbing using mattress stitch.

Neckline

The exact stitch count is not important here. Keep the stitches even so they do not bunch or pull along the neckline.

Attach Color A yarn at the top at one shoulder seam. With the smaller hook:

Row 1 (RS): Ch 1, 2 sc in the side of each dc of the cluster down the front of the shoulder strap, 1 dc in the corner st of the front, 1 sc in each st across the front panel, 1 dc in the corner st, 2 sc in the side of each dc of the cluster of the front and back shoulder straps, 1 dc in the corner st of the back, 1 sc in each st across the back panel, 1 dc in the corner st, 2 sc in the side of each dc cluster of the back shoulder strap, sl st to the first sc to join. Do not turn.

Row 2 (RS): Ch 1, sl st in each st around the neckline, join with sl st to the first sl st. Fasten off and weave in ends.

FINISHING

Block the vest: pin it out to the finished measurements, steam it, and let it dry fully. Weave in all loose ends with the yarn needle, hiding them inside the stitches so they do not show.

CARE

Hand wash cold and lay flat to dry. Do not bleach. Reshape while damp.

TIPS FOR A NEAT VEST

- Check your gauge early. Measure the square after 4 rounds: it should be about 4.5 inches (11.5 cm) across. If it is off, change your hook before you work 11 rounds in the wrong size.
- Highlight your size. The pattern is written for XS, with larger sizes in parentheses. Mark every number for your size before you start, so you do not follow the wrong column.
- Count clusters, not stitches, in the granny sections. Each cluster is 3 dc. If your cluster count is off by 1, check the row you just worked before going on.
- Count the ribbing stitches. The bottom ribbing has 8 sc and the armhole ribbing has 3 sc. Recount every few rows: ribbing stitches are easy to drop.
- Seam with the clusters lined up. When you join front and back, match each dc cluster to a ch 1 space on the opposite piece, so the pattern flows across the seam.
- Block the squares before you seam them. Pin them out, steam them, and let them dry so the corners are crisp and the edges are straight.

VARIATIONS

- Solid color vest: work the whole vest in one color and skip the color changes. You will have fewer ends to weave in, and the granny stitch texture does all the talking.
- Crop it or lengthen it: adjust the ribbing at the hem. For a longer vest, add extra chain stitches to the ribbing foundation. For a cropped vest, reduce the foundation chain to five chains.
- Add sleeves to make a sweater: work rounds of granny stitch directly into the armhole opening.
- A gift set: make two vests in different colorways. They take a weekend each, so a pair is a comfortable project for a gift.

Pattern adapted from the free pattern by Make & Do Crew: Easy Granny Square Vest (Renewal Granny Square Vest), https://makeanddocrew.com/granny-square-vest/

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