

## Crochet Granny Square

Granny squares are easy and fun to crochet. In fact, the classic granny square is a great beginner crochet pattern to try – even if you are new to crochet.

Once you master the basic granny square technique, you'll be able to make all kinds of cozy creations: granny square blankets, sweaters, bags, or more!

Grab a hook and start crocheting

### Construction Method

The basic granny square motif is worked from the centre out in joined rounds. Each round of the granny square is made from a repeating pattern of granny clusters and chains.

The term **granny cluster** refers to a set of three doublecrochet (dc) stitches worked into the same space.

The granny clusters are separated by chain spaces: chain-1 spaces along the sides and chain-3 spaces at the four corners of the square.

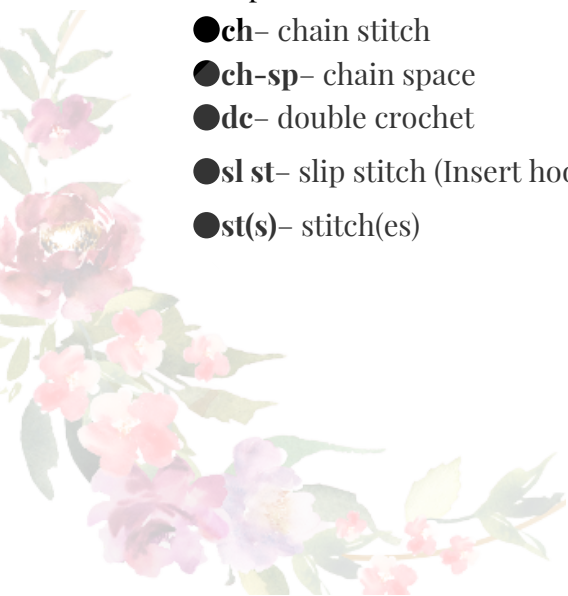
### Pattern Notes

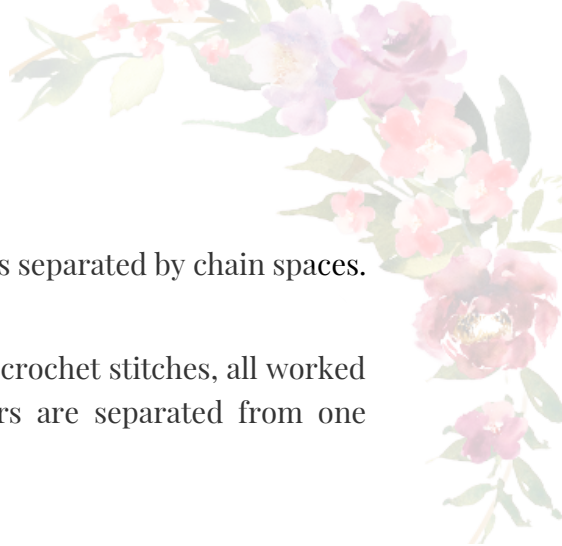
- This crochet pattern is written in US terms.
- The granny square is worked “in the round” in joined rounds.
- This project is worked with the right-side facing for every round
- You won't be working into the stitches of the previous round; rather, you will be working into the chain spaces from the previous round.

### Stitch Abbreviations:

The granny square is made from basic crochet stitches. Here are the abbreviations used in this pattern.

- **ch**– chain stitch
- **ch-sp**– chain space
- **dc**– double crochet
- **sl st**– slip stitch (Insert hook, yarn over, pullthrough stitch, *and* loop on hook)
- **st(s)**– stitch(es)





## **Special Stitches**

The rounds of the granny square are made from granny clusters separated by chain spaces.

**Granny cluster (3 dc cluster):** A granny cluster is a set of 3 double crochet stitches, all worked into one stitch or space. In this pattern, the granny clusters are separated from one another with chain stitches.

## **Start a Granny Square**

### **Chain Stitch Center Ring**

This method is quick and easy, but it will give you a more pronounced hole in the centre of your square.

### **To start with a chain stitch centre ring:**

Chain 4 stitches, and use a slip stitch to join your chain into a circle. Then work your first round into the circle.

## **Classic Granny Square Pattern**

Here is the written pattern for how to crochet a granny square.

### **Foundation Ring:**

Start the granny square with a centre ring.

Chain 4. Insert your hook into the first chain stitch. Next, make a slip stitch to join the chain stitches into a circle.

### **Round 1**

Here is a detailed written instruction for the first round of the granny square. The abbreviated version of the instructions follows.

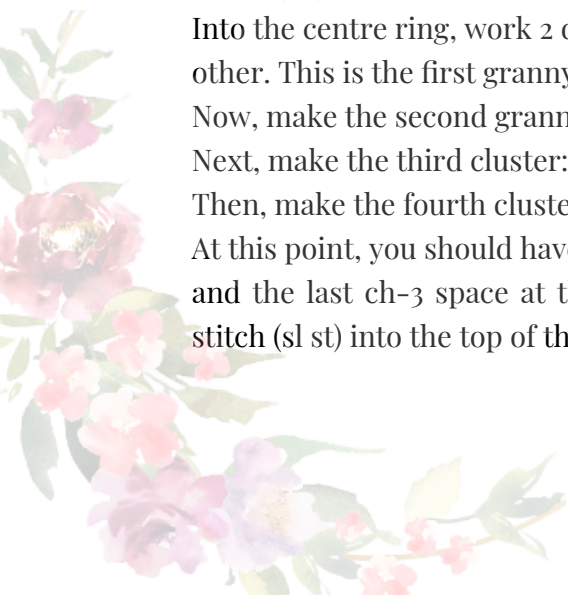
Chain (ch) 3. This counts as the first double crochet (dc) stitch of the first granny cluster. Into the centre ring, work 2 dc. You should now have what looks like 3 dc next to each other. This is the first granny cluster. Ch 3.

Now, make the second granny cluster. Into the centre ring, work 3 dc. Ch 3

Next, make the third cluster: Into the centre ring, work 3 dc. Ch 3.

Then, make the fourth cluster. Into the centre ring, work 3 dc. Ch 3.

At this point, you should have 4 granny clusters separated by ch-3 spaces at the corners and the last ch-3 space at the end. To join the round and create the square shape, slip stitch (sl st) into the top of the first ch-3. This completes the first round.



And, if you prefer the standard abbreviated version, here are the same Round 1 instruction one more time:

**Round 1:**

Ch 3. Into the center ring, make 2 dc, ch 3, (3 dc, ch 3) three times. Join with a sl st to the top of first ch-3.

**Round 2:**

Chain 4. (This counts as the first dc and ch-1 space.)

In the next ch-3 space (aka the first corner space), work: 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 1.

Repeat Step 2 twice more for a total of three times.

In the last ch-3 space, work: 3 dc, 3 ch, 2 dc.

Join with a sl st to the 3rd chain of the beginning chain stitches.

This completes the second round.

**Round 3:**

Chain 3. (This counts as 1 dc.)

Then, into the ch-1 space just below in the previous round, work 2 dc, ch 1. (This makes the first granny cluster of this round.)

Into the next ch-3 corner space, work: 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 1.

Into the next ch-1 space, work: 3 dc, ch 1.

Repeat steps 3 and 4 around to the beginning chain. Finally, join with a sl st to the top of the starting ch-3.

**Round 4:**

Chain 4. (This counts as 1 dc and the ch-1 space.)

Into the next ch-1 space, work: 3 dc, ch-1.

Into the next ch-3 corner space, work 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 1.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 in each of the remaining ch-1 and ch-3 spaces.

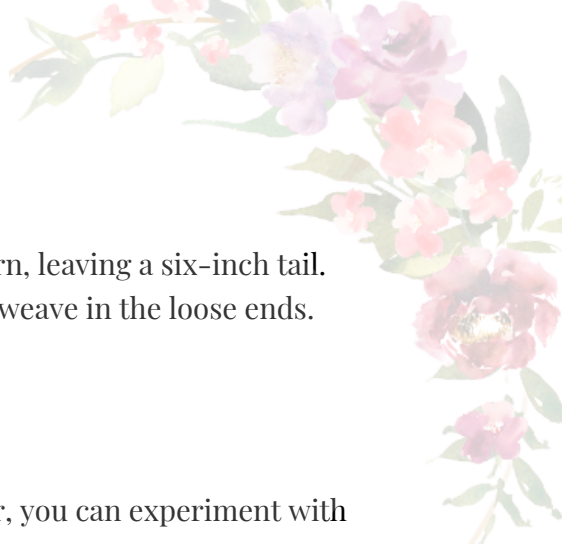
In the last ch-1 space, work 2 dc.

Join with a sl st to the top of the starting ch-3.

This completes Round 4.

**Making Larger Granny Squares**

You can add more rounds to make the granny square are big as you like. To make bigger squares, repeat rounds 3 and 4 until you reach the desired size.



### **Finishing the Granny Square**

Once you have completed your last round, cut your working yarn, leaving a six-inch tail. Pull the yarn through the last stitch. Use a blunt yarn needle to weave in the loose ends. You've just finished a classic crochet granny square!

### **Changing Colours in Granny Squares**

Once you've mastered making granny squares in a single colour, you can experiment with multi-color granny squares.

### **To change to a new colour of yarn,**

Make the slip stitch join at the end of the round with the new colour. (If you remember, each round is joined with a slip stitch to the top of the starting ch-3.)

