

How to Crochet a Basic Granny Square for Beginners



Crocheting is a timeless and versatile craft that allows you to create beautiful and functional items, from cozy blankets to stylish accessories. If you're just starting out on your crochet journey, one of the best projects to begin with is the classic granny square. Granny squares are simple to make, yet they can be combined to form intricate and stunning designs.

In this article, we'll walk you through the step-by-step process of crocheting a granny square for beginners.

What Exactly is a Granny Square?

A granny square stands as a quintessential crochet motif. It originates from fundamental crochet stitches, most notably the chain stitch and the double crochet stitch. Identifying a granny square is quite simple due to its distinct square shape and its delicate, lacy appearance.

Typically petite in size, granny squares offer an excellent solution for utilizing leftover yarn



scraps. You have the flexibility to craft them in a single, solid hue or opt for a captivating multicolor approach, using a different yarn shade for each round.

Materials You'll Need

Before we get started, gather the following materials:

Yarn: Choose a yarn in your preferred color and weight. For beginners, a medium-weight yarn (often labeled as “worsted” or “aran”) in a light color is recommended as it’s easier to work with.

Crochet Hook: Select an appropriate hook size for your yarn. Most medium-weight yarns work well with a 5.0 mm (US H/8) hook, but check the yarn label for recommendations.

Scissors: For cutting the yarn.

Yarn Needle: Used for weaving in ends.

Abbreviations for Crochet Stitches

In crafting a granny square, you’ll employ some fundamental crochet stitches. Below are the abbreviations utilized in this pattern:

ch – chain stitch

ch-sp – chain space

dc – double crochet

sl st – slip stitch (Insert hook, yarn over, pull through stitch, and loop on hook)

Pattern Instructions

Below are the detailed instructions for crocheting a granny square:

Foundation Ring: Begin your granny square with a central ring. Create a chain of 4 stitches. Insert your hook into the first chain stitch and make a slip stitch to connect the chain stitches into a circle.



Creating the foundation Ring

Round 1: Chain 3. Inside the center ring, crochet 2 double crochets (dc), followed by a chain of 3.

Repeat the following pattern: (3 dc, ch 3) three times.

Conclude this round by joining with a slip stitch to the top of the first chain-3.



Round 1

Round 2: Chain 4; this counts as the first double crochet and a chain-1 space.

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

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

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

Join with a slip stitch to the 3rd chain of the initial chain stitches.

This concludes the second round.



Round 3: Chain 3; this counts as 1 double crochet.

Next, in the chain-1 space from the previous round located just below, work 2 double crochets, followed by a chain-1. This creates the first granny cluster of this round.

In the next chain-3 corner space, work: 3 dc, chain 3, 3 dc, chain 1.

In the next chain-1 space, work: 3 dc, chain 1.

Repeat steps 3 and 4 around to the starting chain. Finally, join with a slip stitch to the top of the initial chain-3.



Round 3

Round 4: Chain 4; this counts as 1 double crochet and a chain-1 space. In the next chain-1 space, work: 3 dc, chain 1. In the next chain-3 corner space, work 3 dc, chain 3, 3 dc, chain 1. Repeat steps 2 and 3 in each of the remaining chain-1 and chain-3 spaces. In the last chain-1 space, work 2 dc. Join with a slip stitch to the top of the starting chain-3. This completes Round 4.



Round 4



Finishing the Granny Square:

Once you have finished the last round, cut your working yarn, leaving a tail of approximately six inches. Pull the yarn through the final stitch. Employ a blunt yarn needle to weave in the loose ends, securing them neatly.

With these step-by-step instructions, you'll soon create a beautiful granny square to incorporate into various crochet projects. Enjoy your crocheting journey!

Video Tutorial

If you prefer video tutorials, you're in luck! I highly recommend checking out this extensive tutorial tailored for visual learners who find video content more accessible than written instructions. The tutorial was carefully created by Amira Crafts Channel and you can access the video tutorial.

Congratulations! You've completed your first granny square. To make a larger granny square, repeat the process, adding more rounds. You can experiment with different colors and yarn combinations to create unique and beautiful designs. With practice, you'll be able to crochet granny squares of various sizes and create amazing projects like blankets, scarves, and more. Happy crocheting!

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