

GRANNY SQUARE MONTH

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Day 18

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Abbreviations (UK terms)

CH- Chain
SLST - Slip Stitch
TR - Treble Crochet
HTR - Half Treble Crochet
DC - Double Crochet
BLO - Back Loop Only
[] indicates stitches to be done in the same space/stitch

What you will need:

- Knitcraft Cotton Blend in Denim, Purple, Yellow, White
- 6 colours of your choice for the balloons (in my case; Yellow, Teal, Bright Blue, Coral, Hot Pink, Lilac)
- 5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Pattern notes

CH3 always counts as the first TR stitch.

CH1 never counts as first stitch.



Rnd 1: Using Denim; CH3, SLST into 1st CH to make a loop. CH3 (counts as st), [2TR] into centre of loop. [CH2, 3TR into centre] 3 times. CH2, SLST into 3rd CH of beginning CH3. (3tr each side)



Rnd 2: CH3, [TR in each stitch to CH2 corner space, [2TR CH2 2TR] into corner space] 4 times. SLST into 3rd CH of beginning CH3. (7tr each side)



Rnd 3: CH3, [TR in each stitch to CH2 corner space, [2TR CH2 2TR] into corner space] 4 times. TR in each remaining stitch. SLST into 3rd CH of beginning CH3. (11tr each side)



Rnd 4: Repeat round 3. (15tr each side)

Rnd 5: Repeat round 3. (19tr each side)





Rnd 6: CH1 (does NOT count as a stitch), [HTR into each stitch to CH2 corner space, [2HTR CH2 2HTR] into corner space] 4 times. HTR in each remaining stitch. SLST to first HTR. Fasten off.
(23Htr each side)



Rnd 7: Join Purple to any CH2 corner space; CH1 (does NOT count as a stitch), DC in BLO of each stitch around working [DC CH2 DC] into each CH2 corner space. SLST to first DC. Fasten off.
(25dc each side)



Rnd 8: Join Yellow to any CH2 corner space; CH₄ (counts as first HTR and CH₂), HTR into corner space. * [CH₁, skip a stitch, HTR in BLO of next stitch] 12 times, CH₁ and work [HTR CH₂ HTR] into corner space. Repeat from * twice more. [CH₁, skip a stitch, HTR in BLO of next stitch] 12 times, CH₁ and SLST to 2nd CH of beginning CH₄. Fasten off.





Rnd 9: Join Purple to any CH2 corner space; CH1 (does NOT count as a stitch), HTR in each stitch and CH1 space around working [HTR CH2 HTR] into each CH2 corner space. SLST to first HTR. Fasten off. (29Htr each side)



Rnd 10: Join Denim to any CH2 corner space; CH1 (does NOT count as a stitch), DC in BLO of each stitch around working [DC CH2 DC] into each CH2 corner space. SLST to first DC. (31dc each side)



For the balloons

You will need to make 6 balloons in a variety of colours of your choice.

Rnd 1: Using your colour of choice; CH3, SLST into 1st CH to make a loop. CH1 (does NOT count as a stitch throughout), work 8 HTR into centre. SLST to first HTR. (8sts)





Rnd 2: CH1, HTR into same stitch. [2HTR] in each of the next 2 stitches, [HTR TR], [4TR], [TR HTR]. [2HTR] in each of remaining 2 stitches. SLST to first HTR. (17sts)



Rnd 3: SLST into next stitch. CH2, [2HTR] into same stitch. Fasten off, leaving a long enough tail for sewing (you can weave in the starting tail). (3htr forms base of balloon)



Tightly and securely tie a length of White to each balloon appliqué, ensuring that the knot sits at the reverse of the appliqué. Weave in the unneeded end on the reverse, leaving one length of white attached to your balloon (and of course the remaining tail from the end of round 3 for sewing your finished appliqué onto the square)





Arrange your balloons onto the square and sew each one into place using the long tail remaining from finishing each appliqué



For the bow

Row 1: Using Hot Pink; CH3, DC in 2nd CH from hook. DC in final CH.



Row 2: CH1, turn your work. 2DC.





Rows 3 - 6. Repeat row 2.
Fasten off, weave in ends.



Cut a length of Hot Pink and tightly tie it around the centre, cinching in the centre of the piece. Wrap one end around the cinched in centre a few more times to bulk out the centre of the bow, then securely tie the ends together on the reverse to finish.



Gather your balloon strings together and tightly tie the ends of your bow around them, then sew your bow into place on your square holding together the balloon strings. Finally, trim the bottoms of your balloon strings to neaten and finish your Bunch of Balloons Square!

