

GRANNY SQUARE MONTH

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Day 22

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Abbreviations (UK terms)

CC Change Colour (letter that follows denotes yarn colour)

ch Chain

2ch-sp 2 chain space corner

dc Double Crochet

FO Fasten Off

mr Magic Ring

rep Repeat

Rnd Round

ss Slip Stitch

st(s) Stitch(es)

tr Treble Crochet

What you will need:

- Knitcraft Cotton Blend in Bright Blue (BB), Red (R), Coral (C), Mustard (M), Teal (T), Denim (D), Lilac (L), Hot Pink (HP), Yellow (Y), Light Grey (LG)
- 5mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors

Pattern notes

This granny square pattern uses a pixel crochet technique. It is made up of 49 little single-colour and two-colour granny squares worked in the round. Each little granny square is joined as you go using slip stitches to join the working square (one being made) into the adjacent squares (one being joined to). The little squares are only 1 round and worked into a magic ring. There is an option for making the squares and then joining with sewing the mattress stitch if this is preferable.

For the join as you go option, following the chart, the little squares are joined from left to right starting at the bottom left and working up to the top, one row at a time. Joining in this order gives a uniform appearance.



The starting side for all the little squares is the side at the top, as indicated at the first square on the layout chart. The beg Ch3 counts as the first tr throughout.

When changing colour for the 2-coloured squares, join the new colour with a slip stitch and then either work another slip stitch into indicated st of adjacent square or a work a chain stitch, to lock in the new colour. This will help to achieve a sharper corner and smoother shape for the picture design.

Tip: Sew in ends after each square is joined. It can be a little difficult to join as you go while working the first round into a magic ring and deal with all the yarn tails too.

Tip: Work the first row of little squares with a fairly tight tension. Loosen your tension slightly from the next row as crocheting too tightly can then start to cause the granny square to become misshapen. Try not to pull the unused yarn too tightly while working the two-colour granny squares to prevent the granny square from becoming misshapen.

Make the following squares:

- 6 Yellow
- 1 Yellow and Bright Blue
- 14 Bright Blue
- 7 Bright Blue and Red
- 6 Red and Coral
- 5 Coral and Mustard
- 4 Mustard and Teal
- 3 Teal and Denim
- 2 Denim and Lilac
- 1 Lilac and Hot Pink

One-Colour Granny Square

Using chosen colour make a mr.

Rnd 1 Ch3 (counts as first tr here and throughout), working into mr, 1tr, (ch2, 3tr) 3 times, ch2, 1tr, pull mr closed. [12 sts]

FO and invisibly join by sewing from back to front through both loops of 2nd tr and then through back loop and back third loop of the last tr.





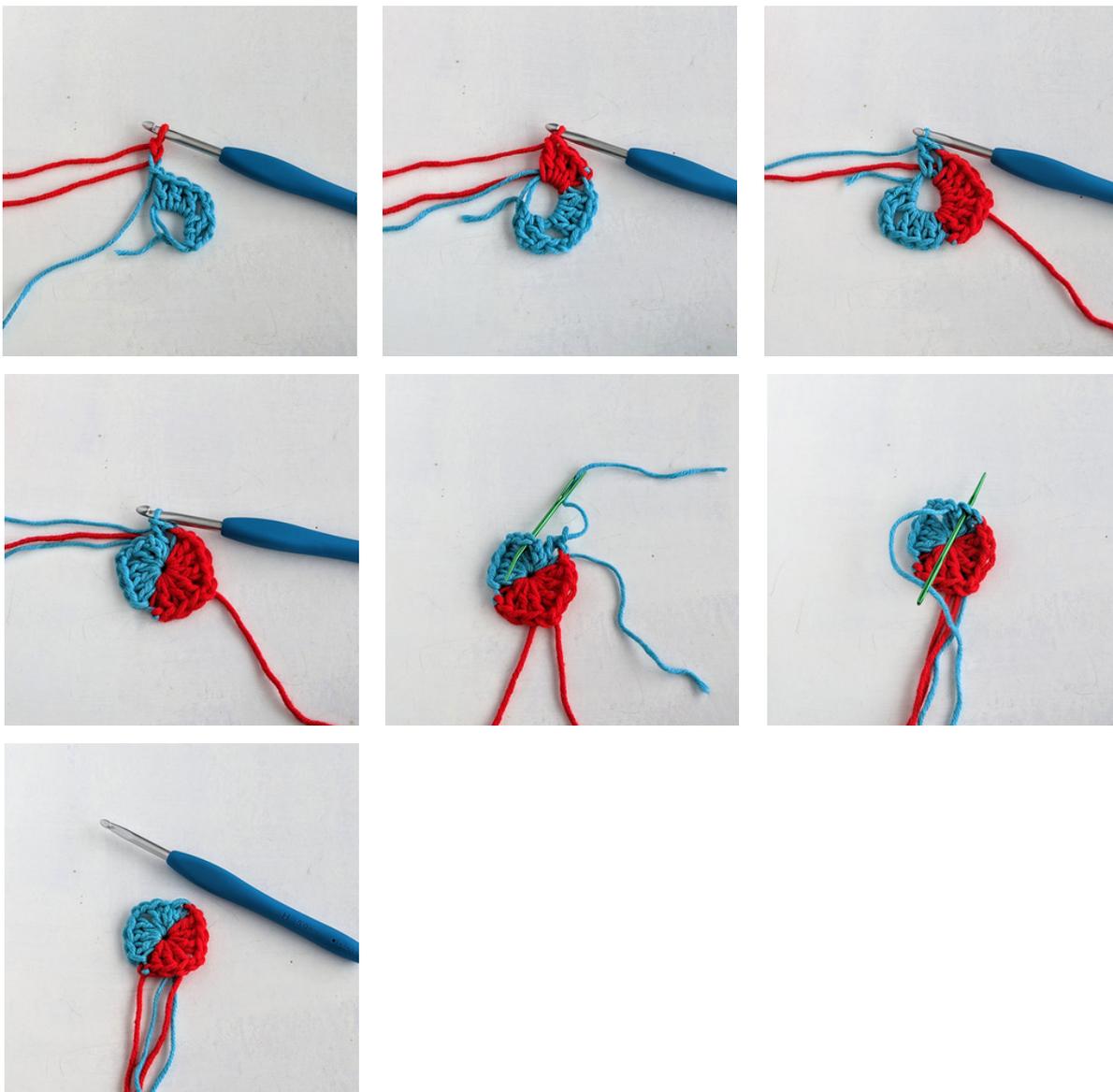
First Two-Colour Granny Square

Starting with square using BB and R.

With Yarn BB make a mr.

Rnd 1 Ch3 (counts as first tr here and throughout), working into mr, 1tr, ch2, 3tr, ch1, CCR, ch1, working over unused colour (here and throughout), 3tr, ch2, 3tr, ch1, CCBB, ch1, 1tr, pull mr closed. [12 sts]

FO and invisibly join by sewing from back to front through both loops of 2nd tr and then through back loop and back third loop of the last tr.





Join As You Go, Two-Colour Granny Square

With 1st Yarn colour shown on layout chart for next square make a mr.

Work all adjoining slip stitches from front to back of st indicated on adjacent square(s).

Rnd 1 Ch3, working into mr, 1tr, ch1, *1ss into 2ch-sp of adjacent square, (1tr into mr of working square, 1ss in next tr on adjacent square) 3 times, 1ss into next 2ch-sp of adjacent square**, CC to 2nd colour indicated on layout chart, rep from * to ** in next adjacent square if necessary to join 2nd side, after joining is complete, ch1 and complete square as Rnd 1 of First Two-Colour Granny Square. [12 sts]

FO as First Two-Colour Granny Square.

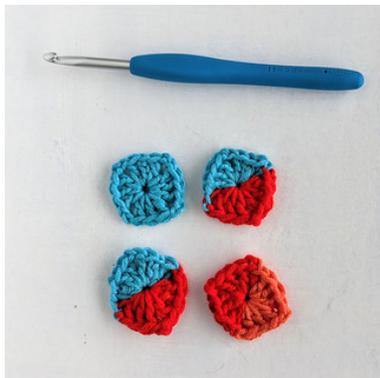


For joining with sewing the mattress stitch, continue working all square as per the Single-Colour Granny Square and the First Two-Colour Granny Square instructions using colours indicated on the layout chart.





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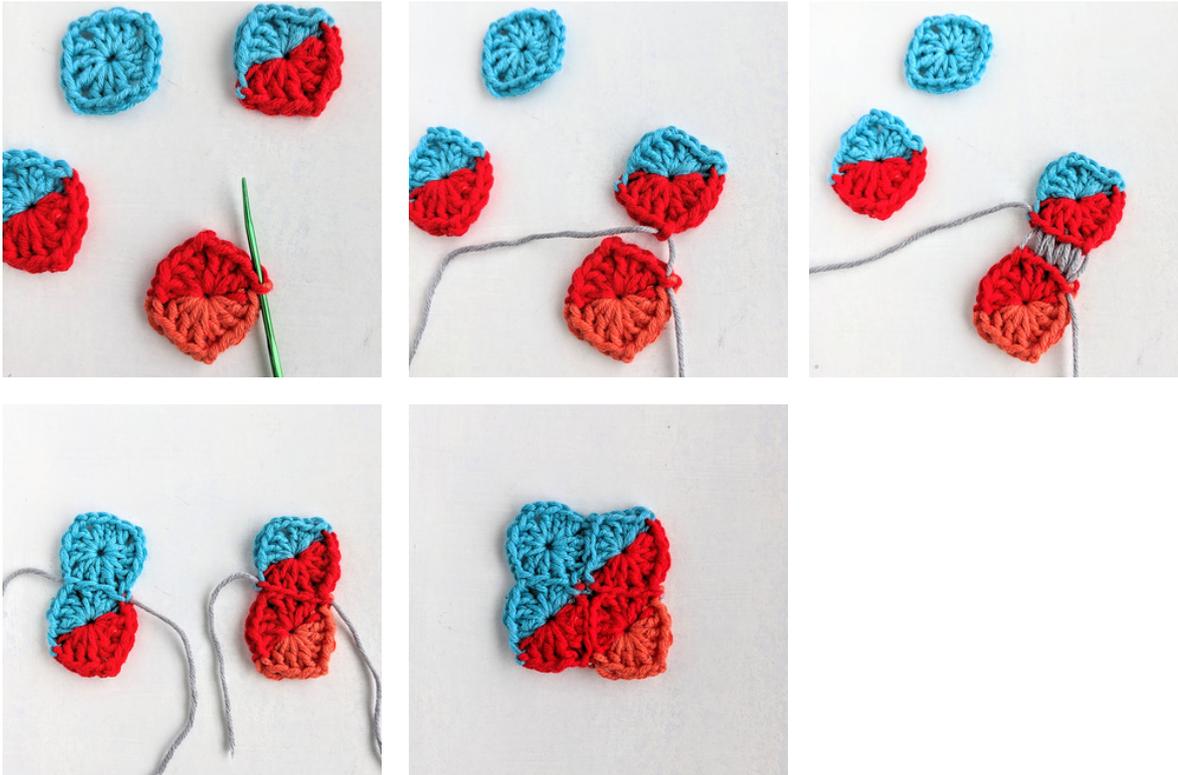




Joining Little Squares with Sewing the Mattress Stitch Method

Using the mattress stitch, join the squares along one row, either horizontally or vertically. Sew into the side of the stitches of the squares, working into the stitch of one square and then into the adjacent stitch of the second square and continue along, creating a ladder effect. Then pull both yarn ends to pull the squares tight together. This will make the yarn used to sew the squares together invisible.

Then sew each of the 7 rows together in the same way.



Border

With Yarn LG create slip knot and join with a standing dc to any 2ch-sp corner, ch2, *1dc in same 2ch-sp, 28dc evenly across to corner and 1dc in 2ch-sp across to the next corner, (1dc, ch2, 1dc) in next 2ch-sp, rep from * 3 more time, omitting last corner. [140 sts, 4 2ch-sp]
FO and invisibly join by sewing from back to front through both loops of 1st ch of corner and then through back loop and back third loop of the last tr. (120sts)
Sew in all the ends and block square to finished dimensions.



