

Granny Square month 2021 CAL



Day 20

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Hi, I'm Louise and I've been crocheting for about 10 years. My first project was a wonky scarf! I have tried my hand at a lot of different crochet techniques over the years and love playing with stitches and colour.

Alongside crochet, I love to try out other crafts and have had a go at bead weaving, cross stitch and sewing. When I'm not crafting I like to read fantasy novels and take scenic walks with my other half.

My first foray into crochet designing was to make a matching scarf for some gloves and a hat my sister had bought and she loved it! I've not looked back since then, and I hope you enjoy my Sunset Mandala Square!

What you will need:

- Knitcraft Cotton Blend Plain DK Yarn (50% Cotton, 50% Acrylic, 100g, 215m) in the following colours; Yarn A – Lilac, Yarn B – Hot Pink, Yarn C – Yellow, Yarn D – Coral, Yarn E – Light Blue.
- 5.0mm Crochet Hook
- Scissors
- Tapestry Needle

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch – Chain

Dc – Double Crochet

Htr – Half Treble Crochet

Tr – Treble Crochet

Dtr – Double Treble

Pop – Popcorn Stitch (See Special Stitches)

St/s – Stitch/es

Slst – Slip Stitch

Sp/s – Space/s

Sk – Skip

Fpdc – Front Post Double Crochet

Fptr – Front Post Treble Crochet

Fpdtr – Front Post Double Treble

Dc2tog – Double Crochet 2 Together

Tr2tog – Treble Crochet 2 Together

Fptr2tog – Front Post Treble Crochet 2 Together

PATTERN NOTES

- All terms are written in UK terminology.
- Read the pattern through before beginning.
- Finished size of the square is 20cm x 20cm.
- This pattern begins as a circle, which is then squared up by using tall stitches in the corners. Don't worry if the square looks a little wobbly as you go, the final rounds will give the square structure and straighten up the sides.
- The instructions for each round will indicate which stitch to start the round in, and all rounds (except the first round) are started with a standing stitch (see special stitches). Each round of instructions begins with either a double crochet or a treble crochet and the first stitch of each round should be substituted for a standing double crochet or a standing treble crochet.
- All rounds are finished with a seamless join unless indicated (see techniques) and ends should be woven in at the same time.
- All rounds are crocheted with the right side facing.

-Instructions in *stars* or **stars** should be repeated the number of times indicated in the pattern.

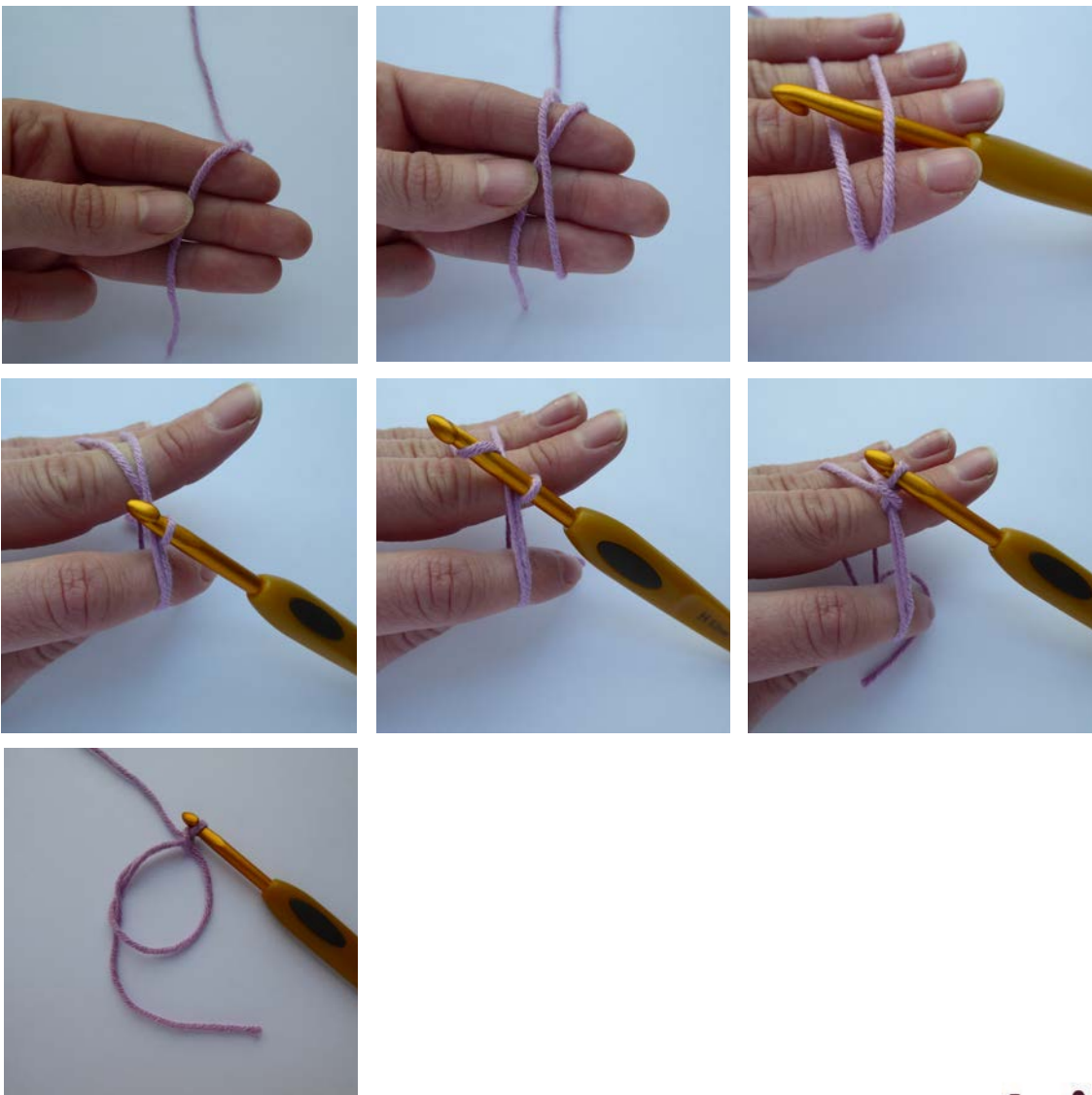
-Instructions in [square brackets] should be worked into the same stitch indicated in the pattern.

-Stitch counts are given in (brackets) at the end of each round.

TECHNIQUES

Magic Ring –

Hold out the first three fingers of your left hand flat. Lay the yarn over your fingers with the tail at the front (1). Wrap the working yarn around your fingers so it crosses over at the top (2). At the back of your fingers, insert your crochet hook underneath the front loop (3) and pull through the working yarn (4). Chain 1 by yarning over with the working yarn (5+6) to anchor the loop, remove from your fingers and you are ready to work into the loop (7). Once all stitches have been worked into the ring, pull on the tail end to close the loop, fasten securely on the wrong side when weaving in the ends.



Seamless Join –

After completing the last stitch, break the yarn and pull through the stitch with your crochet hook (1+2). Thread the yarn with a tapestry needle. Skipping the first stitch of the round, insert the needle from front to back through both loops of the top of the second stitch of the round (3) and pull through. Next, insert your needle down (from the top) through the back loop (4), and loop at the back of the stitch (5), of the last stitch of the round and pull through (6). Alter the tension so it matches the rest of your stitches, knot and weave in. The skipped stitch will stick out at the back (7), but will flatten down once the end is woven in (sew towards the last stitches of the round for a flatter join) (8).



Working Around Stitches – Front Post –

When working a front post stitch, the stitch is worked around the 'post' of the stitch below, instead of into the top of the stitch as usual. In this pattern, front post stitches are also worked around other stitches which may not have a traditional 'post' (e.g. popcorn stitches). Apart from where you insert the hook, post stitches are worked exactly the same as a normal stitch.

To work a front post stitch – (yarn over if needed) insert the hook from front to back to the right of the stitch indicated, push the hook back out from back to front to the left of the stitch indicated (the stitch is pushed to the front – front post), and complete the stitch as usual.



Working In Between Stitches –

Insert the crochet hook in the gap between the stitches, instead of into the tops of the stitches themselves.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Popcorn (5tr) –

Work 5 treble crochet in the same stitch (1), remove your hook from the active loop taking care not to pull out any of the stitches (you can pull the yarn up a little to help with this) (2), re-insert your hook through the top of the first treble crochet (3) and then through the active loop your hook just came from (4), tighten the active loop on the hook (5), and pull through the top of the treble to finish (6).





Popcorn (4tr) -

As above but work only 4 treble crochet

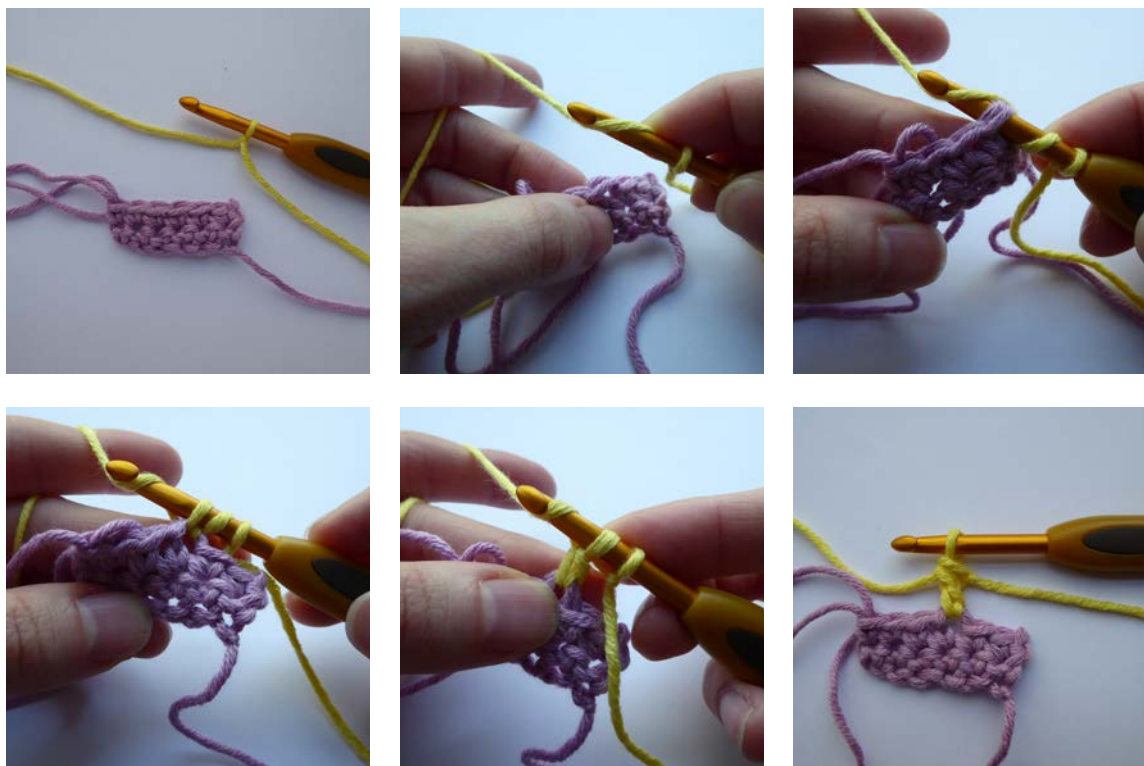
Standing Double Crochet -

Make a slip knot and tighten around the hook (1). Holding the slip knot in place with your index finger, insert hook into stitch with working yarn at the back of the hook, yarn over (2) and pull through stitch, yarn over (3) and pull through 2 loops on hook.



Standing Treble Crochet –

Make a slip knot and tighten around the hook (1). Holding the slip knot in place with your index finger, wrap the working yarn around the hook (2), insert hook into stitch with working yarn at the back of the hook, yarn over (3) and pull through stitch (keeping the slip knot anchored on the hook with your index finger to stop it unravelling), yarn over (4) and pull through 2 loops, yarn over (5) and pull through remaining 2 loops (6).



Double Crochet 2 Together –

Insert hook into 1st stitch indicated, yarn over and pull through stitch, insert hook into 2nd stitch indicated, yarn over and pull through stitch, yarn over and pull through remaining 3 loops on hook.

Treble Crochet 2 Together –

Yarn over, insert hook into 1st stitch indicated, yarn over and pull through stitch, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remaining), yarn over, insert hook into 2nd stitch indicated, yarn over and pull through stitch, yarn over and pull through 2 loops on hook (3 loops remaining), yarn over and pull through remaining 3 loops on hook.

Front Post Treble Crochet 2 Together –

As above but instead of working into a stitch, work around the posts of the stitches indicated in the pattern.

HOW TO MAKE

Using yarn A, make a magic ring with a large loop for working into.

Round 1:

Into the magic ring work $*(5\text{tr}) \text{ pop, ch}2*$ 6 times in total (for the first treble of the first pop, work ch3 and insert hook into 3rd chain when making the pop), slst to first pop to join, pull magic ring closed, fasten off and weave ends in (6 pop and 6 ch2 sps).



Round 2:

Using yarn B, start in any ch2 sp from the previous round. Work $*[5\text{tr}] \text{ in ch}2 \text{ sp, dc through top of pop}*$ 6 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (30 tr and 6 dc).



Round 3:

Using yarn C, start in the middle tr from any 5tr cluster. Work *[2dc], in middle tr, fpdtr around next pop from round 1, ch3, fpdtr around same pop* 6 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (12 fpdtr, 12dc and 6 ch3 sps).



Round 4:

Using yarn D, start in any dc from round 2 (through the ch sp). Work *[7tr] in dc from round 2, dc2tog over the 2 dc sts from round 3* 6 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (6 dc2tog and 42 tr).



Round 5:

Using yarn C, start in first tr (on the right of any cluster). Work *[2dc] in first tr, dc in next 5 trs, [2dc] in last tr, fptr2tog around fpdtrs from round 3, sk dc2tog* 6 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (6 fptr2tog and 54dc).





Round 6:

Using yarn A, start in any fp_{tr}2tog. Work *(5tr) pop in fp_{tr}2tog, ch1, sk first dc, tr in next 2 dc, ch1, sk next dc, (5tr) pop in next dc, ch1, sk next dc, tr in next 2 dc, ch1, sk last dc* 6 times in total, slst to 1st pop to join (12 pop, 24 tr and 24 ch1 sps).



Round 7:

Using yarn B, start in any ch1 sp directly after a pop. Work *tr in ch1 sp after pop, tr in next tr, tr₂tog over same st and next st, tr in same st as 2nd part of tr₂tog, tr in ch1 sp, fp_{tr} around pop* 12 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (72 sts).



Round 8:

Using yarn E, start in any tr2tog. Work *dc in tr2tog, dc in next st, htr in next 3 sts, tr in next 3 sts, dtr in next st, [2dtr, ch2, 2dtr] in next st, dtr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, htr in next 3 sts, dc in next st* 4 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (squaring up round-21 sts per side).



Round 9:

Using yarn D, start in any corner ch2 sp. Work *[2tr, ch2, 2tr] in ch2 corner sp, working in between the sts not directly into them, work 4tr, 4htr, 4dc, 4htr, 4tr across to next corner* 4 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (24 sts per side).



Round 10:

Using yarn B, start in any corner ch2 sp. Work *[2tr, ch2, 2tr] in corner ch2 sp, tr in next st, (4tr) pop in next st, **tr in next 2 sts, (4tr) pop in next st** repeat until 1 st remains, tr in last st* 4 times in total, seamless join and weave ends in (8 pop and 20tr per side).



Round 11:

Using yarn E, start in corner ch2 sp. Work *[2dc, ch2, 2dc] in corner ch2 sp, dc in next 3 sts, fpdc around pop, **dc in next 2 sts, fpdc around pop** repeat until 3 sts remain, dc in last 3 sts* 4 times in total, seamless join and weave in ends (32 dc per side).



You've now completed
your granny square!

Don't forget to head back to the
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Saturday.

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