

Square 8 - [@Lottieandalbert](#)



You will need

5mm crochet hook

Knitcraft Cotton Blend

1x Hot Pink

1x Mustard

1x White

Scissors

Wire brush or hair brush

Yarn needle

Abbreviations

Ch chain

dc double crochet

ls loop stitch

ss slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)

rep repeat

Notes

- Turning chains do not count as sts throughout.
- The second colour is carried throughout, in the style of tapestry crochet.
- If you do not like the loop stitch effect or would prefer to leave it out, you can follow the graph and use double crochet throughout instead.

Colour changing

- When changing colours in double crochet, introduce the second yarn at the end of the stitch before, when you have two loops on your hook in colour A, yarn over with colour B to complete the double crochet, then continue in the new colour following the graph or instructions.



Loop stitch

- Loop stitches are formed on the 'back' of the work, but when finished, we will treat this side as the front of the square.
- I used my finger as a guide to determine the height of a loop stitch. You can use two fingers for a longer loop, or a pencil or second crochet hook for a shorter loop – bear in mind that longer loops will use more yarn.

To form a loop stitch:

- (1) Wrap your yarn from front to back over the index finger of your yarn hand.
- (2) Insert hook into stitch, and bring the yarn under the hook, keeping your finger in place.



- (3) now grab the strand of yarn from behind your index finger (3), and draw the loop through the stitch still keeping your finger in place.



- (4) You should now have two loops on your hook, and a loop of yarn wrapped around your index finger.

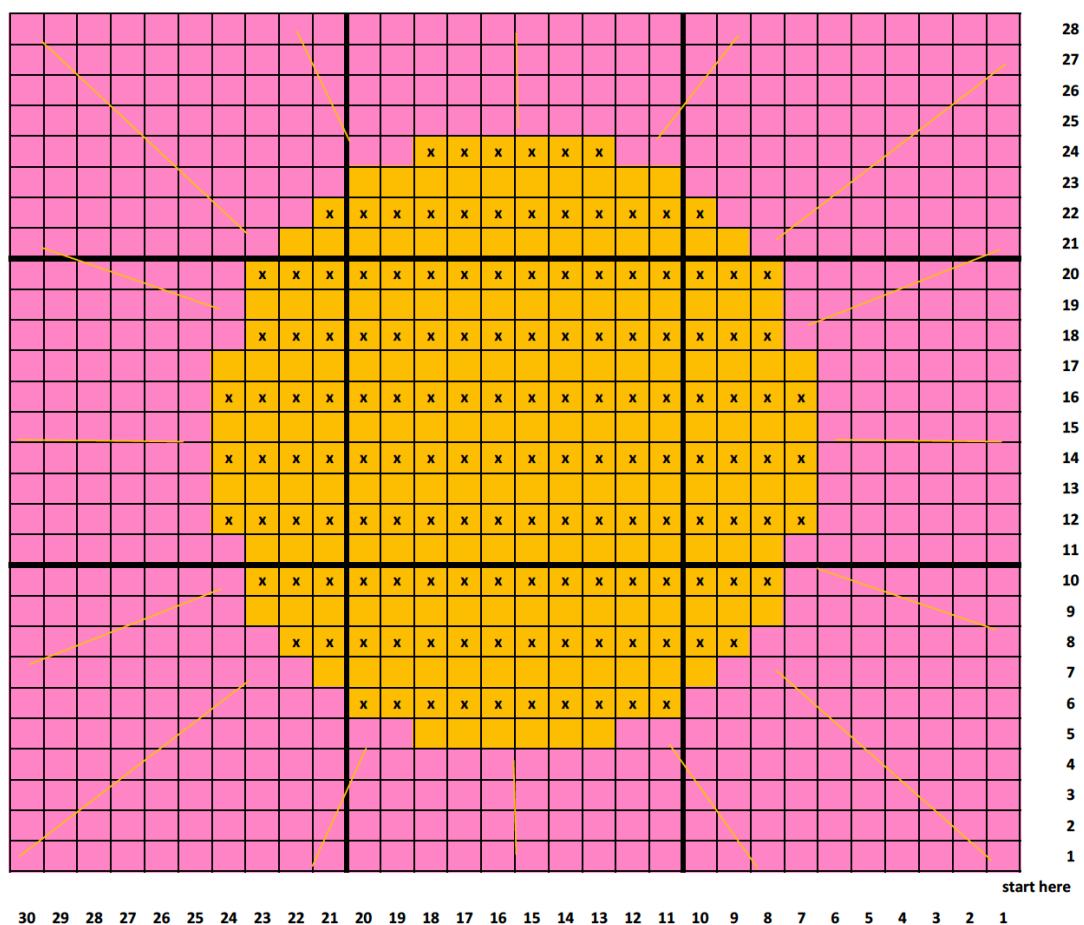


(5) Gently pull the yarn until you have your desired loop length. Yarn over hook as normal, and pull through both loops on hook. Your loop stitch is now formed and you can remove your finger.



Following the chart

Work right to left for the first row (and all odd number rows), then left to right for the second row (and all even number rows).



Pattern

Using pink and 5mm hook, chain 30.



Bring in mustard and crochet over it throughout.

Row 1 ch1, starting in 2nd chain from hook, 30dc pink, turn. (30 sts)



Row 2 ch1, 30dc hot pink, turn.



Rows 3-4 Rep row 2.

Row 5 ch1, 12dc hot pink, 6dc mustard, 12dc hot pink, turn.

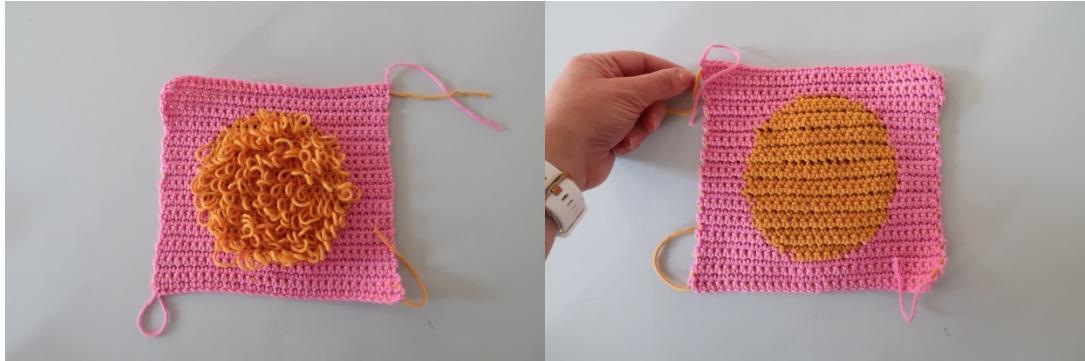
Row 6 ch1, 10dc hot pink, 10ls mustard, 10dc hot pink, turn.



Row 7 ch1, 9dc hot pink, 12dc mustard, 9dc hot pink, turn.



Row 8 ch1, 8dc hot pink, 14ls mustard, 8dc hot pink, turn.
Row 9 ch1, 7dc hot pink, 16dc mustard, 7dc hot pink, turn.
Row 10 ch1, 7dc hot pink, 16ls mustard, 7dc hot pink, turn.
Row 11 Rep row 9.
Row 12 ch1, 6dc hot pink, 18ls mustard, 6dc hot pink, turn.
Row 13 ch1, 6dc hot pink, 18dc mustard, 6dc hot pink, turn.
Rows 14-17 Rep rows 12-13 twice more.
Row 18 Rep row 10.
Row 19 Rep row 9.
Row 20 Rep row 10.
Row 21 ch1, 8dc hot pink, 14dc mustard, 8dc hot pink, turn.
Row 22 ch1, 9dc hot pink, 12ls mustard, 9dc hot pink, turn.
Row 23 ch1, 10dc hot pink, 10dc mustard, 10dc hot pink, turn.
Row 24 ch1, 12dc hot pink, 6ls mustard, 12dc hot pink, turn.
Rows 25-28 Rep row 2.



Fasten off pink, cut both colours and weave in ends.
Row 29 Attach white yarn to the top right corner and dc around the square: 30dc along the top, ch 2 at corner, 28 dc down the side, ch2 at corner, 30dc along the bottom, ch2 at corner, and 28 dc along the last side, ch2 at corner, then ss to the top of the first dc. Fasten off and weave in ends

Using your scissors, cut all the loop stitches at the top of the loop.



Then with a wire brush or hair brush, gently comb out the loop stitches to loosen the structure of the yarn and fluff out the cut loops.



You may want to trim your cut loops, particularly around the bottom and top of the sun, to keep the circular shape.



Surface crochet

To add the flares of the sun, you can either embroider in back stitch, following the lines on the chart, or use surface crochet. To surface crochet:

- Start with your yarn underneath your work, and your hook on the top. Push your hook from top to bottom through the piece, yarn over, and pull up a loop to the top of your work. Leave your yarn tail underneath the work.



- Push your hook from top to bottom into next space between stitches, yarn over and pull up another loop, two loops on hook. Then slip stitch the second loop by pulling it through the first loop on the hook.



- You will now have one loop on your hook, and you have created your first surface crochet chain stitch. Continue inserting your hook, pulling up loops and slip stitching until you reach the end of your line.



- Cut your yarn underneath your work and pull this yarn tail through to the top.



- Remove your hook, then push it from underneath the work to the top just next to the last surface crocheted stitch, yarn over with the yarn tail, and pull it back down.



- You should now have a surface crochet section on the top of your work, and two yarn tails underneath at each end of the section. Weave in these ends securely.



I hope you have enjoyed making this square for the 2020 Granny Square CAL! Please do tag me @lottieandalbert or #lottieandalbert so I can see your completed squares.