

Solid Granny square with flower centre

Using yarn A, make a ring with whichever starting method you prefer ... I use a double magic ring, but you can chain 4 and use a slip stitch to complete a ring.

Round 1: Ch4 (counts as treble + 1ch), * tr, ch1 *, repeat from * to * seven times. Join to third loop of starting chain with a slip stitch. Fasten off. (8 tr, 8 1ch spaces)

Round 2: Join yarn B with a standing dc in any of the tr stitches of round 1. * htr, tr, dtr, tr, htr, all in chsp, dc in tr of round 1 *, repeat for each chain space; on the final petal join the round with a slip stitch into the standing dc. (8 petals, 8 dc) DO NOT BREAK YARN

This round will feel very crowded. You will need to push the stitches in each chsp back to find the tr in which to make a dc.

Round 3: Ch1, dc in same stitch as slip stitch, * ch2, dc in dc from round 2 *, repeat for each petal; on the final petal join the round with a slip stitch into the top of the first dc. Fasten off. (8 ch2 spaces, 8 dc)

Round 4: Join yarn C with a standing dc in any chsp. In same chsp, tr, dtr, **bpdtr** around dtr of round 2, dtr (in same chsp as before) tr, dc, * skip dc, in next chsp, dc, tr, dtr, **bpdtr** around dtr of round 2, dtr (in same chspain space as before) tr, dc *, repeat from * to * for each chain space, finish with a slip stitch into standing dc at beginning of round. Fasten off. (8 petals)

Round 5: Join yarn D with a standing dc in the **space between two petals**, ie between two dc, * ch2, bpdtr around the bpdtr in the centre of the petal, ch2, dc in the space between two petals, ch1, bpdtr around the bpdtr in the centre of the petal, ch1, dc in the space between two petals *, repeat from * to * three times, finishing with a slip stitch into the standing dc at the beginning of the round. DO NOT BREAK YARN

This round is squaring the circle – there will be the equivalent of five stitches behind alternate petals, and three behind the others.

Round 6: Slip stitch into chsp (which should be a ch2 space), ch1 (does not count as stitch) * dc4 in chsp, ch2, skip bpdtr dc4 in chsp, skip dc, dc2 in chsp, skip bpdtr, dc2 in chsp *, repeat from * to * three times, finish with a slip stitch into first dc of round. Fasten off.

Round 7: Still using yarn D, make a standing tr in any ch2 space – this will be your first corner – tr, ch2, tr2 in same chsp, * tr in each dc across (12 on this first round), make a corner (tr2, ch2, tr 2) *, repeat from * to * twice, tr in each dc across, slip stitch into standing tr at beginning of the round. DO NOT BREAK YARN

Round 8: Slip stitch into corner space, ch3, tr, ch2, tr2 all in chsp/corner, * tr in each tr across (16tr), make corner (tr2, ch2, tr2) *, repeat from * to * twice, tr in each tr across, join to ch3 with a slip stitch.

Repeat round 8 until you have the required size, each round adds tr4 to the side ... for this blanket, there will be one more row, ending with 24tr each side.