



Comme des Grannies

LK Stitches



Notes: Comme des Grannies is composed of 32 half granny squares and 62 whole granny squares connected on the diagonal. This pattern includes a how to on crocheting the squares together, but by all means use whichever technique you prefer. The granny square, like crochet in general, is pretty flexible so while I may instruct the use of 2 chains at each corner, you might be accustomed to doing three chains. You might prefer to use your favorite basic granny square pattern. Like my yoga instructor says daily, "I'm merely giving you suggestions." It's your wrap. Have fun with it!


xo, Liz



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Stitches and abbreviations used in this pattern:

Ch (Chain) 

Sl st (Slip Stitch) 

Sc (Single Crochet) (used in the finishing border)

Sk (Skip)

Dc (Double Crochet) 

Experience Level: Intermediate

Finished Size: Fingering Weight 73" x 17",
Worsted Weight 96" x 25"

Yarn:

fingering weight – 800 yards each of 2 colors (1600 yards total)

worsted weight – 1100 yards each of 2 colors (2200 yards total)

Hooks: fingering weight – G (4mm),
worsted weight – I or J (5.5mm or 6mm)

Gauge: None, but do a sample square to make sure your squares have a nice drape and will combine to form a lovely feeling wrap. Hook sizes listed are suggestions.

Instructions:

Crochet 62 whole and 32 half granny squares using the following color order. (Instructions for how to make a granny square and how to crochet together follow.)

Round 1 (and foundation chain) – Color A

Round 2 – Color B

Rounds 3 and 4 – Color A

Round 5 – Color B

You might try crocheting all Round 1s first, Round 2s second, etc. If you weave your ends in before moving on to the next round, you'll have the satisfaction of a growing pile of "finished" squares while working with a nice and neat foundation. You'll also have far fewer ends to weave in when it's time to put your wrap together.

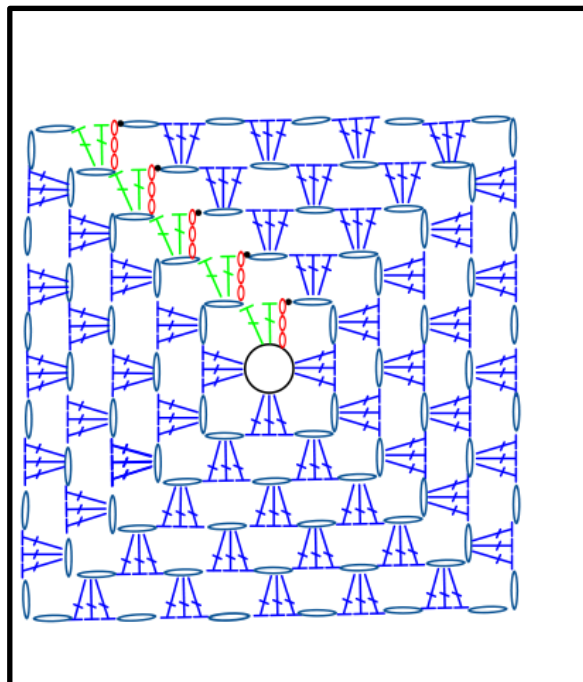


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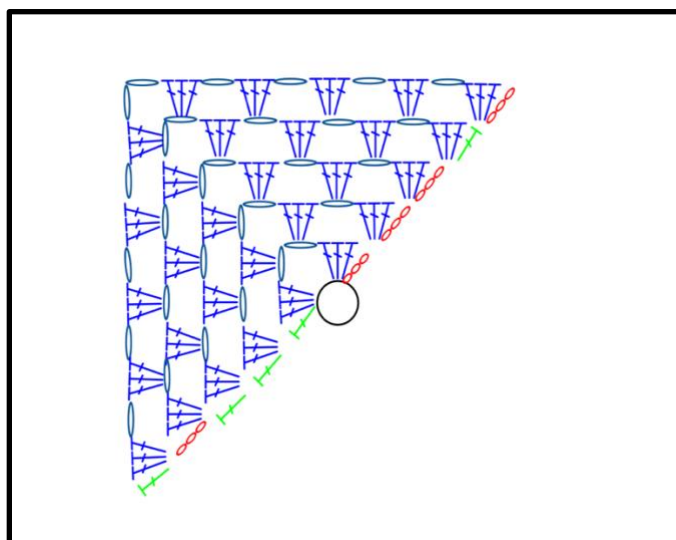
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Full Granny Square Chart

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Half Granny Square Chart





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How to Crochet a Basic Granny Square – (Make 62)

Foundation Round: Using Color A, Ch 5, Sl St into first Ch to join into a ring.

Note: I have used both this method and the adjustable loop method to begin my granny square. If you choose to use the adjustable loop method (lots of great how to videos online), make sure to leave enough of a tail to reinforce the circle. I have had my circles give out once the weight of the shawl is let loose around my neck.

Round 1: Ch3, 2Dc into foundation ring, Ch2, 3Dc into ring (one corner made), *Ch1, (3Dc, Ch2, 3Dc into foundation ring)** repeat from * to ** twice more. Join using a Sl st into the third Ch of the beginning Ch3. Fasten off and cut yarn. *(leaving a tail long enough to either work in with the next round or to weave in later.)*

Round 2: Using Color B, join the yarn into one of the corners (a 2Ch space), Ch3, 2Dc into same corner, Ch2, 3Dc into same corner (a new corner has now been created), Ch1, *3Dc into next corner space, Ch2, 3Dc into same corner, Ch1** Repeat from * to ** twice more. Join using Sl st into third Ch of beginning Ch3. Fasten off and cut yarn.

Round 3: Using Color A, join the yarn into one of the Ch1 spaces between the corners of Round 2. Ch3, 2Dc into same space, Ch1, *3Dc into next corner, Ch2, 3Dc into same corner, Ch1, 3Dc into next Ch1 space, Ch1** repeat from * to ** twice more, 3Dc in last corner, Ch2, 3Dc, Ch1. Join with Sl st into third chain of original Ch3.

Round 4: Still using Color A, Sl st to next Ch1 space, Ch3, 2Dc in same space, Ch1, *3Dc into corner, Ch2, 3Dc into same corner, Ch1, 3Dc into next Ch1 space, Ch1, 3Dc into next Ch1 space, Ch1** Repeat from * to ** 2 more times, 3Dc into corner, Ch2, 3Dc into same corner, Ch1, 3Dc into next Ch1 space, Ch1. Join with slipstitch into third chain of original Ch3. Fasten off and cut yarn.

Round 5: With Color B, join the yarn into the Ch1 space to the left of a corner of Round 4. Ch3, 2Dc into same space, Ch1, 3Dc into next Ch1 space, Ch1, 3Dc into next Ch1 space, Ch1, *3Dc into corner, Ch2, 3Dc into same corner, Ch1, (3Dc, Ch1) 3x** repeat from * to ** 2 more times, 3Dc into corner, Ch2, 3Dc into same corner, Ch1. Join with slipstitch into third chain of original Ch 3. Fasten off and cut yarn.



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How to Crochet a Basic Half Granny Square (Make 32)

Foundation Round: Using Color A, Ch4, Sl st into first Ch to join into a ring.

Round 1: Ch3, 3Dc into ring, Ch2, 4Dc into ring. Fasten off and cut yarn.

Round 2: Using Color B, join yarn between first and second Dc of Round 1, Ch3, 3Dc into same space, Ch1, (3Dc, Ch2, 3Dc) in corner, Ch1, 4 Dc between third and fourth Dc of previous round. Fasten off and cut yarn.

Round 3: Using Color A, join yarn between the first and second Dc of Round 2 (*remember that the Ch3 of the previous row counts as the first DC*), Ch3, 3Dc, Ch1, 3Dc into Ch1 space, Ch1, (3Dc, Ch2, 3Dc) in corner, Ch1, 3Dc into next Ch1 space, Ch1, 4Dc in between third and fourth Dc of Round 2, Ch3 and turn. *Because the same color is being used in Round 4, yarn does not have to be cut.*

Round 4: Still using color A, 3Dc into space between first and second Dc of Round 3, Ch1, 3Dc in Ch1 space, Ch1, (3Dc, Ch2, 3Dc) in corner, Ch1, (3Dc in next Ch1 space, Ch1) 2x, 4Dc in between the third and fourth Dc of row below. Fasten off and cut yarn.

Round 5: Using Color B, join yarn between first and second Dc of previous round. Ch3 (3Dc into same space, Ch1, (3Dc, Ch1)3x, (3Dc, Ch2, 3Dc) in corner, Ch1, (3Dc, Ch1 in next Ch1 space) 3x, 4 Dc in space between the third and fourth Dc of row below. Fasten off and cut yarn.



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How to Crochet Granny Squares Together

Tip: Use a hook one or two sizes up from what you used to crochet squares to keep the seams from puckering. If you don't have a larger hook nearby, exaggerate what you consider a loose Sl st.

Because the shawl is constructed on the diagonal this technique is a bit tricky. You will be connecting all the edges in one direction and then all the edges in the other direction. The easiest way to keep track of where you are, is to have the squares laid out on a flat surface for the entire time that you are working on connecting them. Because very few of us have this luxury, I have included a chart to help keep you on track. Please feel free to send me questions through Ravelry. I am happy to help.

You will be crocheting through the OUTER loops of both pieces.

Connecting one of the corner Chs when going in each direction helps keep nice neat intersections.

Put your two squares together with right sides facing and stitches lined up as best you can. When crocheting the squares together you will be working through the outside loops of corresponding stitches. This will ensure true intersections of the squares. *Only use the outer loop of each stitch.* Put your hook through the outside loops of both squares from front to back. Work from right to left.

1. Insert hook through outside loops of both corner stitches. (So, your first stitch is through the closest one of the two chains that make up each corner. You'll pick up the other corner chains when you Sl st the other direction together.)
2. Insert hook through the next two outside loops, yarn over and pull the yarn back through both loops and then through the loop already on the hook. (One Sl st completed.)
3. Continue to Sl St the outside loops of each of the stitches finishing the first two squares by connecting the end two corners.
4. Repeat steps 1-4 until entire row is connected.



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After slip stitching all seams in one direction, rotate your partially connected wrap and repeat for all rows in the other direction. The second direction should go faster than the first because all the squares are partially connected. Work one row at a time, with right sides facing, and beginning in the right-hand corner of each row.

Work slip stitches exactly as you did for the first side (*make sure to connect one stitch from each corner*).

The second direction seam is worked above the first diagonal's seam when they intersect.

Tip: Try to stitch across a complete row in one sitting and with one piece of yarn. Every extra end adds to the ends needing to be woven in AND to the awkwardness of working this method on the diagonal. By now you may be thinking that it sounds like an awful lot of trouble to go to, but I really find that the finished seams are worth the effort. You decide!

Below you can see the lovely slip stitched seams.

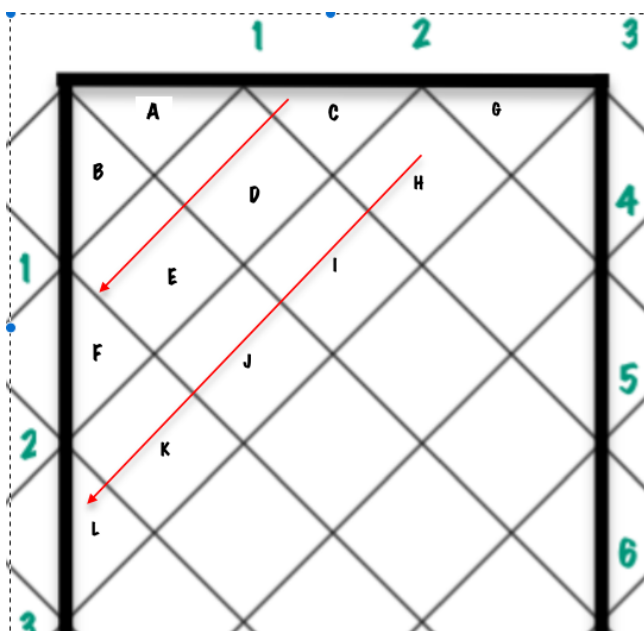




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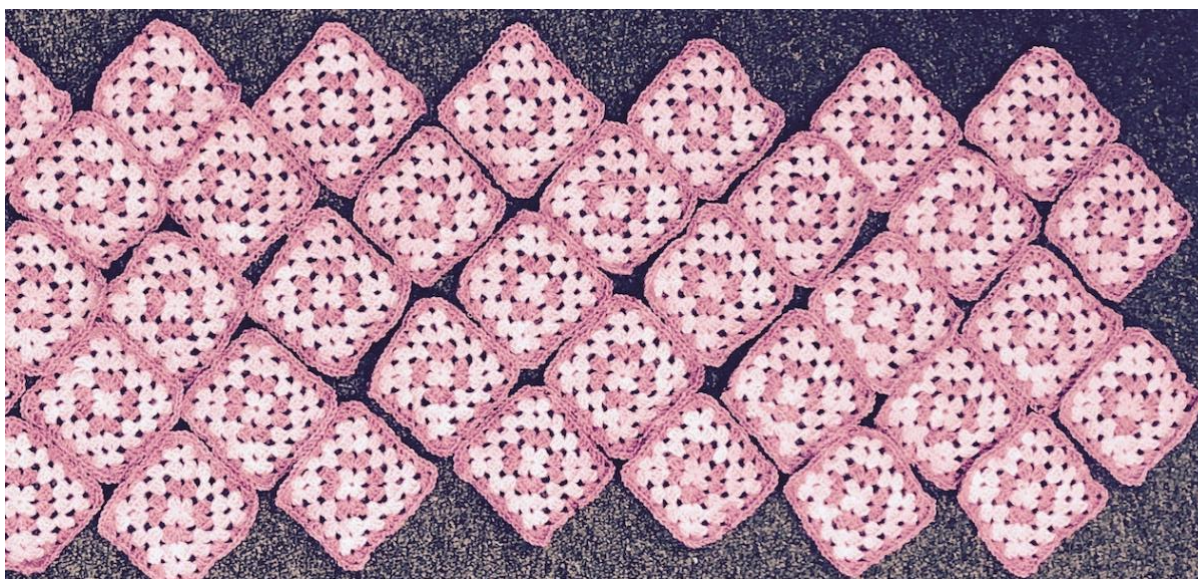
Schematic for Connecting Squares



Seam 1: With right sides facing, A is slipstitched to D, B is slipstitched to E

Seam 2: With right sides facing, C is slipstitched to H, D is slipstitched to I, E is slipstitched to J, F is slipstitched to K

All subsequent seams are worked similarly.





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The Finished Edge: The first time I made this shawl I did a quick row of single crochet around the entire edge. This time, I did the quick row of single crochet followed with two rows of single crochet granny stitch. You can't really see the spaces, but it creates a nice loose edge for your pleasantly draping wrap.

Step 1. Weave in all ends from crocheting your wrap together.

Step 2. Edging Row 1. Ch 1, Sc around entire wrap making sure to keep a nice loose edge (don't pull too tight or skip any stitches). Sl St final Sc into first Sc of Edging Row 1.

Step 3. Edging Row 2. Ch 1, Sc into first Sc of Edging Row 1. Ch 1 *Sk 1 Sc, Sc into next Sc, Ch 1** Repeat from * to ** to end of row. Sl St into first Ch of Edging Row 2.

Step 4. Edging Row 3. Repeat row 2.