

Shift+Granny



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Materials

- 30 yards bulky yarn, sample uses Lion Brand Jiffy
 - ✓ 1.5yds/1.3m Wine (A)
 - ✓ 8 yds/7.3m Dark Grey Heather (B)
 - ✓ 18 yds/16.5m Camel (C)
- 6.5 mm hook
- Yarn needle for weaving in tails

Measurements & Gauge

Pattern through Row 5 = 4"/10cm
Finished Square = 8"/20cm



Shift+Granny incorporated into Squares Dancing in Harmony, the blanket for which it was designed.

Introduction and Notes

As I was making a blanket that incorporated mitered granny squares, I wondered what it might be like if I made the first and last stitches of the granny cluster into the stitch below rather than making the whole cluster into the chain space.

Thus, Shift+Granny was born.

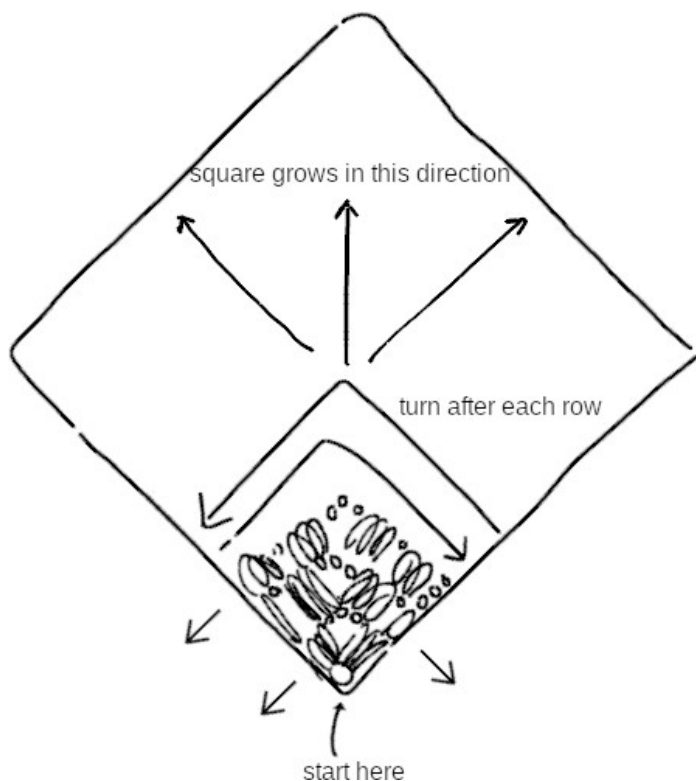
I liked the look of it: sleek, straighter, crisper lines. I still like the soft comfort of the traditional granny square, but this tiny innovation makes a noticeable difference to the overall look of the granny square.

Credits

Title page graphic and chart-making software created by Adam T. Ryder:
inventati.org/1337gallery

Chart-making software available for free at:
<https://chetapp.weebly.com>

Schematic and Details



Techniques Used

The middle stitch of each cluster is made through both top loops of the chain itself, as if to crochet into a normal stitch. It is not made into the chain space (see detail photo below).

When working the last stitch of a row into a chain stitch of the previous row, working through both top loops, rather than through the back and bottom loops, minimizes the gap.

On the final row, when working into a chain, work as before through both top loops of the chain.

dc into dc, make corner, dc into dc

dc into chain



Stitches and Abbreviations

ch – chain
dc – double crochet
sk – skip
sp – space
st(s) – stitch(es)

Instructions

with A, ch 3, join to form a ring

Row 1 (WS): ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) into ring (corner made), dc in ring, turn. Finish off. **(6 dc and 1 ch 3)**

Row 2: with B, join in first st, ch 4 (counts as (dc, ch 1) here and throughout), sk next st, dc in next stitch, make corner in ch 3 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, dc in 3rd ch of ch 3, turn. **(8 dc, 2 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 3: ch 3, dc in 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc next st, make corner in ch 3 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st; dc in 2 sts, dc in 3rd ch of ch 4, turn. **(12 dc, 2 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 4: ch 4, sk next st, dc in 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, make corner in ch 3 sp, dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in 3 sts, ch 1, dc in 3rd ch of ch 3, turn. Finish off. **(14 dc, 4 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 5: with C, join in first st, ch 3, dc in 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st, make corner in ch 3 sp, *dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in 2 sts* 2 times, dc in 3rd ch of ch 4, turn. **(18 dc, 4 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 6: ch 4, sk next st, (dc in 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st) 2 times, dc in next st, make corner in ch 3 sp, (dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in 2 sts) 2 times, dc in next st, ch 1, dc in 3rd ch of ch 3, turn. **(20 dc, 6 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 7: ch 3, (dc in 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st) 3 times, make corner in ch 3 sp, (dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in 2 sts) 3 times, dc in 3rd ch of ch 4, turn. **(24 dc, 6 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 8: ch 4, sk next st, (dc in 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st) 3 times, dc in next st, make corner in ch 3 sp, (dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in 2 sts) 3

times, dc in next st, ch 1, dc in 3rd ch of ch 3, turn. **(26 dc, 8 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 9: ch 3, (dc in 2 sts, ch 1, sk next st, dc in next st) 4 times, make corner in ch 3 sp, (dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st, dc in 2 sts) 4 times, dc in 3rd ch of ch 4, turn. Finish off. **(30 dc, 6 ch 1, and 1 ch 3)**

Row 10: with B, join in first st, ch 3, dc in 18 sts, 5 dc in ch 3, dc in 19 sts. **(43 dc)**

Break yarn and use the yarn needle to weave in all tails or save them to seam the square to other squares as you see fit.

Chart Symbol Key

▶ beginning arrow: indicates first stitch of chart

○ chain

• slip stitch

→ row direction arrow: indicates direction of stitching

┆ double crochet

A
B
C color change assignments

