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Flower Square Cardigan

Forty-two flower squares with a soft collar and bright green trim.

YARN	SIZES	SQUARES	TERMS
Worsted / medium	XS/S/M to 2/3XL	42	US crochet

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Before you begin

Make a cardigan from forty-two flower-centred granny squares, joined with a flat seam. Work the front bands, collar and sleeve cuffs directly onto the assembled cardigan.

Choose your size and match both the fabric and square gauge. Read the colour combinations and assembly diagrams before making the squares. The beginning ch 2 counts as hdc; ch 3 counts as dc. Join rounds with a slip stitch to the first stitch.

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Materials

Worsted / medium-weight yarn, 170.1 g / 6 oz, 288 m / 315 yd per ball. The table lists quantities for XS/S/M | L/XL | 2/3XL.

Colour	Balls	Metres / yards
A: chartreuse	4 | 4 | 5	922/1009 | 1085/1187 | 1357/1484
B: bone / cream	1 | 1 | 2	230/252 | 288/315 | 360/393
C: neon pink	1 | 1 | 2	223/244 | 279/305 | 349/381
D: taupe	2 | 3 | 3	530/580 | 662/724 | 828/905

Hook by size: 5.5 mm (XS/S/M), 6 mm (L/XL), or 6.5 mm (2/3XL), adjusted to obtain gauge. Also: yarn needle, stitch markers, four 32 mm / 1.25 in buttons, sewing needle and matching sewing thread.



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Size, gauge and abbreviations

Size	Fit chest	Finished chest
XS/S/M	71-96.5 cm / 28-38 in	122 cm / 48 in
L/XL	101.5-117 cm / 40-46 in	132 cm / 52 in
2/3XL	122-137 cm / 48-54 in	142 cm / 56 in

Finished chest measurements exclude the button bands. Gauge in 10 cm / 4 in: XS/S/M, 11 dc and 8 rows with a 15 cm / 6 in square; L/XL, 10.5 dc and 7.25 rows with a 16.5 cm / 6.5 in square; 2/3XL, 9.75 dc and 6.5 rows with a 7 in square.

Abbreviations

approx = approximately; beg = beginning; ch = chain; dc = double crochet; hdc = half double crochet; hdc2tog = (yarn over and draw up a loop in next stitch) twice, yarn over and draw through all loops; rep = repeat; rnd = round; RS / WS = right / wrong side; sc = single crochet; sl st = slip stitch; sp = space; st = stitch; tog = together; tr = treble crochet; yoh = yarn over hook.



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Make the granny squares

Granny Square (make 42) Make 10 Squares using A as Color 1, D as Color 2 and Color 4, B as Color 3, and C as Color 5. Make 10 Squares using B as Color 1, D as Color 2 and Color 4, C as Color 3, and B as Color 5. Make 12 Squares using C as Color 1, A as Color 2, D as Color 3 and Color 5, and B as Color 4. Make 10 Squares using D as Color 1 and Color 5, C as Color 2, B as Color 3, and A as Color 4.

See the Granny square chart. With Color 1, ch 5. Join with sl st to first ch to form ring.

1st rnd: (RS). Ch 3. 11 dc in ring. Join. 12 dc. Fasten off.

2nd rnd: Join Color 2 with sl st in sp between any 2 dc. Ch 3. 1 dc in same sp as sl st. *Ch 1. 2 dc in next sp between next 2 dc. Rep from * around. 24 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

3rd rnd: Join Color 3 with sl st in any ch-1 sp. Ch 3. 2 dc in same sp as sl st. *Ch 1. 3 dc in next ch-1 sp. Rep from * around. Ch 1. Join. 36 dc and 12 ch-1 sps. Fasten off.

4th rnd: Join Color 4 with sl st in any ch-1 sp. Ch 2. 2 dc in same sp as sl st. *Ch 2. 3 dc in in next ch-1 sp. Rep from * around. Join. 36 dc and 12 ch-2 sps.

5th rnd: Join Color 5 with sl st in any ch-2 sp. Ch 3. 3 dc in same sp as sl st. Ch 1. 4 dc in next ch-2 sp. *Ch 1. (2 dc. 2 tr. Ch 2. 2 tr. 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp (corner made.) (Ch 1. 4 dc in next ch-2 sp) twice. Rep from * twice more. Ch 1. (2 dc. 2 tr. Ch 2. 2 tr. 2 dc) in next ch-2 sp. Ch 1. Join. Fasten off. 4 corners with two 4-dc groups along each of 4 sides between corners.

6th rnd: Join A with sl st in any corner ch-2 sp. *(Skip next st. 1 sc in each of next 3 sts.1 sc in next ch-1 sp) 3 times. Skip next st. 1 sc in each of next 3 sts. 3 sc in corner ch-2 sp. Rep from * 3 times more. Join. 72 sc. (15 sc along each side and 3 sc in each ch-2 sp).

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Assembly and front bands

Arrange Granny Squares as shown in assembly diagram. With A, sew Squares tog using a flat seam. Take care when sewing underarm/gusset Squares in place. One Square is placed under each arm and 2 edges of underarm/ gusset Square are sewn to edges of 2 Squares in Sleeve and other 2 edges of underarm/gusset Square are sewn to edges of 2 Squares in body of Cardigan.

Buttonhole Band Place markers on Right Front edge for 4 buttonholes: bottom buttonhole 3/4" [2 cm] below joining sp of 2nd row of Granny Squares, 2nd and 3rd buttonholes 3/4" [2 cm] below joining sp of next

row of Granny Squares and top buttonhole 3/4" [2 cm] below top corner.

1st row: (RS). Join A with sl st at bottom right front edge. Work in sc in each st to first marker. [Ch 3. Skip next 3 sc (buttonhole). 1 sc in each st to next marker] 3 times. Ch 3. Skip next 3 sc. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn. 2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc and ch to end of row. Turn.

3rd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn. Rep last row until Buttonhole Band measures 11/2" [4 cm]. Fasten off.

Button Band 1st row: (RS). Join A with sl st at top left front edge. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as sl st. Work same number of sc along front edge as Buttonhole Band. Turn. 2nd row: Ch 1. 1 sc in each sc to end of row. Turn. Rep 2nd row until Button Band measures 11/2" [4 cm]. Fasten off.

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Collar, cuffs and lower edge

Collar 1st row: (RS). Join A with sl st to top right corner at neck edge. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as sl st. Work 79 sc evenly along neck edge. Turn. 80 sc. 2nd row: Ch 2. Hdc2tog. 1 hdc in each st to end of row. Turn. 79 sts. Rep 2nd row, dec 1 st at beg of every row, until Collar measures approx 6" [15 cm]. Fasten off.

Cuffs 1st rnd: (RS). Join A with sl st at seam. Ch 1. 1 sc in same sp as sl st. Work 39 sc evenly around sleeve edge. Join. Turn. 40 sc. 2nd rnd: (WS). Ch 2. 1 hdc in next sc. Hdc2tog. *1 hdc in each of next 2 dc. Hdc2tog. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 30 hdc. 3rd rnd: (RS). Ch 2. 1 hdc in each st around. Join. Rep 3rd rnd until Cuff measures 5" [12.5 cm]. Fasten off.

Lower Edging With RS facing, join A with sl st to lower Left Front corner. Work in sc evenly across lower edge to opposite corner of Right Front. Fasten off.

Using sewing needle and thread, sew buttons to Button Band, opposite buttonholes. Weave in ends.

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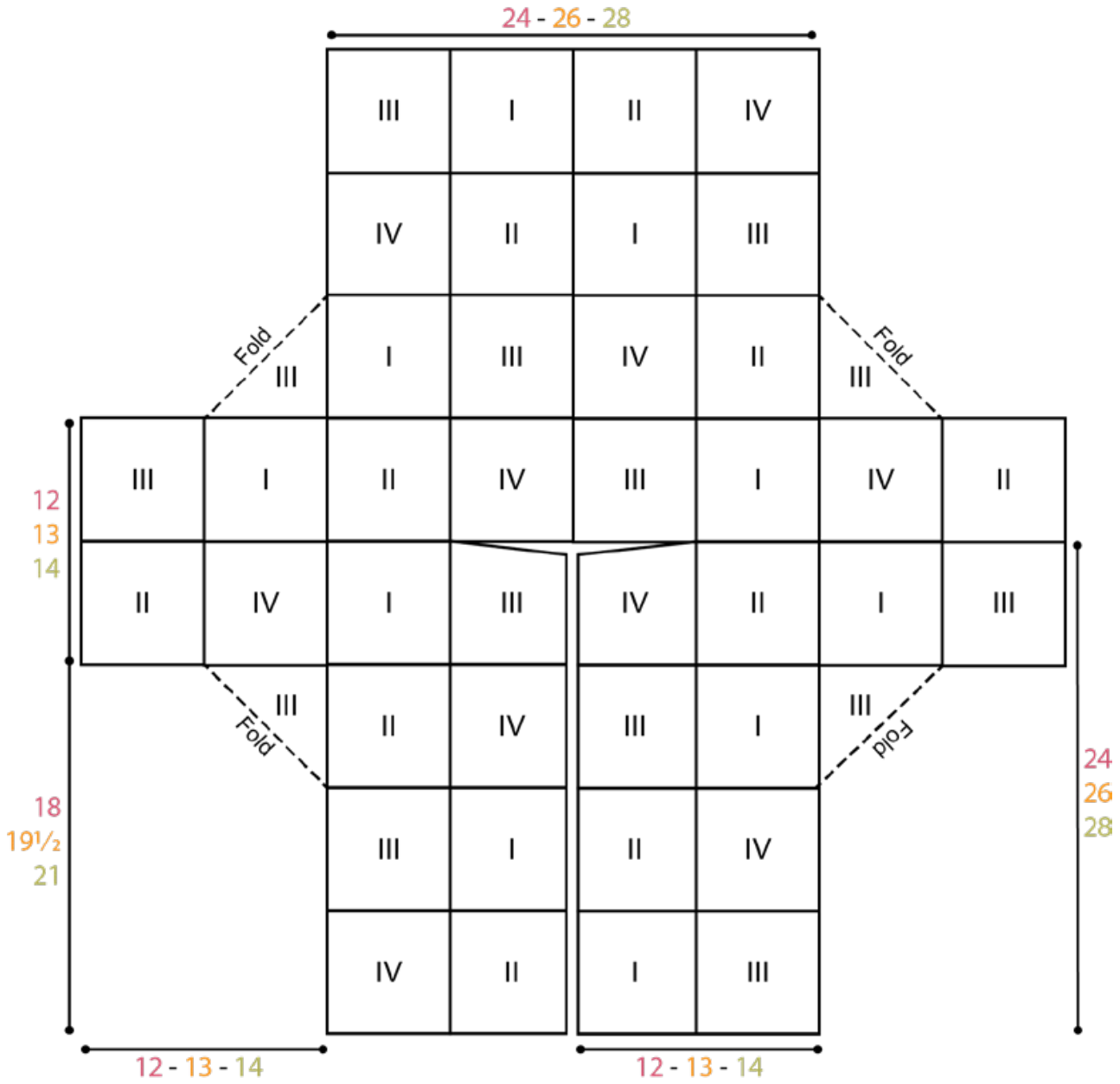
Assembly diagram



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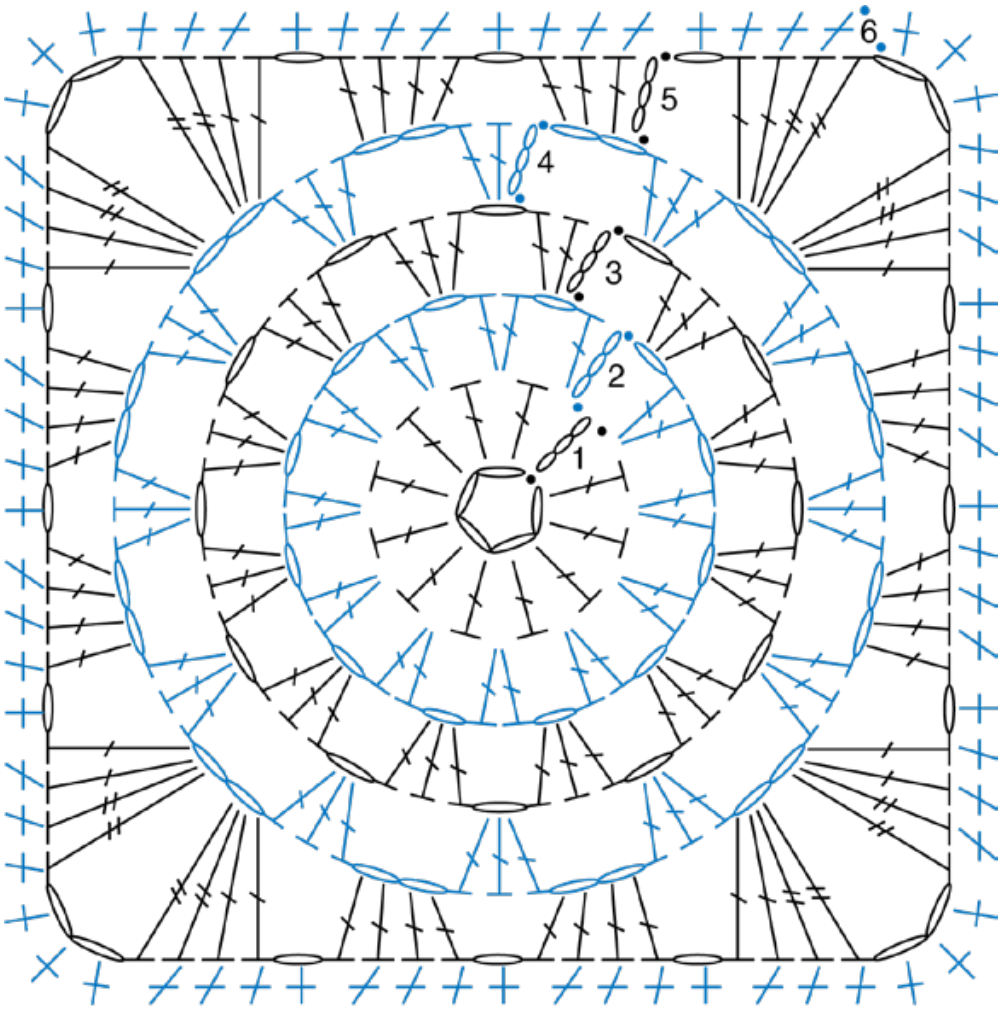
Granny square chart



GRANNY SQUARE

STITCH KEY

= chain (ch)

= slip stitch (sl st)

= single crochet (sc)

= double crochet (dc)

= treble crochet (tr)

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