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Knit  Crochet  Design



Granny Square Cushion

Materials

Use a DK weight (US Light Worsted) yarn that has a knit tension of 22 sts and 28 rows over stocking stitch on 4 mm (UK/Canada/Aus no.8, US no.6) needles.

I used King Cole Merino Blend DK (112m/123yds per 50g ball), 1 x 50g ball each of shades 703 Cranberry and 46 Aran, and 2 balls of 791 Denim.

You will also need a 4 mm (US G/6) crochet hook, 3 buttons and a 14 inch/35 cm cushion pad.

Size

This Cushion measures 14 inches / 35 cm square.

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TENSION/GUAGE

The individual squares measure 7 cm square. Use larger or smaller hook if necessary to obtain the correct tension.

ABBREVIATIONS(US)

Yrh = yarn round hook

Ch = chain

Ss = slip stitch

Sc = single crochet

Dc = double crochet

Sp = space

Rep = repeat

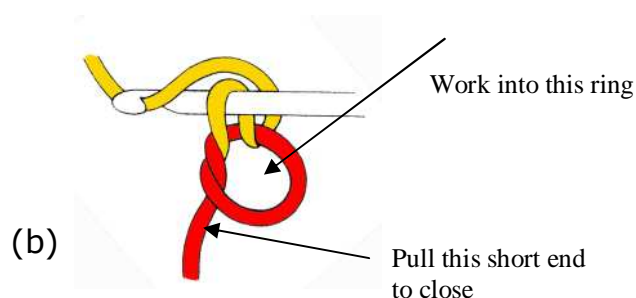
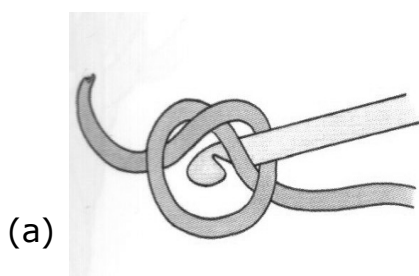
Working square = the square being made

Joining square = a previous square to which the working square is being joined.

Yarn **A** = red, yarn **B** = cream, yarn **C** = blue.

Magic circle

- 1) Begin to make a slip knot but do not pull up tight onto hook. (a)
- 2) Using the loop on the hook and working into the loose loop ring work as given in the pattern. (b)
- 3) Pull up the short end of the yarn to close the circle tight.



SQUARE PATTERN 1

Note: make sure the loose ends to sew in are only approx 10 cm (4 inches) long or you will run out of yarn.

Using no 4 mm hook and yarn **A** make a 'magic circle' and into it work as follows;

1st Round: 2 ch (counts as first dc), 2 dc into ring, * 2 ch, 3 dc worked into ring, rep from * 2 more times, 2 ch, pull up the short end of the circle to tighten, insert hook into second of two chain at beg of row, yrh using yarn **B**, pull through yarn **B** to make a loop.

2nd round: turn work, 2 ch (counts as first dc) 2 dc into first 2 ch sp, * 2 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp, 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 2 ch sp, rep from * 2 more times, 2 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp, 1 ch, insert hook into second of two chain at beg of row, yrh using yarn **C**, pull through yarn **C** to make a loop.

3rd round: turn work, 2 ch (counts as first dc) 2 tr into next 1 ch sp, * 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 2 ch sp, 2 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp, 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 1 ch sp, rep from * 2 more times, 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 2 ch sp, 2 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp, 1 ch, ss into second of two chain at beg of row, fasten off.

SQUARE PATTERN 2

Work as given for the 1st square to end of 2nd round BUT change the colours worked in the centre so that the centre is worked with yarn **B** and the middle with yarn **A**, keep the outside colour the same. Continue to alternate the colours at centre of squares (as in photo) throughout the work.

3rd round: turn work, 2 ch (counts as first dc) 2 dc into next 1 ch sp, 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 2 ch sp, 1ch, ss to corner 2 ch sp of joining square (holding the work with wrong sides facing each other), 1 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp of working square,(ss to next 1 ch space of joining square, 3 dc worked into next ch sp of working square, rep from) x 2 1ch, ss to corner 2 ch sp of joining square, 1 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp of working square, * 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 1 ch sp, 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 2 ch sp, 2 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp, Rep from * 1 ch, ss into second of two chain at beg of row, fasten off.



Work 3 more of this square joining the squares into a line. (There will now be five squares in a line) Then work 1 more square the same joining to the 1st square so that a 2nd row is started.

SQUARE PATTERN 3

Work as given for the 1st square to end of 2nd round using colours as set.

3rd round: turn work, 2 ch (counts as first dc) 2 dc into next 1 ch sp, 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 2 ch sp, 1ch, ss to corner 2 ch sp of joining square (holding the work with wrong sides facing each other), 1 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp of working square,*(ss to next 1 ch space of joining square, 3 dc worked into next ch sp of working square, rep from) x 2 1ch, ss to corner 2 ch sp of joining square, 1 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp of working square. Repeat from * (working the corner ss into the square diagonally across from the square being worked) 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 1 ch sp, 1 ch, 3 dc worked into next 2 ch sp, 2 ch, 3 dc worked back into same 2 ch sp, 1 ch, ss into second of two chain at beg of row, fasten off.

Repeat this square pattern three more times. (2 rows of 5 squares have now been worked.

Continue in this manner until five rows of five squares have been worked.

CUSHION BACK

Using no 3.5 mm hook and yarn **C** make a length of 55 ch.

1st row: 1 dc into 3rd ch from hook, 1 dc into each ch to end. (54 dc)

2nd row: 2 ch (counts as 1st dc), 1 dc into each dc to end of row.

Row two forms the pattern repeat this throughout. Work colour pattern as follows; work two rows with yarn **B**, two rows with yarn **C**, 2 rows with yarn **A**, 2 rows with yarn **C**, repeat stripes in this combination throughout. When 14 rows have been worked make opening;

Opening

Next row: 2 ch (counts as 1st dc), 1 dc into each of next four dc, Make 44 ch, skip 44 dc of previous row, then work 1 dc into each of last 5 dc of row.

Next row: 2 ch (counts as 1st dc), 1 dc into each of next four dc, 1 dc into each of the 44 ch, 1 dc into each of last 5 dc of row. Cont in patt working the colour pattern as given for another 13 rows. Fasten off.

Rejoin yarn to the 44 dc that were skipped, and work four rows of double crochet on these 44 dc. Fasten off. And sew sides of this piece to inside of cushion.

Rejoin yarn to the base of the 44 ch and work as follows;

Buttonhole row: ss across 1st 4 sts of row, * ss across 4 sts, 4ch, skip 4 sts, ss across next 4 sts, rep from twice more, ss across rem 4 sts. Fasten off.

Press lightly according to ball band instructions and sew in all ends.

Place wrong sides of work together and pin together. Working from the RS with yarn **C**, join yarn to any corner with a ss—work 2 ch which counts as the 1st sc. ** work single crochet through both layers of the fabric, working 12 sc into each square, so that 60 sc are worked along the side. At the corner work 3 sc, then repeat from ** ending with ss to 1st st. Sew in ends.

Sew buttons to correspond with buttonholes and stuff with a cushion pad.

Alternative Colours



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