

HOW TO CROCHET A BASIC GRANNY SQUARE

step-by-step instructions

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What do **tote bags, sweaters, blankets, and flared pants** all have in common? Any beginner crocheter can make these items from scratch using **Granny Squares**. These squares are extremely simple to make and can be used to create **countless different projects**. The best part is that they only require knowledge of 3 types of stitches: **chain stitch, double crochet stitch, and slip stitch**. Each of these stitches will be demonstrated in this tutorial.

MATERIALS NEEDED



- 1. Skein of Worsted Weight Yarn**
- 2. 5.5mm Crochet Hook**
- 3. Scissors**

CREATING THE GRANNY SQUARE

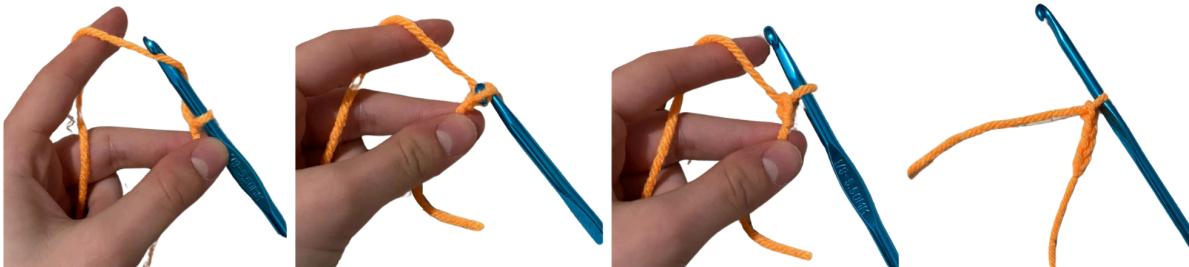
round one

STEP 1: Make a **slip knot** by creating a loop in your yarn. Use two fingers to pull the working end of your yarn through the loop. Tug on both ends of the yarn to tighten the slip knot.



STEP 2: Insert your hook into the slip knot and **chain x4**.

(To create a **chain stitch**, drape your working yarn over the crochet hook, closest to the actual hook part. Rotate your hook ~90° counterclockwise to grab the working yarn.
Pull the yarn through the loop on your hook.)

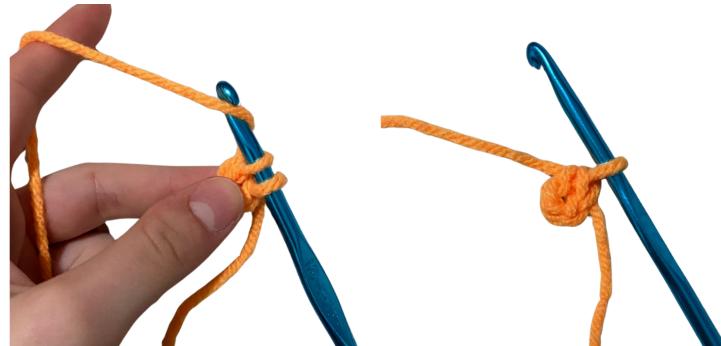


STEP 3: Insert your hook into the **first chain**.

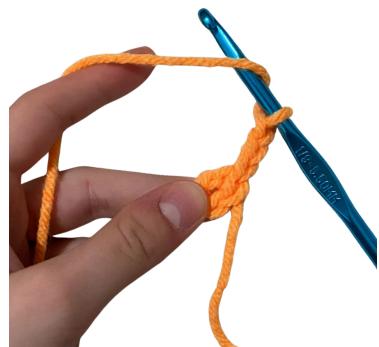


STEP 4: Connect the first and last chains to make a small circle using a **slip stitch**.

(To create a **slip stitch**, drape your working yarn over the hook, rotate the hook ~90° counterclockwise to grab the yarn, and pull it through both loops on the hook.)

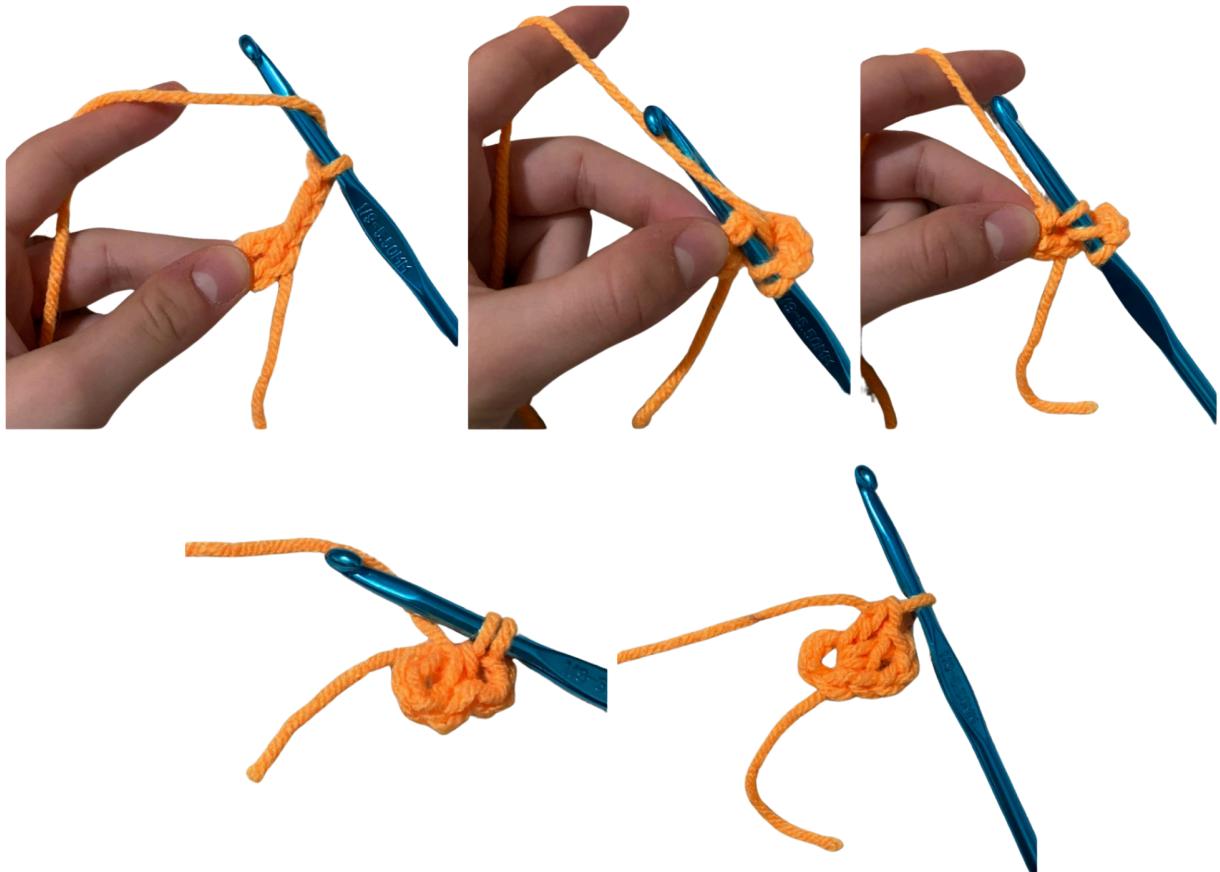


STEP 5: Chain x3.



STEP 6: Double crochet x2 into the center of the small circle you created in Step 4.

(To create a **double crochet stitch**, drape your working yarn over your crochet hook. Insert your hook into the space in which you are working. Drape your working yarn over your crochet hook again, and pull it through the space. There are now 3 loops on your hook. Drape your working yarn over your crochet hook, grab it, and pull it through two of the loops on your hook. Drape your working yarn over your crochet hook again, grab it, and pull it through the last two loops on your hook.)



You have now created your first **cluster**: groups of 3 double crochet stitches (your first cluster in each round will count the chain 3 as the first double crochet). These clusters will primarily comprise the granny square.

STEP 7: Chain x2.

STEP 8: Create another **cluster** by **double crocheting x3** into the center of the same circle.

STEP 9: **Repeat steps 7 & 8** two more times for a total of 4 clusters in your first round.



STEP 10: Chain x2.

STEP 11: Insert your hook into the third chain of the first post in the first cluster of the round.

STEP 12: **Slip stitch** the round closed.



round two

STEP 1: Turn your square around so that the space between clusters that was to the right of your hook is now to the left.

Chain x3.



STEP 2: Double crochet x2 into the space between the clusters on the round below to finish the first cluster of the round.

(Remember, the **first cluster** of each round counts the **chain x3** as the **first double crochet of the cluster**.)



STEP 3: Chain x2 to create a corner.

STEP 4: Double crochet x3 to create a second cluster in the same space.



STEP 5: Chain x1 to travel between spaces.

STEP 6: Double crochet x3 to create a cluster in the next space.

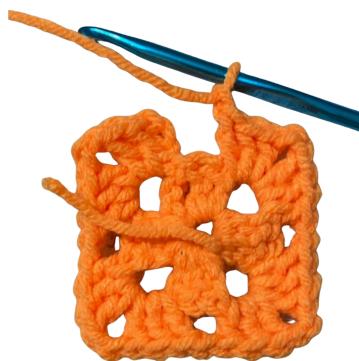
STEP 7: Repeat steps 3 through 6 two more times. You now have a total of 7 clusters in your second round.



STEP 8: Chain x2.

STEP 9: Double crochet x3 in the same space as your last cluster to create your final cluster of the second round.

STEP 10: Chain x1.



STEP 11: Insert your hook into the third chain of the first post of the first cluster of the second round.



STEP 12: Slip stitch the round closed. Turn your work around.



round three

STEP 1: Chain x3.



STEP 2: Double crochet x2 into the space below to finish the first cluster of the round.

STEP 3: Chain x1 to travel between spaces.

STEP 4: Double crochet x3 into the next space.



STEP 5: Chain x2.

STEP 6: Double crochet x3 into the same space.

STEP 7: Chain x1 to travel between spaces.

STEP 8: Double crochet x3 into the next space.



STEP 9: Repeat steps 3 through 8 two more times. You will now have 10 clusters in your third round.



STEP 10: Repeat steps 3 through 7 one time to finish the last two clusters of the round.

STEP 11: Insert your hook into the third chain of the first post of the first cluster of the third round.



STEP 12: Slip stitch the round closed.

STEP 13: Chain x1.

STEP 14: Snip your working yarn.

STEP 15: Pull the end of the yarn through the chain and tighten.



CONGRATULATIONS!

you have now finished your first

BASIC GRANNY SQUARE