

Big Bold Blanket



This pattern is based on an 18 motif repeating layout using 6 colours and in a combination of Standard Granny Squares and Solid Granny Squares. Each square has 6 rounds in the pattern. Each colour has a 3 motif set.

You'll notice that this configuration gives you diagonals of single colour Solid Granny Squares, diagonals of 3 colour Standard Granny Squares, and diagonals of 6 colour Standard Granny Squares so it's not as random as it might first appear.

For this project, I used 144 squares in a 12 x 12 configuration.

Each square is approximately 15cm. The finished item measures approximately 190cm x 190 cm.

You could make it any size you want and choose your own colour combination.

I am using UK/Australian Terminology.

Yarn Weight is DK / 8 ply. I used Patons Classic Totem 8 ply (DK), 91m/50g but Bergere de France Ideal is a good wool blend substitute

4.00 mm Crochet Hook

Tension: 18 tr over 10 rows = 10 cm / 4"

I used 5 balls of each colour

I chose:

+ 2 extra balls of chosen colour (Colour E) for border and connecting squares.

Quantities you require will depend on the size of your project.

Colour A	Charcoal	
Colour B	Dark Red	
Colour C	Chocolate	
Colour D	Petrol	
Colour E	Fawn	
Colour F	Cream	

METHOD

Abbreviations

ch = chain tr = treble crochet ss = slip stitch

Standard Granny Square

There are plenty of tutorials for Standard Granny Squares out there, so I won't go into detail here.

I prefer to do my Standard Granny Square starting with a 6 ch ring but use 4 ch if that's what you prefer.

I use a (3 tr shell with a 1 ch space) for the sides, and a (3 tr shell, 3 ch space, 3 tr shell) for the corners as I think it gives more of a square shaped corner rather than the slightly rounded corner you tend to get with a 2 ch space.

If you have a different favourite method, go for it. As long as each square is 6 rounds, the pattern will work.

Solid Granny Square


You will also find there are plenty of tutorials for Solid Granny Squares out there, so I won't go into detail here either.

Again, I prefer to do my Solid Granny Square starting with a 6 ch ring but use 4 ch if that's what you like better.

I use (2 tr, 3 ch space, 2 tr) for the corners as, again, I think it gives a nice square shaped corner rather than the more rounded corner you tend to get with a 2 ch space.

As with the Standard Granny Square, if you have a different favourite method, stick with that. As long as each square is 6 rounds, the pattern will work.

SET 1

Colour A	Charcoal	
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Square 1

Using Colour A, work 6 rounds of Solid Granny Square.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



Square 2

Using Colour C, work Rounds 1 & 2 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour B and work Rounds 3 & 4.

Rounds 5 & 6 change yarn to Colour A.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



Square 3

Using Colour F, work Round 1 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour E and work Round 2.

Round 3 change yarn to Colour D.

Round 4 change yarn to Colour C.

Round 5 change yarn to Colour B.

Round 6 change yarn to Colour A.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



SET 2

Colour B	Dark Red	
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Square 1

Using Colour B, work 6 rounds of Solid Granny Square.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 2

Using Colour D, work Rounds 1 & 2 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour C and work Rounds 3 & 4.

Rounds 5 & 6 change yarn to Colour B.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 3

Using Colour A, work Round 1 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour F and work Round 2.

Round 3 change yarn to Colour E.

Round 4 change yarn to Colour D.


Round 5 change yarn to Colour C.

Round 6 change yarn to Colour B.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



SET 3

Colour C	Chocolate	
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Square 1

Using Colour C, work 6 rounds of Solid Granny Square.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 2

Using Colour E, work Rounds 1 & 2 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour D and work Rounds 3 & 4.

Rounds 5 & 6 change yarn to Colour C.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 3

Using Colour B, work Round 1 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour A and work Round 2.

Round 3 change yarn to Colour F.

Round 4 change yarn to Colour E.


Round 5 change yarn to Colour D.

Round 6 change yarn to Colour C.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



SET 4

Colour D	Petrol	
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Square 1

Using Colour D, work 6 rounds of Solid Granny Square.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 2

Using Colour F, work Rounds 1 & 2 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour E and work Rounds 3 & 4.

Rounds 5 & 6 change yarn to Colour D.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 3

Using Colour C, work Round 1 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour B and work Round 2.

Round 3 change yarn to Colour A.

Round 4 change yarn to Colour F.


Round 5 change yarn to Colour E.

Round 6 change yarn to Colour D.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



SET 5

Colour E	Fawn	
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Square 1

Using Colour E, work 6 rounds of Solid Granny Square.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 2

Using Colour A, work Rounds 1 & 2 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour F and work Rounds 3 & 4.

Rounds 5 & 6 change yarn to Colour E.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 3

Using Colour D, work Round 1 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour C and work Round 2.

Round 3 change yarn to Colour B.

Round 4 change yarn to Colour A.

Round 5 change yarn to Colour F.

Round 6 change yarn to Colour E.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



SET 6

Colour F	Cream	
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Square 1

Using Colour F, work 6 rounds of Solid Granny Square.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 2

Using Colour B, work Rounds 1 & 2 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour A and work Rounds 3 & 4.

Rounds 5 & 6 change yarn to Colour F.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Square 3

Using Colour E, work Round 1 of Standard Granny Square.

Using your preferred method, change yarn to Colour D and work Round 2.

Round 3 change yarn to Colour C.

Round 4 change yarn to Colour B.

Round 5 change yarn to Colour A.

Round 6 change yarn to Colour F.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.



JOINING

I used Colour E for joining my squares, but you can use whichever colour you like to get the effect you want.

If you usually block your work before joining, now's the time. I didn't bother, the weight of the finished blanket evened out any kinks.

I found it easier to join the squares in rows first and then join the rows together.

This helped me to ensure I got the configuration right but gave me the flexibility to make my squares in whatever sequence I wanted e.g. I could do all my Colour A sets first then move on to Colour B. I could have done all my Solid Granny Squares first, then all the 3 colour ones, then all the 6 colour ones last.

Note that for this 12 x 12 configuration, you won't need the same number of squares for every colour combination. See the graph for details.

I highly recommend sewing your yarn ends in as you go – there are lots of colour changes in this pattern and therefore lots of ends, so if you leave them all until the end it may be overwhelming!

BORDER

Once you have made your blanket to the size you want and joined all the squares, choose a colour for your border (I used Colour E again) and join at any corner space of your blanket.

Round 1

3 ch (counts as first tr), 1 tr into corner space.

1 tr into each stitch along the edges of your blanket, (2 tr, 3 ch, 2 tr) into each of next 3 corners.

Finish starting corner with 2 tr into the space, 3 ch, ss to first 3 ch to close round.

Round 2

3 ch to start.

1 tr into each stitch from previous round, 5 tr into each of next 3 corners. Finish starting corner with 4 tr into the space, ss to first 3 ch to close round.

Round 3

3 ch to start.

1 tr into each stitch from previous round, (1 tr, 2 ch, 1 tr) into each middle stitch of next 3 corners.

Finish starting corner with (1 tr, 2 ch) into final stitch, ss to first 3 ch to close round.

Fasten off yarn and sew in ends.

Give yourself a cheer – you’ve done it!

Now snuggle up underneath and enjoy it!

