

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN MARSHALL PUBLIC LIBRARY'S GRANNY SQUARE PROJECT! ALL AFGHANS WE MAKE WILL BE DONATED TO SEICAA'S VETERANS HOUSING SERVICES, WHICH HELPS HOMELESS VETERANS TRANSITION INTO LONG-TERM HOUSING.

Your granny square should be five rows; the colors from your book cover should be four rows, and the fifth and final row of all the squares should be black (this is for a uniform look when we join the granny squares together). When completed, your square should measure about 5.5" x 5.5". If it's not exact, don't worry! We will block the squares. If you don't have black yarn for the final row, stop by the library—we have bundles to share! Make as many as you would like! Volunteers will join them together so you may turn them in loose, or you may join them together to make an afghan on your own. If you'd like to make your own afghan to give, we suggest 10 squares wide by 12 squares in length. When you return your granny squares to the library, please include the tag that indicates what book inspired each square; this isn't a requirement, but it will help us put together a fun display before the afghans go to their new homes.

Share on our social media or yours #GrannySquaresforVets

SUPPLIES

Red Heart Super Saver (medium/4) yarn
5.0 mm (H-8) or 5.5 mm (I-9) size hook

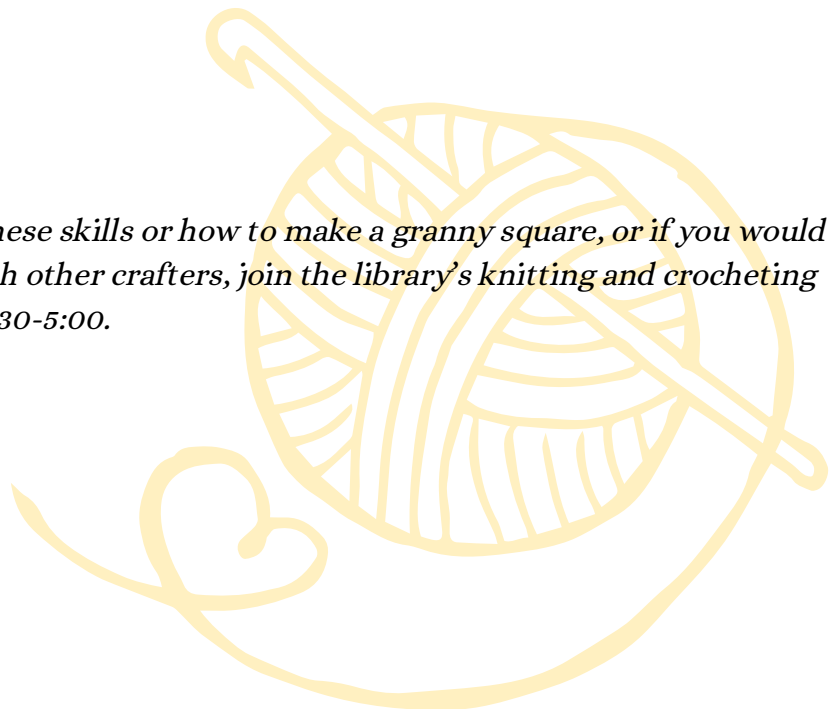
REQUIRED SKILLS

Chaining
Double crochet
Slip stitch

If you have questions about these skills or how to make a granny square, or if you would just would like to meet up with other crafters, join the library's knitting and crocheting group on Wednesdays from 3:30-5:00.

KEY

ch = chain
dc = double crochet
sl st = slip stitch



INSTRUCTIONS

CREATE YOUR LOOP

Make a slip knot

ch 4

Join the chain ends together with a slip stitch



ROW 1 (FIRST COLOR)

Tip: If you crochet over the tail of your first slip stitch, you will save yourself having to weave the tail end into your stitches at the end.

After joining your ends with the sl st, ch 2 (this is your first dc)

In your loop:

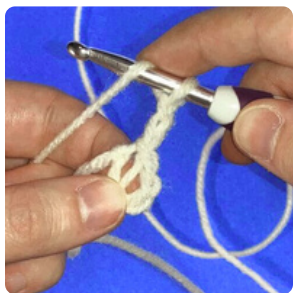
2 dc, ch 1

3 dc, ch 1 (repeat 2 more times so you have a total four groups of 3 dc)

sl st to join with top chain in your first dc

cut yarn with a tail of two or three inches

sl st to fasten off



ROW 2 (SECOND COLOR)

Tip: Creating two sets of 3 dc in each corner is how you increase your square; this is also what gives your square its shape.

Start in any corner (the space the ch 1 creates between the dcs is a corner)

Create slip knot to attach new color, sl st

ch 2

2 dc same space, ch 1, 3 dc in same space

*ch 1

3 dc in next corner, ch 1, 3 dc same space

repeat from * 2 more times

ch 1

You should now be ready to attach to your first corner.

Join using a sl st to the top stitch in the first dc

Cut yarn

sl st to fasten off



ROW 3 (THIRD COLOR)

Start in any corner (your square should now have distinct corners)

Create slip knot to attach new color, sl st

ch 2

2 dc same space, ch 1, 3 dc in same space

ch 1

3 dc in space between two corners

(Row 3 cont.)

*ch 1

You should have now reached your next corner.

3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc

ch 1

3 dc in space between two corners

Repeat from * 2 times

ch 1

You should now be ready to attach to your first corner.

Join a sl st to the top stitch in the first dc

Cut yarn

sl st to fasten off



Row 4 (FOURTH COLOR)

Start in any corner (your square should now have distinct corners)

Create slip knot to attach new color, sl st

ch 2

2 dc same space, ch 1, 3 dc in same space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

(Row 4 cont.)

*ch 1

You should have now reached your next corner.

3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc

ch 1

3 dc in next space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

Repeat from * 2 times

ch 1

You should now be ready to attach to your first corner.

Join a sl st to the top stitch in the first dc

Cut yarn

sl st to fasten off



ROW 5 (FINAL ROW WITH BLACK YARN)

Create slip knot to attach new color, sl st

ch 2

2 dc same space, ch 1, 3 dc in same space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

(Row 5 cont.)

*ch 1

You should have now reached your next corner.

3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc

ch 1

3 dc in next space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

ch 1

3 dc in next space

Repeat from * 2 times

ch 1

You should now be ready to attach to your first corner.

Join a sl st to the top stitch in the first dc

Cut yarn

sl st to fasten off



Take a picture of your square with the cover
that inspired it and tag our social media!

#GrannySquaresforVets

