Granny Square Bear

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This crochet bear is built from two granny squares. Crochet a front and a back, sew them together, stuff them lightly, and add round ears, a muzzle and two eyes. The result is a soft, square little bear about 3.5 in / 9 cm across: half pillow, half toy, and a good way to use the granny square you already know how to make.

If you've never made a granny square, this is a gentle first one: four rounds, one color, and every round below says exactly how many stitches and spaces you should have.



The granny square bear: two squares, two ears and a muzzle.

Pattern at a glance

- **Skill level:** easy (granny square rounds, sc, inc, sewing)
- **Finished size:** about 3.5 in / 9 cm square, plus the ears
- **Yarn:** DK cotton, about 23 yd / 21 m in total, mostly caramel
- **Hooks:** 3.0 mm (US C/2–D/3) for the squares, 2.5 mm (US B/1–C/2) for the ears and muzzle
- **Time:** about 2 hours

Materials

- DK cotton in caramel (A), cream (B) for the muzzle and inner ears, and a little dark brown (C)
- 10 mm safety eyes (one pair)
- 3.0 mm and 2.5 mm hooks, tapestry needle, a small handful of fiberfill

Abbreviations (US terms)

- **ch** chain · **sl st** slip stitch · **dc** double crochet · **sp** space · **cluster** 3 dc worked into the same space
- **MR** magic ring · **sc** single crochet · **inc** 2 sc in one stitch · **FO** fasten off



Two squares, two ears, two inner ears and a muzzle.

The pattern

Granny square (make 2)

Color A, 3.0 mm hook. The ch-3 at the start of each round counts as the first dc.

1. **Round 1:** Make a magic ring (or ch 4 and join). Ch 3, 2 dc in the ring, ch 2, (3 dc, ch 2) three times in the ring. Sl st to the top of the ch-3. [12 dc, 4 corner ch-2 spaces]
2. **Round 2:** Sl st in the next 2 dc and into the corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same space. *Ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner space. Repeat from * two more times. Ch 1, sl st to the top of the ch-3. [24 dc, 4 corners, 4 ch-1 spaces]
3. **Round 3:** Sl st to the corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same space. *Ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 space, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner. Repeat from * two more times. Ch 1, 3 dc in the last ch-1 space, ch 1, sl st to the top of the ch-3. [36 dc, 4 corners, 8 ch-1 spaces]
4. **Round 4:** Work the same way, with two 3-dc clusters along each side between the corners. [48 dc, 4 corners, 12 ch-1 spaces]

Each round adds 12 dc: one new cluster on every side. Fasten off the first square. Leave a long tail on the second for sewing.

Ear (make 2)

Color: start with A (caramel).

Color A, 2.5 mm hook. Flat circles, folded in half to sew on.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)

Finish: Fold in half and sew the fold to an upper corner of the head, through both squares.

Inner Ear (make 2)

Color: start with B (cream).

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)

Finish: Sew to the front of each ear.

Muzzle

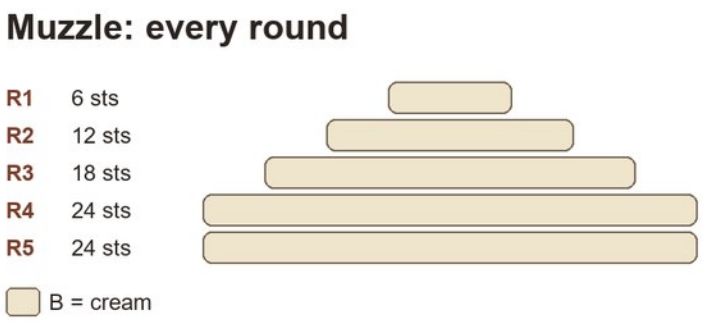
Color: start with B (cream).

A shallow cup that sticks out from the face.

- ☐ **Rnd 1:** 6 sc in a magic ring. (6)
- ☐ **Rnd 2:** Inc ×6. (12)
- ☐ **Rnd 3:** (sc, inc) ×6. (18)
- ☐ **Rnd 4:** Sc, inc, (2 sc, inc) ×5, sc. (24)
- ☐ **Rnd 5:** Sc around. (24)

Placement: Nose in C: embroider a triangle over R1-R2, mouth: two straight stitches down and out.

Finish: Stuff lightly and sew on to the lower center of the front square.



The muzzle: 24 stitches, one straight round.

Assembly

1. Sew the muzzle to the lower center of one square, stuffing it lightly. Embroider the nose and mouth if you haven't yet.
2. Push the safety eyes through the gaps of round 2, just above the muzzle, and lock the washers on the back.
3. Sew the inner ears onto the ears, fold each ear in half and sew it to an upper corner of the front square.
4. Place the back square behind the front, wrong sides together. Sew or sc all around the edge through both squares, adding a small handful of stuffing before you close the last side.

Ideas

- **Scrappy bear:** work each round of the squares in a different color for a classic granny look.
- **Bigger bear:** keep adding rounds; every round adds about 0.4 in / 1 cm to each side.
- **Bunny or cat:** swap the round ears for long or pointed ones.

FAQ

Does the stuffing show through the gaps?

A little, if you stuff firmly. Keep it light, or use a 2.5 mm hook for the squares for smaller gaps. A colored stuffing bag (an old sock works) also hides it.

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