Cat Granny Square - Beginner Crochet Pattern

Introduction

This pattern is perfect for beginners who love cats and granny squares. The Cat Granny Square is a fun and simple crochet project. You will learn how to create the head of the cat, add ears, embroider facial features, and join squares together. Let's go step-by-step!

Materials Needed

- Medium weight yarn (worsted or aran) in gray, white, pink, black
- Crochet hook size 4mm to 5mm
- Tapestry needle for sewing details
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

Basic Stitches Used

- ch (chain)
- sc (single crochet)
- dc (double crochet)
- tr (treble crochet)
- sl st (slip stitch)

These are beginner-level stitches. If you are new, practice each one before starting the pattern.

Step-by-Step Instructions

1. Start with a magic ring.
2. In the ring: ch 3 (counts as first dc), make 2 dc, ch 3 (first corner).
3. *3 dc, ch 3* repeat 3 more times (you will have 4 sets of 3 dc with ch-3 corners).
4. Sl st into the top of the starting ch-3 to close the square. Fasten off.

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This creates the base head of the cat. Now we will make the ears.

Making the Ears

1. Join yarn to one of the corners.

2. In the corner: ch 1, 1 tr, ch 1, 1 sc.

3. Skip the next corner. Join yarn in the opposite corner and repeat: ch 1, 1 tr, ch 1, 1 sc.

4. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

These are the cat ears. They should now be sticking out from the square.

Adding Eyes and Nose

1. Use black yarn and a tapestry needle.

2. Stitch two vertical lines for eyes using straight stitches or French knots.

3. For the nose, use pink yarn and make a small V shape between the eyes.

4. Keep the face centered on the square.

Take your time and make sure the stitches are secure and even.

Joining the Squares

1. Make several squares using the same or different colors.

2. Align two squares side by side, right sides facing up.

3. Use sl st or sc to join through the back loops only.

4. Repeat until all squares are connected in rows and columns.

5. Weave in all ends after joining.

Adding a Border

1. Attach yarn in any corner.

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2. Ch 3, dc in each stitch around. In each corner: (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc).

3. Join with sl st to the starting ch-3.

4. Repeat for 2-3 rounds for a thick border.

5. Fasten off and weave in remaining ends.
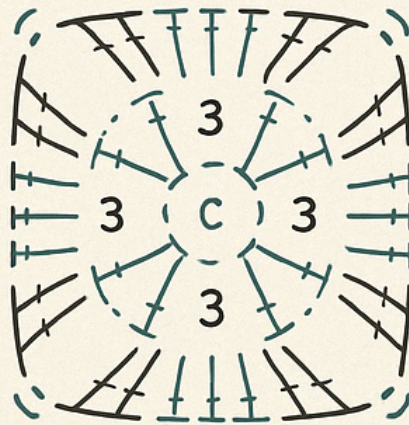
Tips for Beginners

- Practice the magic ring before starting.

- Keep your tension even.

- Use stitch markers to mark corners.

- Do not pull the yarn too tight.

- Take breaks if your hands get tired.

- Enjoy the process and do not rush!

CAT GRANNY SQUARE

KEY

O ch
T sc
† dc
† tr

STEP 1: HEAD

Make a magic ring.
3 ch, 2 dc, (3 ch, 3 tim,
3 ch, 3 times, 3 ch, join
with sl st

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Sew on the yes

STEP 2: EARS

Sl st to corner sp,
1 ch, 1 tr, 1 ch, 1 sc
in sp; sl st to next
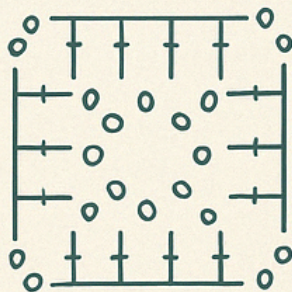corner sp, 1 ch, 1 tr
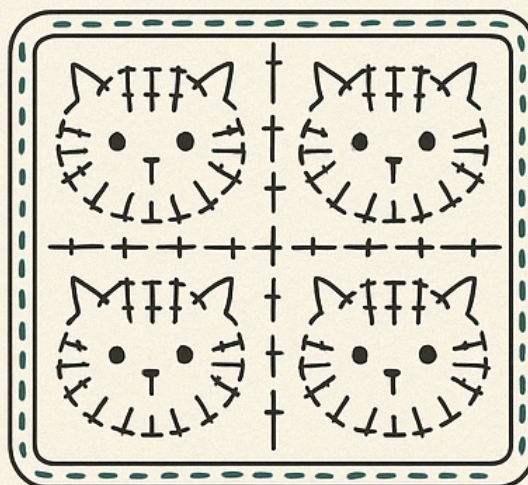1 ch, 1 s in sp

STEP 3: EYES
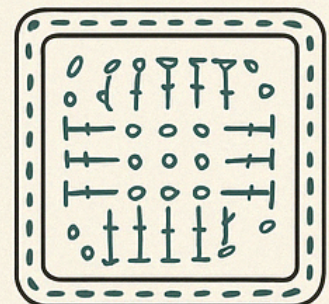
Sew on eyes

STEP 4: JOIN CATS

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Make 9 squares,
join with sc

STEP 5: BORDER

1 sc in each st &
3 sc in each corner