

Crochet Sunburst Granny Square



Pattern Description:

Skill Level: Beginner to Easy

The sunburst granny square is a classic and easy-to-crochet pattern that has existed for many years.

This free crochet pattern is worked in rounds, with each round typically using a new color to create a distinct sunburst design that resembles a sunflower. It is a great project for beginners and is also ideal for using up scrap yarn.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Worsted weight yarn (Category 4), preferably in 4 colors. Example color combos:
 - **Sunflower look:** Brown, gold, yellow, and cream.
 - Recommended yarns:
 - Lion Brand Heartland - Sequoia, Bryce Canyon, Canyonlands, Acadia
 - Lion Brand Wool-Ease Worsted - Umber, Arrowwood, Fisherman

- WeCrochet Swish Worsted - Copper, Allspice, Honey, Nutmeg
 - You can mix and match brands or use scrap yarns of similar weight.
- **Hook:** H-8 (5 mm). (Note: You may see J-10 recommended on yarn labels, but downsizing helps maintain a tighter square.)
- **Notions:** Yarn needle, scissors, optional stitch markers, and a ruler or tape measure.
- **Finished Size:** Approximately 5 inches x 5 inches

Abbreviations (US Terms):

- **ch** - chain
- **sl st** - slip stitch
- **st/sts** - stitch/stitches
- **hdc** - half double crochet
- **dc** - double crochet
- **tr** - treble crochet
- **Puff** - Puff Stitch: Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop ×3 (7 loops total). Yarn over, pull through all loops, ch 1 to secure.
- **Cluster** - Cluster Stitch: Yarn over, insert hook and pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops ×4 (5 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through all loops.

Instructions for Making the Crochet Sunburst Granny Square Pattern:

Round 1: (Brown Yarn)

- Start with a **magic ring** (or ch 5 and join with sl st to form a ring).
- Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), then work **15 dc** into the ring.
- Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3.
- **Total: 16 dc**
- Cut yarn, fasten off.

Note: If ch-3 leaves too large a center hole, you can substitute ch-2 at the beginning.

Round 2: (Gold Yarn)

- Join yarn in any dc with a sl st.
- Ch 2.
- Work **1 Puff Stitch** in the same stitch and in each dc around. (Remember: Yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop ×3. Pull through all loops. Ch 1 to close.)
- Join with sl st to the first puff stitch.
- **Total: 16 Puff Stitches**
- Cut yarn, fasten off.

Round 3: (Yellow Yarn)

- Join yarn in any **ch-1 space** between puff stitches.
- Ch 2 (counts as partial start of a cluster stitch).
- Make **1 modified cluster stitch** in the same space:
 - Yarn over, insert hook, pull up loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops - repeat 2 more times (4 loops on hook).
 - Yarn over, pull through all 4 loops.
- Ch 2.
- In next **ch-1 space**, and in each around:
 - Work a **Cluster stitch**, ch 2.
- Join with a sl st to the first cluster stitch.
- **Total: 16 Clusters with ch-2 between each**
- Cut yarn, fasten off.

Round 4: (Cream Yarn)

- Join yarn with a sl st into any **ch-2 space**.
- Ch 4 (counts as 1 tr), then **2 tr** into the same space.

Make the first side of the square:

- In next ch-2 space: **3 dc**
- Next ch-2 space: **3 hdc**
- Next ch-2 space: **3 dc**

Corner:

- In next ch-2 space: **3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr**

Repeat for the remaining sides:

- Side 2: 3 dc, 3 hdc, 3 dc (each in next ch-2 spaces)
- Corner 2: 3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr
- Side 3: 3 dc, 3 hdc, 3 dc
- Corner 3: 3 tr, ch 3, 3 tr
- Side 4: 3 dc, 3 hdc, 3 dc

Final Corner:

- In same space as starting ch-4: **3 tr, ch 3**, then sl st to top of beginning ch-4.

Finishing:

- Cut yarn and fasten off.
- Weave in all yarn ends using a yarn needle.
- For projects joining multiple squares, **blocking** is recommended to align the edges evenly.

Tips:

- Play around with color combinations for seasonal or themed projects.
- Use the finished squares for blankets, cushion covers, bags, or wall art.
- You can increase the size of the square by adding more rounds with granny-style borders.