

Solid Granny Square Pattern (with no gaps!)



Pattern Description:

This pattern is rated as Beginner/Easy difficulty. The pattern teaches you how to crochet a solid granny square without the common gaps or holes. The technique involves eliminating chain spaces and using triple crochet stitches to form the corners, resulting in a dense, clean-looking square.

Materials:

- **Yarn:** Worsted weight yarn (Category 4) is recommended, but feel free to use any yarn weight.
- **Hook:** Size H/8 (5.0 mm) crochet hook or a hook suitable for your yarn.
- **Notions:** Yarn needle for weaving in ends; optional: stitch markers and a ruler or tape measure.

Abbreviations (US Terms):

- **st(s)** - stitch(es)
- **ch** - chain
- **dc** - double crochet
- **tr** - triple crochet
- **sl st** - slip stitch
- **ch-sp** - chain space (not used in this pattern, but listed for clarity)

Pattern Notes:

- The pattern is written in **American crochet terms**.
- The **ch 4** at the beginning of each round counts as a **triple crochet**.
- If you find that the corners feel too loose with ch-4, you may try ch-3 instead for a snugger fit.
- There are **no chain spaces** between stitch groups or corners. This eliminates gaps and makes the square denser.
- Each round increases by **16 stitches**: 4 corner triple crochets and 4 new double crochets per side.

Instructions for Making the Solid Granny Square Pattern (with no gaps!) Pattern:

Foundation Ring:

Start with **ch 5**, then join with a **sl st** to form a ring. Alternatively, use a **magic ring** if you prefer.

- **Round 1:**
- Ch 4 (counts as **tr**). Into the ring, work:
- 3 **dc**,
- then (1 **tr**, 3 **dc**) **three times**. Join with a **sl st** to the top of the beginning ch-4. **Total stitches: 16** (4 **tr** for corners, 3 **dc** per side).
- **Round 2:**
- Ch 4. Work 2 **dc** into the same stitch (top of previous round's ch-4). **Dc** in each **dc** along the first side. In the **corner tr**, work: (2 **dc**, 1 **tr**, 2 **dc**). Repeat this pattern on each side.
- At the final corner, work 2 **dc** in the same stitch as the beginning ch-4. Join with a **sl st** to the top of the starting ch-4.
- **Total stitches: 32** (4 **tr** and 7 **dc** per side).
- **Tip:** The "same stitch" at the beginning is the 4th chain from the bottom of the previous round's starting ch-4. Insert your hook under both top loops of that chain, not into a chain space.

Additional Rounds:

Repeat the pattern from **Round 2**, increasing the number of **dc** along the sides between corner stitches.

- **Round 3:** 4 **tr** (corners) + 11 **dc** per side = **48 stitches**
- **Round 4:** 4 **tr** + 15 **dc** per side = **64 stitches**
- **Round 5:** 4 **tr** + 19 **dc** per side = **80 stitches**

You can keep increasing the square by continuing this pattern. Just remember: in each round, work **dc in every dc** and (**2 dc, 1 tr, 2 dc**) into each corner **tr** stitch.

To Finish:

When your granny square has reached your desired size, cut the yarn, fasten off, and use a yarn needle to weave in the ends. If there's a small hole in the center, you can pull the starting tail gently to close it up and weave it securely.

This solid granny square is a great building block for endless projects, from colorful afghans to chic home decor. Try combining different colors per round for a modern twist while keeping the no-gap look!

Let your creativity flow, happy crocheting.