Summer Garden Granny Square

Pattern Overview:

The Summer Garden Granny Square is a charming floral-inspired motif, perfect for blankets or decorative projects.

Its layered construction begins with a bobble-centered circle that blossoms into a square, mimicking the look of summer flowers in bloom. Simple yet eye-catching, it's an addictive and satisfying pattern for all crochet levels.

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Yarn:** Any DK (Double Knit) weight yarn Recommended: Pure wool for warmth and softness, or cotton DK for a slightly larger and crisper finish Examples: Rowan Cotton DK, Stylecraft Special DK, or Paintbox Yarns Simply DK
- **Yarn Weight:** DK / Light Worsted (category 3)
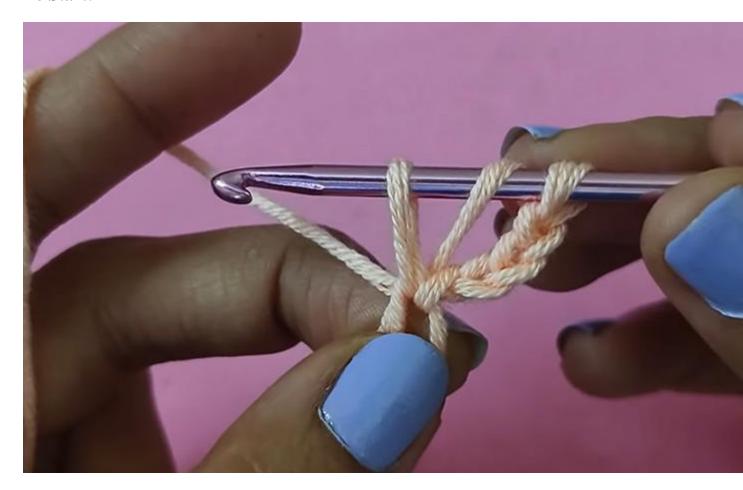- **Hook:** 4 mm crochet hook (US G/6)
- **Notions:**

- o Yarn needle for weaving in ends
- o Scissors
- o Optional: Stitch marker, decorative button (if you wish to embellish the center)
- **Measurements:** Each completed square measures approximately 10-12 cm (4-4.75 inches) across, depending on yarn type and tension.

Stitches & Abbreviations Used (UK Terms):

- **sl st** - slip stitch: Insert hook, yarn over (yo), pull through stitch and loop on hook
- **ch** - chain
- **tr** - treble crochet (US: dc - double crochet)
- **bobble** - bobble stitch (explained below)

Instructions for Making the Summer Garden Granny Square Pattern:

To Start:

- Chain 4, join with a **sl st** to form a small ring.

- Wiggle it slightly to open up the center, you'll be working into this hole.

Round 1: (Center Bobble Flower)

- **Ch 3** (counts as 1 tr)
- Work **1 tr** into the ring - this makes your first "bobble spoke"
- **Ch 1**
- Repeat [1 bobble stitch into the ring, ch 1] **six more times** → You should have **8 bobbles total**, each separated by a **ch 1**
- Sl st into the 3rd chain of the initial ch-3 to close the round
- Fasten off

Tip: The center ring is tight, this is intentional to reduce gaps in the middle.

Round 2: (Create Petal Layers)

- Join a new colour in any **ch-1 space** between bobbles
- **Ch 3** (counts as 1 tr), then **2 tr** into the same space
- **Ch 1**
- Into each of the remaining **7 ch-1 spaces**, repeat: → **3 tr, ch 1** (forms a cluster)
- You should have **8 clusters**, each in its own space
- Sl st to the 3rd chain of the starting ch-3 to join
- Fasten off

You've now created a lovely round flower.

Round 3: (Turn Circle into Square)

- Join a new colour in any ch-1 space
- **Ch 4** (counts as 1 tr + ch 1), then **3 tr, ch 1** into the same space → This forms the first **corner cluster** (you'll complete it at the end)
- In the next ch-1 space: **3 tr, ch 1** (side cluster)
- In the next ch-1 space: **3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 1** (second corner cluster)
- Next: **3 tr, ch 1** (side cluster)
- Then: **3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 1** (third corner cluster)
- Next: **3 tr, ch 1** (side cluster)
- Then: **3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 1** (fourth corner cluster)
- Last: **3 tr** into the starting space (where you began the round), completing the first corner
- Sl st into the 3rd chain of your original ch-4 to close the round
- Fasten off

Your flower now becomes a square!

Round 4: (Expand the Square)

- Join a new colour in the **ch-1 space** between the corner clusters of Round 3
- **Ch 4** (counts as 1 tr + ch 1), then **3 tr, ch 1** into the same space → This starts the first corner; you'll finish it later
- In the next **2 ch-1 spaces** (side spaces): → **3 tr, ch 1** (creates side clusters)
- In the next **corner space**: → **3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 1**
- Repeat the above pattern around:
- 2 side clusters of **3 tr, ch 1**
- 1 corner of **3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 1**
- After 4 corners and 8 side clusters total, finish the first corner: → **2 tr** into the original starting space
- Sl st into the 3rd chain of the starting ch-4
- Fasten off

Your square is now more defined and ready to use!

Optional: Add More Rounds

- To make larger squares, continue building outward.
- Every new round will add:
  - **1 extra side cluster per side**
  - Each side cluster is **3 tr, ch 1**
  - Corners remain as **3 tr, ch 2, 3 tr, ch 1**

Just remember:

- **Each side = side clusters separated by ch-1**
- **Corners = two 3-tr clusters in the same space, separated by ch-2**

Tips & Ideas:

- Attach a decorative button in the center for extra charm
- Use as blanket squares, coasters, wall hangings, or join multiple for a cushion cover
- Mix solid and variegated yarns for unique effects
- Make small 3-round versions or go bigger with 5+ rounds for larger squares

Final Thoughts:

Crochet patterns can often feel intimidating, but this one is approachable, satisfying, and fun to build. With each round, the flower blooms into a full square, evoking summer gardens and floral cheer.

Once you've made a few, the rhythm becomes second nature, and you might just find yourself building a whole garden one square at a time!

Happy Crocheting.