

Big Ole Square Granny Blanket

Materials:

Any yarn of any weight (up to 1,800 yards of worsted #4 for a big blanket). Variagated yarns with long runs of different colors work really well as you don't have to join yarn but lots of small skeins of leftover stash yarns work just as well if you don't mind weaving in the ends.

Note: See "Useful Technique" following this pattern to avoid having to weave ends in.

Size J crochet hook for worsted (#4) or a hook suitable to the weight you are using.

Tapestry needle to weave in ends

Abbreviations:

ch chain

dc double crochet

Rnd Round

sl st slip stitch (Yarn over, draw yarn through chain and the loop on your hook in one motion - slip stitch made).

sp space

Pattern:

ch 2 leaving a tail of 6" or so. Work rnd 1 starting in second ch from hook

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 1, (3 dc in ring, ch 1) 3 times, sl st in top of first ch-3 of the rnd. sl st in any ch-1 sp

Rnd 2: Ch 3, 2 dc in same sp, ch 1, 3 dc in same sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc, ch 1 in next ch-2 sp) 3 times, sl st in top of ch-3.

Draw tail tight until there is no hole in the center starting point and continue crocheting, starting with Rnd 3: Continue each round as established, (3 dc in each extra space created on each round and two sets of 3dc in each corner), until you have used about 90% of the yarn you plan to use or until your blanket is about 1/2 " shorter and less wide than you want it to be. Do not break yarn.

Edging:

Rnd 1: Chain 3, dc in the top of each stitch around entire perimeter and 5 dc in each corner. Attach to beginning of round stitch with a sl st

Rnd 2: Chain 2, sc in each stitch around blanket and 3 sc in each corner. Attach to the beginning of round with sl st.

Fasten off.

Finishing:

Weave in ends.



Useful Technique (to avoid all the weaving in of ends). If you are unfamiliar with this method, practice it on yarn not to be used on this project before you use it on the project.



The Magic Knot

Working Yarn = one coming off work

New Yarn = new yarn

Lay the two yarns side by side vertically with the working yarn to the left and the new to the right. With new yarn go under the working yarn, back over the working yarn, creating a loop and pull the new yarn through the loop to create a knot

Now with working yarn – go over new yarn, under new yarn and through the loop

Imagine (for ease of description) one blue and one white yarn

1. Take the end of the blue yarn and tie it around the white yarn about 6” from the end of the white yarn
2. Take the end of the white yarn and tie it around the blue yarn about 6” from the end of the blue yarn
3. REMEMBER: You are not tying the blue and white yarns together. You are tying one color around the other (twice)

Then pull gently to slide the knots together. Do a pull test – if you have joined properly it will not separate

Trim as closely as you like. Once you have worked a few more rows of your project, even you will have difficulty finding the join.

From the Heart Square Blanket Sizes

Lap Blankets	27” X 36”
Newborn Blankets	32” to 40” square
Preemie Blanket	20 to 28” square
Children’s blankets (for clutching or draggin’)	24” up to 40 and do not need to be square
Squares	12” square (used by stitching together into blankets)