

Granny Ripple Crochet Stitch

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Granny Ripple is a great stitch for blankets and scarves. It feels a lot like Granny squares, but no squares to join! It is pretty in a solid color, planned stripes, or as a scrap blanket.

The pattern is a 25 stitch repeat, with one chain to turn. If you plan to skip the row of single crochet border row and add a border all the way around at the end, add a chain 3 for turning and skip to set-up row

The sample has 3 complete repeats (75 stitches to set up, 76 with one turning stitch), worked on worsted (#4) weight yarn with an I hook. One repeat of the pattern measured 6 inches, so for a lap-size blanket, figure about 6-7 repeats of the pattern. For a large (cot or dialysis) figure 7-8 repeats. Your gauge and yarn weight will affect final size, so try a sample first!

Note: I wrote out the pattern for a class, and opted for excruciating detail, as the way it is typically written can be a bit hard to follow.

Border row single crochet in 2nd chain from hook and all chains across. If you work in the back “bump” there is no need for a second border row when finished.

Set up row chain 3, turn, Double crochet in the 3rd chain from hook. *This is to make a slightly more sturdy side border. The way I originally learned was just a chain 3 at start of row, one Double crochet to finish a row. That’s fine if you plan on a border all around, but I felt it was a bit skimpy for an edge on its own. Plus, if you are making color changes, it gives you a bit more to work the ends into.*

First side first peak (Skip 2 chains, work 3 double crochets into next stitch) 3 times (the first side will have the chain and 1 double crochet border stitches and **3** Granny sets; the rest of the sides until the final will have **2** Granny sets, with the decrease at the “valleys” being the 3rd)

Peak Skip 2 chains, work 3 double crochets, chain 3, 3 double crochets into same stitch
Downhill side to valley (Skip 2 chains, work 3 double crochets into next stitch) 2 times
Valley Skip 2 chains, work a 3-stitch decrease in next chain. (*yarn over hook, insert hook into stitch, yarn over, draw up loop, yarn over, draw loop through first 2 loops on hook* repeat 2 more times, then draw loop through all the loops on your hook) skip 5 chains , work a 3 stitch decrease into next stitch

Uphill side to peak (Skip 2 chains, work 3 double crochets in next stitch) 2 times
Repeat from *Peak* until the final “downhill”.

Final Down side After final *Peak*, (Skip 2 chains, work 3 double crochets in next space) 3 times, skip 5, work 2 double crochets in last stitch, chain 2, turn

Pattern Row Now that you have the set up row done, all subsequent rows are worked the same way

First uphill Work a double crochet into top of double in row below, **Skip** the space between border stitches and first Granny cluster

(Work 3 double crochets in space between next Granny cluster) 3 times

Peak work 3 double crochet, chain 3, 3 double crochet in chain 3 space

Downhill (Work 3 double crochets in space between next Granny cluster) 2 times

Valley work 3-stitch decrease in next space, skip to space after both 3-stitch in row below

Uphill (Work 3 double crochets in space between next Granny cluster) 2 times

Repeat from *Peak* until final *Downhill*

Final Downhill (Work 3 double crochets in space between next Granny cluster) 3 times, work 2 double crochets in final 2 stitches. Chain 3 to turn

When desired length is achieved, work a row of single crochet across, working 3 stitches in chain 3 *peaks* and work a decrease across the decrease cluster *valleys*. Fasten off.

Possible variations: for starting and ending border rows, try a row of half-double or double crochet; intersperse a single or double crochet ripple row for contrast. (just remember to start again with the set up row)

For a zig-zag scarf, work a long set up row instead of just 2 or 3 repeats

Do just one repeat in chunky yarn for a scarf (work first uphill to peak and last downhill)

For a scrap blanket, tie ends together, leave loose for fringe on sides; add more to thicken up fringe if you like.

Add tassels on tip of “valley” points on starting edge, on tip of “peak” points on ending edge - fun for an afghan or a scarf