FREE CROCHET TUTORIAL

How to Join Granny Squares

6 methods + a 4-square sampler mat (7.75 in) with a different seam on every side · US terms

SKILL LEVEL	SQUARE	HOOK
Easy	3.5 in, 3 rounds	5 mm (US H-8)
YARN	**SAMPLER**	**METHODS**
Worsted (#4) cotton	7.75 in square	6

Materials

• Worsted (#4) cotton: about 6 yd for each square (mustard, sage, rust, dusty blue) plus 10 yd of cream for the seams and border
• 5 mm (US H-8) hook, tapestry needle, scissors, 4 stitch markers or clips

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain	**dc**	double crochet
sl st	slip stitch	**sp**	space
sc	single crochet	**JAYGO**	join-as-you-go

Every method below joins one side of 13 stitches: the corner space, 9 dc, 2 ch-1 spaces and the next corner space.

Granny square (make 4)

Round 1	Ch 4 and join with a sl st to make a ring. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), 2 dc in the ring, ch 2, (3 dc, ch 2) 3 times in the ring. Join to the top of the ch-3.	**(12 dc)**
Round 2	Sl st into the next 2 dc and the ch-2 corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same space, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next corner space, ch 1; repeat from * twice. Join.	**(24 dc)**
Round 3	Sl st across to the corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the corner, ch 1, 3 dc in the next ch-1 space, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the corner, ch 1, 3 dc in the ch-1 space, ch 1; repeat from * twice. Join and fasten off.	**(36 dc)**

The 6 joining methods

1. Whipstitch	Hold two squares right sides together. With a tapestry needle, go through the back loops of both squares, over the top and back in, one stitch at a time from corner to corner. Easiest. Flat, almost invisible seam on the front.
2. Mattress stitch	Lay the squares side by side, right sides up. Pick up one loop on one square, then the matching loop on the other, zigzagging like a ladder; pull gently to close. Invisible seam, great for blankets you see from both sides.
3. Slip stitch seam	Hold squares wrong sides together. Insert the hook through both squares and work a sl st in each stitch from corner to corner. Quick and sturdy, makes a neat raised ridge.

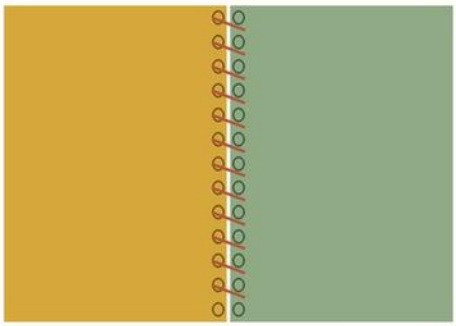
4. Single crochet seam	Hold squares wrong sides together and work sc through both layers in each stitch and space from corner to corner. A bold decorative ridge. Use a contrast colour.
5. Flat slip stitch (zipper)	Lay squares side by side, right sides up. Work a sl st into the back loop of a stitch on one square, then the back loop of the facing stitch on the other, alternating. Lies flat with a neat braid on the front.
6. Join-as-you-go	Work the last round of the new square as usual, but at each corner and ch-1 space on the joining side, replace the chain with a sl st into the matching space of the finished square. No seams at the end: squares are joined while you make them.

Sampler mat

Layout	Lay the squares 2 × 2: mustard and sage on top, rust and dusty blue below.	
Seams	Top row: whipstitch. Bottom row: slip stitch seam. Left column: single crochet seam. Right column: flat slip stitch (zipper).	
Border	With cream, join in a corner. Ch 1, sc in each dc and ch-1 space, 1 sc in each inner corner space and seam, 3 sc in each outer corner. Join.	**(112 sc)**

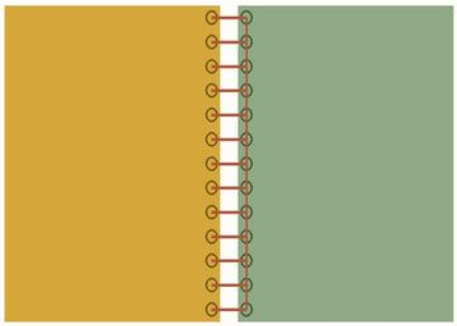
6 ways to join granny squares

1. Whipstitch



13 stitches per side

2. Mattress stitch



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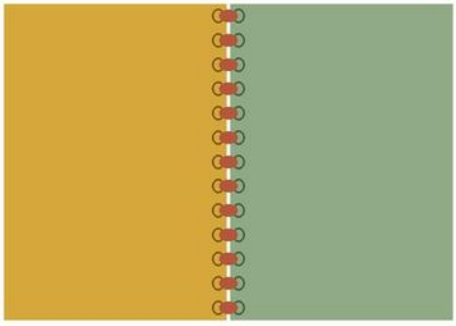

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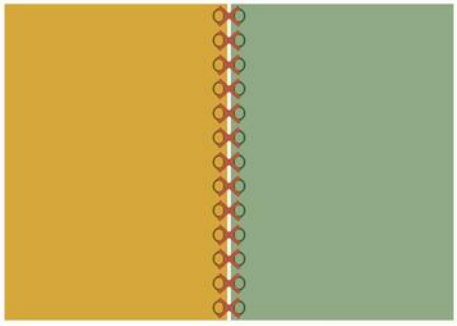
4. Single crochet seam



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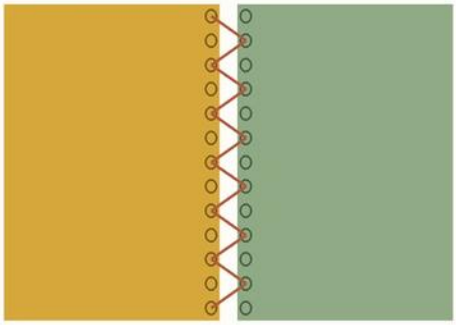
5. Flat slip stitch (zipper)



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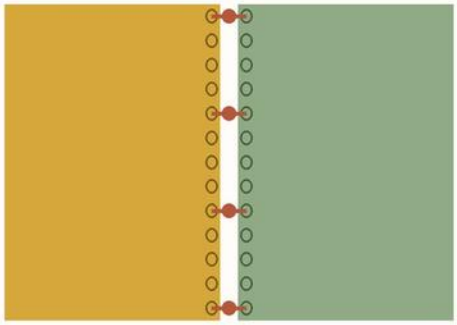
6. Join-as-you-go

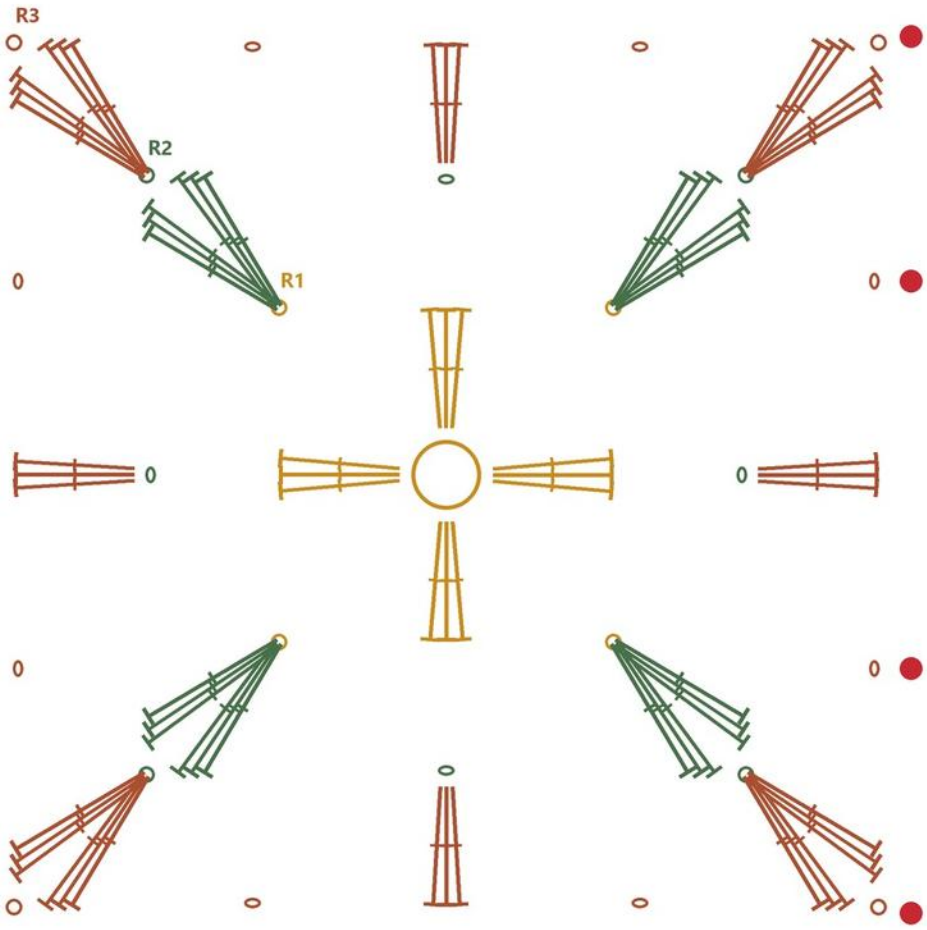


4 joining points per side

Squares shown edge to edge; the orange line is the yarn or seam path. cozymakery.com

Granny Square + Join-as-you-go · Chart

Rounds 1–3 of the classic square. The red marks on Round 3 (right side) are where join-as-you-go sl sts go.



R1 12 dc · R2 24 dc · R3 36 dc · corners (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc), ch 1 between groups

Seams: 13 sts per side (corner sp + 9 dc + 2 ch-1 sp + corner sp) · Join-as-you-go: 4 joining points per side

red dot = sl st into the matching corner / ch-1 space of the finished square · cozymakery.com