

CRAFTERNOON TREATS

Retro Granny Stash Bag

Free Pattern

Part 1: the granny square

Materials

- 4 or 5 colours in Stylecraft chunky yarn, including a light colour such as cream or parchment and a darker shade
- 6mm (UK size) crochet hook
- Scissors
- Darning needle

My retro colours

The Stylecraft chunky colours used for this square are (from the middle outwards) gold, camel, spice, walnut, cream, gold, walnut, spice, cream, camel.

Terms

UK terms used throughout. To convert to USA terms: a treble is a double crochet, a half treble is a half double crochet :)

The granny square

Round 1: Using gold, make 4 chains. Join with a slip stitch to make a ring. Make three chains then make 11 trebles into the chain ring. Join with a slip stitch to the third chain of the first stitch. You should have 12 stitches. Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Round 2: Using camel join through both loops of any treble in the previous round. Make three chains. Make one treble into the same stitch. Then make two trebles into the remaining trebles in the previous round, going through both loops each time. Join to the third chain of the first stitch with a slip stitch. Fasten off and weave in the ends. This round should have 24 stitches.

Round 3: Using spice, join the new yarn through any of the spaces between the sets of two trebles in the previous round. Make three chains. Make two trebles into the same space. Then make three trebles into the remaining spaces between the treble pairs all the way round. Join to the third chain of the first stitch with a slip stitch. Fasten off and weave in the ends. You should have 36 stitches - 12 clusters of three trebles.

Note: so far you have made a circle. You will now add corners to turn this into a square.





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Round 4: Using walnut join the new yarn into any space between the treble clusters. Make three chains. Make two trebles into the same space. In the next space of the previous round, make three trebles. In the next space make two trebles, two chains and two trebles. This is your first corner. *In the next two spaces, make three trebles. Then in the next space, make the second corner by doing two trebles, two chains and two trebles.* Repeat from * to * twice more. Join with the third chain of the first stitch using a slip stitch. You should have four corners with two treble clusters between each one. 48 stitches in total (40 trebles plus the 8 chains for the corners). Fasten off and weave in the ends.

Note: your square will not be a perfect square yet. The sides will bulge out. We will correct this in the next round, which includes half trebles as well as trebles.

Round 5: Using cream join the new yarn into any space between the treble clusters on the side of your square. A space between two treble clusters just after a corner is best. Make two chains. Then make two half treble stitches into the same space. In the next two spaces between the treble clusters on the side of the square make three half treble stitches. These are shorter, so will reduce the width of the sides of your square, making the shape a more precise square. *At the corner, make two trebles into the space created by the two chain stitches. Then make two chains and two more trebles. On the next side, make three half treble stitches into each space.* Repeat from * to * until you have gone all round the square. Join to the second chain of the first stitch with a slip stitch and fasten off and weave in the ends.

Round 6. We are back to all trebles for this round and the rest of the square. Using gold, join the yarn in a space between the double crochet clusters of the previous round. Make three chains. Make two trebles into the same space. Continue around the square making three trebles into the space between each cluster. At each corner, make two trebles into the space created by the two chains, then make two chains and two more trebles. Join with a slip stitch and fasten off the ends.

Round 7: Using walnut repeat round 6.

Round 8: Using spice, repeat round 6.

Round 9 Using cream, repeat round 6.

Round 10 Using camel, repeat round 6.

You should end up with a square that is even, with four corners equally spaced by 8 treble clusters on each side.

The actual size of your square will vary according to your tension. Mine measures 12 inches across. If you want it bigger or smaller, do more or fewer rounds.

