

Too Round To Be Square

This Granny square starts out as a circle using exactly the same techniques as you would use to make the crown of a dc hat. In fact when you are done you could use a second inner circle to start a hat for someone you love! :) The tricky bit however is that you cannot force a circle into a blanket made of blocks so we have to fiddle around and turn our circle into a square. Rounds 6-8 do just that!



To Start: Ch 4, join into a ring.

Round 1: Ch 2 (counts as first dc) dc 11 more into ring.

Slip stitch to join round.

Round 2: dc 2 into each sp in row below. Slip stitch to join round.

Round 3: dc 1 in first space, dc 2 into next, repeat alternating 1 and the 2 dc into each of the spaces around. Slip stitch to join ring.

Round 4: dc 1 into first 2 sp, dc 2 in 3rd. Repeat in this pattern around.

Round 5: dc 1 into next 3 sp, dc 2 in 4th. Repeat in this pattern around. Slip stitch to join round. dc 1 into next 4 sp, dc 2 in 5th. Repeat around. Slip stitch to close round.

Squaring up

Round 6: dc 1 into 2 sp, hdc into next sp, sc in next 4 sp, hdc 1, dc 1 into next 2 sp. dc 2, ch2, dc2 into next sp. to form corner. repeat this sequence 3 more times to form 4 sides of square with 4 corners. slip stitch to close round.

Round 7: dc 1 into the next 3 sp, hdc 1 into the 4th sp, sc1 into next 7 spaces, hdc, 1, dc 1 into next 3 sp, your corner this time is 1 dc, ch 2, 1 dc, into next sp. repeat 3 more times to further wrangle the circle.

The final wrangle:

Round 7: dc 1 into the next 3 sp, 1 hdc into next sp., sc 1 into the next 6 sp, 1hdc into next sp, 1 dc into next 3 sp, to form corner dc 1, ch 2, dc 1 into 1 sp. repeat this sequence 3 more times to really straighten those sides up. You should now have a 6 inch square.

Sunburst Granny

This Granny square is a mash up of my desire for some sunshine! As I was designing this granny square I was on a plane traveling from gray and rainy Portland to sunny Arizona! Thus a granny square made up of spiky cluster stitches to form a sunshine medallion but on gray yarn!. I hope you enjoy learning this new stitch and making your own sunburst Granny square.

Note: my cluster stitch is different than the norm-to form the points/triangular stitches I did the following.



Starburst Cluster stitch (cs)

Wrap yarn around hook, insert hook into stitch in row below, wrap yarn around hook and pull loop through.

With three loops on your needle, wrap yarn onto your hook and pull through two loops (leaving two on your hook). wrap yarn around hook again, insert hook back into same stitch in row below, pull loop through. With 4 loops on your hook, wrap yarn around hook, pull it through two loops, wrap yarn around hook a second time and pull through two more loops, leaving two loops on the hook. wrap yarn around hook, insert hook into the same stitch for a third time, wrap yarn around hook and pull through (4 loops on hook), wrap yarn around hook and pull through two loops, wrap yarn around hook and pull through two more loops, wrap yarn around hook and pull through remaining two loops. (see video of the stitch here: <https://youtu.be/bPNUCbWuFtI>).

Moving your work to a chain space (ch sp):

Sometimes when you close the round your hook is not in a position that is good to start the next round. This happens on the final two rounds of this square. to move the position of your hook/ yarn without adding noticeable stitches create slip stitches along the top chains of the stitches in the row below moving your hook and loop along to a good position to start the next stitch.

To Start: ch 4, join into a ring.

Round 1: ch2 (counts as first dc), dc 12 more into ring, ss to join ring.

Round 2: cs 1, ch 3 into each of the stitches in the row below (12 total), ss to join round.

Round 3: cs 1 into the ch sp between the next two stitches in the row below, create a corner by making 1 cs, ch 3, 1cs into the 3rd ch sp in the row below. repeat this sequence 3 more times around the granny. ss to join round.

Squaring up:

Round 4: dc 3 ch 1 into the next three ch spaces in the row below. dc 3, ch 2, dc 3 (make sure you are aligned with the corner from the row below). repeat three times around to keep your granny square. ss to join round.

Round 5: dc 3 ch1 into the next 4 ch spaces in the row below. dc 3 ch 2, sc 3 (make sure you are aligned with the corner form the row below). Repeat three times around token your granny square. ss to join round. cut yarn and secure loop.