

Patriotic Granny Square

A Versatile Pattern for Durable Dishcloths or Cozy Afghan Blankets

SKILL LEVEL

Beginner / Easy

Finished Size: Approx. 6" x 6"

(Easily expandable)

Yarn Type: 100% Cotton

Medium Worsted Weight (4)

This classic, timeless granny square pattern alternates vibrant shades of red, white, and blue. Crafted using 100% cotton yarn, the finished squares are exceptionally absorbent and hard-wearing, making them perfect to use standalone as kitchen dishcloths or washcloths. Alternatively, you can join multiple squares together to create a stunning, patriotic afghan or picnic blanket.



Figure 1: Visual layout of color rounds (Center out: Blue, Red, White, Blue border).

Materials Required

- **Yarn:** 100% Cotton, Medium Worsted Weight (4). *Recommended: Lily Sugar'n Cream or Lion Brand 24/7 Cotton.*
 - **Color A:** Royal/Navy Blue (Approx. 20 yards per square)
 - **Color B:** Crimson Red (Approx. 15 yards per square)
 - **Color C:** White or Soft Cream (Approx. 15 yards per square)
- **Hook:** US Size H/8 (5.00 mm) crochet hook (or size needed to obtain preference).
- **Notions:** Yarn needle for weaving in ends, and sharp embroidery scissors.

Stitch Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
ch	Chain stitch
sl st	Slip stitch
dc	Double crochet
sp / ch-sp	Space / Chain space separator
dc-cluster	Group of 3 double crochet stitches worked into the same space

Pattern Tip for Dishcloth Use: Cotton yarn shrinks slightly when washed for the first time. Working your stitches evenly and blocking the finished squares will ensure they keep their clean square shape over time.

Step-by-Step Instructions

Foundational Ring: Using **Color A (Blue)**, ch 4. Join with a sl st into the first ch to form a small working ring (or optionally, make a magic ring).

Round 1 (Color A - Blue):

- Ch 3 (counts as your first dc here and throughout). Work 2 dc into the ring, ch 2. (*First corner cluster formed*).
- Work [3 dc into ring, ch 2] three times.
- Join with a sl st to the top of the initial ch-3. Fasten off Color A.
[Total: 4 dc-clusters (12 dc total), 4 corner ch-2 spaces]

Round 2 (Color B - Red):

- Join **Color B (Red)** with a sl st into any corner ch-2 space from Round 1.
- Ch 3, work (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) all within the same corner space. (*First complete corner made*).
- Ch 1. Work *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into the next corner ch-2 space, ch 1*. Repeat from * to * two more times.
- Join with a sl st to the top of the initial ch-3. Fasten off Color B.
[Total: 8 dc-clusters, 4 corner ch-2 spaces, 4 side ch-1 spaces]

Round 3 (Color C - White):

- Join **Color C (White)** with a sl st into any corner ch-2 space.
- Ch 3, work (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into that same corner space, ch 1.
- Work 3 dc into the side ch-1 space, ch 1.
- *Work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into the next corner space, ch 1; work 3 dc into the side ch-1 space, ch 1.* Repeat from * to * two more times.

5. Join with a sl st to the top of the initial ch-3. Fasten off Color C.

[Total: 12 dc-clusters, 4 corner ch-2 spaces, 8 side ch-1 spaces]

Round 4 (Color A - Blue Border):

1. Join **Color A (Blue)** with a sl st into any corner ch-2 space.

2. Ch 3, work (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into that same corner space, ch 1.

3. *[Work 3 dc into the next side ch-1 space, ch 1] twice. Work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into the corner space, ch 1.*
Repeat from * to * two more times.

4. Work 3 dc into the remaining side ch-1 spaces, ch 1. Join with a sl st to the top of the initial ch-3.

5. Fasten off yarn and secure completely.

[Total: 16 dc-clusters, 4 corner ch-2 spaces, 12 side ch-1 spaces]

Finishing Your Square

Using your yarn needle, carefully weave all loose yarn tails securely into the backs of the stitches matching the respective color areas. This guarantees that your square won't unravel during heavy use or machine wash cycles.

To use as a Dishcloth: Your square is ready! Simply wash in warm water before its first use.

To use as an Afghan: Repeat this pattern to create as many squares as desired. Block each square uniformly to 6" x 6" using a blocking board or mat, then join them together using a mattress stitch or a single crochet join with your choice of background color.