



## Grandma's Afghan

### Welcome back to Day 24!

At this point, you've likely got small amounts of each colour left, so let's use a classic stitch pattern to use up those scraps!

#### Pattern Notes:

For this pattern I will not tell you which colour to start with or change to. Granny square blankets were originally designed as a way to use up scraps and were crocheted quite randomly. Yarn and colours were changed often. Change your colours with every round ... or not. Use as many colours that you have left and make this your own. This is the last bauble of our advent so have fun!

This stitch pattern creates a lot of ends as we are changing colour so often. Before we start our last round of decreases we will stop to weave in all those ends (or you can choose to weave in your ends as you go). As this is an ornament and not likely to be man handled too much, you can opt to simply tie off those ends instead of weaving them in. I chose to weave them in as I live in fear of my crocheted pieces coming apart at the seams! LOL You do you!

#### Special Stitches:

**Stacked Single Crochet (STSC)** - This is made at the beginning of a round or row as an alternative to a turning chain. To make a STSC, immediately after slip stitching to join your round, insert your hook into the same stitch, YO and draw up a loop. YO and pull through both loops to complete a SC. Then insert your hook into the far left vertical leg of the stitch just made (far right leg if you are a left handed crocheter), YO, draw up a loop, YO and pull through both loops on your hook to complete another SC.

**Double Crochet 2 Together (DC2TOG)** - YO and insert your hook into the indicated stitch, YO and pull up a loop. YO and pull through 2 loops. YO and insert your hook into the next stitch or space, YO and pull up a loop. YO and pull through 2 loops. You should have 3 loops on your hook. YO and pull through all 3 loops.

#### Pattern Instructions:

**Round 1** - Make a MR, CH2 (counts as a DC) and make 2 DC into your ring, CH1 and \*make 3 DC into the ring, CH1. Repeat from \* once more. SLST to the CH2 to close the round. (3 DC clusters, 3 CH1 spaces) Turn your work **OR** change colour and follow the instructions for attaching the new yarn found in Round 3.

**Round 2** - SLST into the CH1 gap just in front of your hook. Make a STSC plus 2 DC into the same CH1 space, CH1 and make 3 DC into the same CH1 space. CH1 and hop over the next 3DC to the CH1 space on the far side. \*[3DC, CH1, 3DC] all into that CH1 space, CH1 and repeat from \* in the next CH1 space. (6 DC clusters, 6 CH1 spaces). CH1 and FO this colour.



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**Round 3** - Your work will look triangular at this point, and if you turned your work after round 1, you are looking at the inside of your cover (you will be able to see your starting magic ring tail). Flip your work over so you are looking at the outside of your cover and then, with a new colour, make a slip knot and place it on your hook. Attach your yarn with a SLST at any CH1 space from round 2. STSC in that CH1 space and then place 2 DC in the same space. CH1 and hop to the next CH1 space, [3 DC, CH1, 3 DC] all in that CH1 space. \*CH1 and hop to the next CH1 space, place 3 DC in that space. CH1 and hop to the next CH1 space, [3 DC, CH1, 3 DC] all in that CH1 space. Repeat from \* once more. SLST to STSC to join the round. CH1 and FO that colour. (9 DC clusters, 9 CH1 spaces)

**Round 4** - With a new colour, make a slip knot and place it on your hook. Attach your yarn with a SLST at any CH1 space from round 3. STSC in that CH1 space and then place 2 DC in the same space. \*CH1 and hop to the next CH1 space, and place 3DC in that space. Repeat from \* around. SLST to STSC to join the round. CH1 and FO that colour. (9 DC clusters, 9 CH1 spaces)

**Rounds 5 & 6** - Repeat round 4, changing colour each time. (9 DC clusters, 9 CH1 spaces) Before starting your decreases tighten the magic ring, FO that tail and weave in all other tails.

**Round 7** - Repeat round 4 but do not CH1 between clusters. SLST to STSC to join the round. CH1 and FO that colour. (9 DC clusters).

**\*\* INSERT YOUR BAUBLE \*\*** - we will be working around the bauble from now on as we close. Remove the metal top to make it easier to work around the ball.

**Round 8** - If you are continuing with the same colour as I did in my first example bauble (see photo as the top of this page), then SLST over to the next CH1 space, if you are attaching a new colour, follow the same instructions for doing this as you've been doing this entire time. In your starting CH1 space, make a STSC and then 2 DC. Move to the next CH1 space, and make one DC and then a DC2TOG over your current CH1 space and the next, then add one more DC into the next CH1 space (so your 3DC cluster spans two CH1 spaces). \*3 DC in the next CH1 space, one DC in the next CH1 space then DC2TOG over that space and the next CH1 space and add one more DC into that space. Repeat from \* one more time.

At the end of the round, cut a long tail, pull it out through your stitch. Thread it onto your yarn needle and weave it through the tops of each stitch. Pull tight and FO.

**Finishing** - Replace the metal top of your bauble and decorate as you desire with ribbon, moss or greenery.