

* CROCHET GRANNY SQUARE BAG *

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



1. MATERIALS

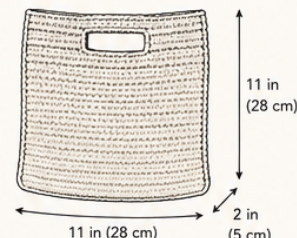
- Worsted weight cotton yarn
- Colors:
 - A – Dusty Blue
 - B – Beige/Cream
 - C – Camel/Tan
- 5.0 mm (H) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

3. ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch	chain	dc	double crochet
sl st	slip stitch	tr	treble crochet
sc	single crochet	sp	space
hdc	half double crochet	()	work instructions in same stitch
* ... * repeat instructions between asterisks			
[] total number of stitches			

2. SIZE

Approx.
Height: 11 in (28 cm)
Width: 11 in (28 cm)
Depth: 2 in (5 cm)



4. GRANNY SQUARE PANEL (Make 2)



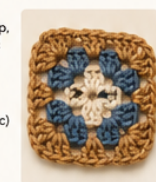
Round 1 (Color C)
Ch 4, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.
Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2.
(3 dc, ch 2) 3 more times in ring.
Join with sl st to top of beginning ch 3.
[12 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces]



Round 2 (Color A)
Sl st into next ch-2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp.
Ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp.
Repeat from * to * 2 more times.
Ch 1, join with sl st to top of beginning ch 3.
[4 corner groups, 4 ch-1 spaces]



Round 3 (Color B)
Sl st into next ch-2 sp, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same sp.
*Ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp.
Ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in next ch-2 sp.*
Repeat from * to * 2 more times.
Ch 1, join with sl st.
[4 corner groups, 8 ch-1 spaces]



5. JOIN PANELS & SIDES



Place the 2 panels with right sides together.
Join yarn (Color A) in any corner.

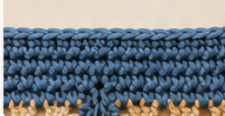


Sc evenly along the side of one panel, across the bottom, up the side of the second panel, and across the top.
(Work 3 sc in each corner.)
Join with sl st.
Fasten off.

6. TOP EDGE & HANDLE



Join Color A in any stitch at the top.
Round 1:
Sc in each stitch around.
(3 sc in each corner.)
Join with sl st.



Round 2:
Sc in each stitch around.
Join with sl st.
Fasten off.



Handle Opening:
Count the center 12 stitches.
Skip the middle 12 stitches.
Join yarn on the next stitch.
Ch 1, sc in each stitch across.
Fasten off.



Round 3: (Optional)
Repeat Round 1 for a thicker top edge.

7. FINISHING

- Weave in all ends securely.
- Block the bag lightly if needed.
- Your crocheted granny square bag is ready to use!



BASIC STITCHES (US TERMS)



Chain (ch)
Yarn over, pull through loop on hook.



Slip Stitch (sl st)
Insert hook, yarn over, pull through both loops.



Single Crochet (sc)
Insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.



Half Double Crochet (hdc)
Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.



Double Crochet (dc)
Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.



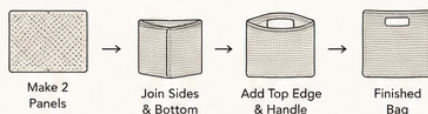
Treble Crochet (tr)
Yarn over twice, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops 3 times.

COLOR GUIDE & TIPS



Use soft, durable cotton yarn for structure.
Keep your tension even for a neat finish.
You can add a fabric lining or magnetic closure if desired.

ASSEMBLY OVERVIEW



CARE INSTRUCTIONS



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CROCHET GRANNY SQUARE BAG

DIFFICULTY: EASY TO INTERMEDIATE

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight cotton yarn
Colors: Blue (A), Cream (B),
Light Brown (C), Gray (D)
- 4.0 mm (G) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

STITCHES & ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch	sl st	sc	dc	cluster (3 dc)	corner
					
chain	slip stitch	single crochet	double crochet	3 double crochet cluster	(ch 2, 2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same space

GRANNY SQUARE CHART

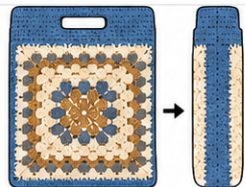


COLOR GUIDE

- A** Blue **B** Cream **C** Light Brown **D** Gray

ASSEMBLY

- Make 2 identical granny squares.
- Place them right sides together.
- Join with sc around 3 sides (bottom and sides).
- Turn right side out.
- The top is already finished with the handle opening.



SQUARE INSTRUCTIONS

- C Rnd 1 (C):** Ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring.
Ch 3 (counts as dc). 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in ring.
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) 3 more times.
Join with sl st to top of beginning ch 3. (4 corners)
Fasten off.
- A Rnd 2 (A):** Join yarn in any corner ch-2 space.
Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same space.
(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) 3 more times.
Join with sl st to top of beginning ch 3.
Fasten off.
- B Rnd 3 (B):** Join yarn in any corner ch-2 space.
Repeat Rnd 2. Fasten off.
- C Rnd 4 (C):** Join yarn in any corner ch-2 space.
Repeat Rnd 2. Fasten off.
- D Rnd 5 (D):** Join yarn in any corner ch-2 space.
Repeat Rnd 2. Fasten off.
- B Rnd 6 (B):** Join yarn in any corner ch-2 space.
Repeat Rnd 2. Fasten off.
- A Rnd 7 (A):** Join yarn in any corner ch-2 space.
Repeat Rnd 2. Fasten off.
- A Rnd 8 (A) – Top/Handle Edging:**
Ch 1, sc in each st around.
Work 3 sc evenly across center
of one side, ch 8, skip 8 sts,
sc in next 3 sts (handle opening).
Continue sc around. Join with sl st.
Fasten off.



FINISHED SIZE (approx.)

Height: 28 cm / 11 in
Width: 28 cm / 11 in

NOTES

- Weave in all ends.
- Block if needed for a neater shape.
- Use sturdy yarn for a structured bag.

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Crochet Granny Square Bag – Step-by-Step Tutorial

This **Crochet Granny Square Bag** is a practical handmade tote featuring two large granny square panels, sturdy crocheted sides, a reinforced top edge, and an integrated handle opening. The finished bag measures approximately **11 inches wide, 11 inches high, and 2 inches deep**.

The pattern uses US crochet terminology and three coordinating colors: dusty blue, beige or cream, and camel or tan. Cotton yarn is recommended because it produces a firm, durable fabric that works especially well for bags.

The construction is straightforward: crochet two matching square panels, join them along three sides, work the top edge in rounds, form the handle opening, and finish all loose ends.

Materials

You will need:

- Worsted weight cotton yarn
- Color A: Dusty blue
- Color B: Beige or cream
- Color C: Camel or tan
- 5.0 mm US H-8 crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers, optional
- Measuring tape
- Fabric for an optional lining
- Sewing needle and coordinating thread if adding a lining or magnetic closure

Choose a soft but durable cotton yarn. A tightly spun cotton will help the bag hold its shape and make the stitch definition more visible.

Try to use yarns of the same weight and fiber content. Combining yarns with very different thicknesses may cause the granny square panels to become uneven.

Finished Size

The completed bag should measure approximately:

- Height: 11 inches or 28 centimeters
- Width: 11 inches or 28 centimeters
- Depth: 2 inches or 5 centimeters

The exact measurements may vary slightly depending on your yarn, hook size, and personal tension.

If your panels are smaller than the recommended size, you may add another granny square round before beginning the assembly. If they are larger, consider using a smaller hook or working with slightly tighter tension.

US Crochet Abbreviations

The following abbreviations are used throughout the tutorial:

- **ch:** chain
- **sl st:** slip stitch
- **sc:** single crochet
- **hdc:** half double crochet
- **dc:** double crochet
- **tr:** treble crochet
- **sp:** space
- **ch-sp:** chain space
- **st or sts:** stitch or stitches
- **():** work the instructions inside the parentheses into the same stitch or space
- *** to *:** repeat the instructions between the asterisks
- **[]:** total stitch count or important round information

The beginning chains may count as a stitch where indicated.

Basic Crochet Stitches

Before beginning the bag, become familiar with the stitches used in the pattern.

Chain Stitch

Make a slip knot and place it on the hook.

Yarn over and pull the yarn through the loop on the hook. Repeat this movement for the required number of chains.

Slip Stitch

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch or space.

Yarn over and pull the yarn through the stitch and through the loop already on the hook.

Slip stitches are used to join rounds without adding noticeable height.

Single Crochet

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up one loop. You should now have two loops on the hook.

Yarn over again and pull through both loops.

Half Double Crochet

Yarn over and insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up one loop. You should now have three loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through all three loops.

Double Crochet

Yarn over and insert the hook into the indicated stitch or space.

Yarn over and pull up one loop. You should now have three loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through two loops. Yarn over again and pull through the remaining two loops.

Treble Crochet

Yarn over twice and insert the hook into the indicated stitch or space.

Yarn over and pull up one loop. You should now have four loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through two loops three times until only one loop remains.

Granny Square Panel

Make **two identical granny square panels**.

The panel begins in the center with Color C, followed by Color A and Color B. Continue working in the established granny square style until each panel reaches approximately 11 inches square.

Maintain a relaxed but consistent tension. A tight center can cause the square to cup, while loose stitches may make the bag stretch excessively.

Granny Square Round 1

Using **Color C, camel or tan**, chain 4.

Join with a slip stitch to the first chain to form a ring.

Chain 3. This beginning chain counts as the first double crochet.

Work 2 double crochets into the center of the ring.

Chain 2.

Work 3 double crochets into the ring.

Repeat the following sequence two more times:

- Chain 2
- Work 3 double crochets into the ring

You should now have four groups of 3 double crochets separated by four chain-2 corner spaces.

Join with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain 3.

Fasten off Color C.

At the end of Round 1, you should have:

- Four groups of 3 double crochets
- Four chain-2 corner spaces
- 12 double crochets in total, including the beginning chain

Gently shape the piece into a square by pulling each chain-2 corner outward.

Granny Square Round 2

Join **Color A, dusty blue**, with a slip stitch in any chain-2 corner space.

Chain 3. This counts as the first double crochet.

Work 2 double crochets into the same corner space.

Chain 2.

Work 3 more double crochets into the same corner space.

Your first corner is complete.

In each of the remaining three chain-2 corner spaces, work:

- 3 double crochets
- Chain 2
- 3 double crochets

Join with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain 3.

Fasten off Color A.

At the end of Round 2, you should have four complete corner groups, with each corner consisting of:

- 3 double crochets
- Chain 2
- 3 double crochets

There will also be four chain-1 spaces between the corners.

Granny Square Round 3

Join **Color B, beige or cream**, with a slip stitch in any chain-2 corner space.

Chain 3. This counts as the first double crochet.

Work 2 double crochets into the same corner space.

Chain 2.

Work 3 double crochets into the same corner space.

Chain 1.

Work 3 double crochets into the next chain-1 side space.

Chain 1.

In the next chain-2 corner space, work:

- 3 double crochets
- Chain 2
- 3 double crochets

Chain 1 and work 3 double crochets into the next chain-1 side space.

Continue repeating this sequence around the square.

Join with a slip stitch to the top of the beginning chain 3.

Fasten off Color B.

At the end of Round 3, you should have:

- Four corner groups
- Eight chain-1 spaces
- One 3-double-crochet group centered along each side

Continue Enlarging the Granny Square

Continue working additional granny square rounds using the same established construction.

For every new round:

1. Join the next color in any chain-2 corner space.
2. Work a complete corner into that space.
3. Chain 1.
4. Work 3 double crochets into every chain-1 space along the side.
5. Chain 1 between each group.
6. In every corner, work 3 double crochets, chain 2, and 3 double crochets.
7. Join the round with a slip stitch.
8. Fasten off before changing colors.

Continue alternating the colors in a balanced sequence that matches the original bag:

- Color C: Camel or tan
- Color A: Dusty blue
- Color B: Beige or cream

The sample design uses the colors repeatedly to create a warm, neutral center surrounded by cream, camel, and blue bands.

Continue until the panel measures approximately **11 inches square**.

Make a second panel using the same number of rounds and the same color sequence.

For the most consistent result, place the first panel nearby while crocheting the second one. Compare the panels after every few rounds to make sure they remain the same size.

Blocking the Panels

Blocking is optional, but it can make the panels easier to join and give the finished bag a cleaner shape.

Lightly dampen each panel or mist it with water.

Place the panel on a blocking mat or a clean towel.

Gently shape it into an even square measuring approximately 11 inches by 11 inches.

Pin the corners and sides in place without overstretching the stitches.

Allow the panels to dry completely before removing the pins.

Do not iron the crochet directly. High heat may flatten or damage the yarn.

Joining the Two Panels

Place the two completed granny square panels together with their right sides facing each other.

Make sure the top edges and all corners are aligned.

Use stitch markers to hold the panels together if necessary.

Join **Color A, dusty blue**, in either top corner.

Work single crochet stitches evenly down the first side.

Place approximately 3 single crochets into each corner area so the corner remains smooth and does not pull.

Continue working single crochet stitches across the bottom edge.

Work 3 single crochets in each bottom corner.

Continue up the second side.

Do not join across the top. The top must remain open.

Join with a slip stitch at the final top corner.

Fasten off and secure the yarn.

Turn the bag right side out.

The single crochet seam should create the approximately 2-inch depth of the bag. Shape the lower corners gently with your fingers.

Checking the Bag Shape

Place the bag on a flat surface.

Check that the front and back panels are aligned.

The bottom should sit evenly, and the side seams should not twist.

If one panel appears stretched, lightly reshape the bag before adding the top edge.

The opening should measure approximately 11 inches across.

Top Edge Round 1

With the bag right side out, join **Color A** in any stitch along the top edge.

Chain 1. The chain does not count as a stitch.

Work 1 single crochet into every stitch and space around the entire top opening.

When you reach each side seam, work approximately 3 single crochets around the corner or seam area so the fabric remains flat.

Join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet.

Do not fasten off unless you prefer to begin the next round with a fresh join.

Count the stitches around the opening. An even number will make it easier to center the handle openings.

Top Edge Round 2

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet into every stitch around.

Join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet.

Fasten off if desired.

This second round reinforces the top edge and creates a stable base for the handle opening.

Check that the edge lies flat. If it flares outward, you may have added too many stitches. If it pulls inward, work a few additional evenly spaced stitches.

Positioning the Handle Openings

Lay the bag flat with the front panel facing you.

Count the stitches across the top of the front panel, from one side seam to the other.

Identify the center 12 stitches.

Place one stitch marker immediately before the first center stitch and another marker immediately after the twelfth stitch.

Turn the bag over and repeat the same process on the back panel.

The front and back handle openings must be centered and aligned.

The original tutorial uses a **12-stitch opening**. You may adjust the width slightly, but both openings must contain the same number of skipped stitches.

Top Edge Round 3 and Handle Opening

Join Color A if the yarn was fastened off.

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch until you reach the first handle marker.

Chain 12.

Skip the 12 marked stitches.

Work 1 single crochet into the next stitch.

Continue working 1 single crochet in each stitch until you reach the handle markers on the back panel.

Chain 12.

Skip the 12 marked stitches.

Work 1 single crochet into the next stitch.

Continue around the top edge.

Join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet.

The two chain-12 spaces form the handle openings.

Before continuing, confirm that both handles are centered and equal in size.

Reinforcing the Handle Opening

For a thicker and more durable top edge, work one additional round.

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet into each single crochet from the previous round.

When you reach a chain-12 handle opening, work 12 single crochets evenly around the chain space.

Continue around the bag, repeating the same process for the second handle opening.

Join with a slip stitch to the first single crochet.

Fasten off.

You may work another reinforcement round if you want a thicker handle. Work carefully around the curved ends of each opening so the stitches do not bunch.

For extra strength, use a hook one size smaller for the final round. This can make the handle edge firmer and reduce stretching.

Weaving in the Ends

Thread each loose yarn end through a yarn needle.

Weave the end back and forth through the wrong side of the crochet fabric.

Change direction at least once so the yarn does not pull free during use.

Trim the excess yarn close to the fabric.

Pay special attention to the handle area, side seams, and color changes. These sections will receive the most movement and should be secured carefully.

Optional Fabric Lining

A fabric lining can help the bag maintain its shape and prevent small objects from slipping through the granny square openings.

Place the finished bag flat and measure its width and height below the top edge.

Cut two fabric rectangles slightly larger than the inside dimensions of the bag.

Add approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of seam allowance around the sides and bottom.

Place the fabric pieces with right sides together.

Sew along both sides and the bottom, leaving the top open.

Trim the lower corners carefully and turn the lining right side out.

Fold the top raw edge of the lining toward the wrong side by approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and press it flat.

Insert the lining into the crochet bag with the wrong side of the lining facing the inside of the crochet.

Align the folded upper edge just below the crocheted handle section.

Hand-sew the lining to the inside of the bag using small, discreet stitches.

Avoid pulling the sewing thread too tightly, as this may distort the crochet.

Optional Magnetic Closure

A magnetic snap may be added to the lining before the lining is sewn into the bag.

Mark the center of the front and back lining pieces.

Position the magnetic closure approximately 1 inch below the folded upper edge.

Install both parts of the closure according to the manufacturer's directions.

Add a small square of interfacing behind each closure piece for reinforcement.

After installing the closure, insert and sew the lining into the bag.

Make sure the magnetic pieces align correctly before completing the final stitches.

Finishing and Shaping

Inspect the entire bag for loose ends or uneven stitches.

Gently stretch and shape the granny square panels.

Straighten the side seams and lower corners.

Check the handle openings to make sure they are smooth and centered.

Lightly block the finished bag if necessary. Use only enough moisture to relax the stitches, and allow the bag to dry flat.

Do not hang the wet bag by its handles, as the weight of the water may stretch them.

Color Guide

The sample bag uses three natural, complementary colors:

- **Dusty blue:** Used for the border, joining seams, upper section, and handles
- **Beige or cream:** Used to brighten the granny square and create contrast
- **Camel or tan:** Used in the center and several accent rounds

For a result similar to the original design, use dusty blue as the dominant outer color. This creates a strong visual frame around the lighter granny square.

You can replace the colors with any combination while maintaining the same distribution. A dark outer color and lighter center colors usually give the bag a balanced appearance.

Tips for an Even Finish

Keep your tension consistent throughout both granny square panels.

Count the stitch groups at the end of every round.

Use the same hook and yarn brands for both panels whenever possible.

Do not pull slip stitches too tightly when joining rounds.

Weave in color-change ends as you complete each panel instead of leaving all the ends until the end.

Compare the two panels frequently.

Use stitch markers to center the handle openings accurately.

Add reinforcement rounds around the handles if the bag will carry heavier items.

Consider adding a fabric lining to reduce stretching.

Care Instructions

Hand wash the bag in cool water with a mild detergent.

Do not use bleach.

Do not wring or twist the bag.

Gently press out excess water with a clean towel.

Reshape the bag while it is damp.

Lay it flat to dry.

Do not iron the crochet directly.

If necessary, use light steam from a safe distance without allowing the iron to touch the yarn.

Final Assembly Overview

The complete construction process is:

1. Crochet the first granny square panel.
2. Crochet a second identical panel.
3. Block both panels if needed.
4. Place the panels together.
5. Join both sides and the bottom.
6. Turn the bag right side out.
7. Crochet the reinforced top edge.
8. Create the two handle openings.
9. Reinforce the handles.
10. Weave in all yarn ends.
11. Add an optional lining or closure.
12. Shape the finished bag.

Your **Crochet Granny Square Bag** is now ready to use! 

This bag is suitable for everyday accessories, small craft projects, yarn, books, or lightweight shopping items. Avoid carrying very heavy objects unless the handles and interior have been reinforced with a strong fabric lining.

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