

GRANNY SQUARES – DIAMOND OVERLAY PLACEMATS

Step-by-Step Tutorial



Create two beautiful placemats using classic granny squares and an elegant diamond overlay!

MATERIALS

- 100% Cotton Worsted Weight Yarn
 - Color A: White
 - Color B: Light Pink
 - Color C: Lavender
 - Color D: Purple
 - Color E: Dark Purple (for overlay)
- Crochet Hook: 5.0 mm (H-8 US)
- Yarn Needle
- Scissors
- Blocking (optional)

FINISHED SIZE

Each placemat: Approx. 12" x 12"
(30,5 cm x 30,5 cm)

CROCHET STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

- ch Chain
- sl st Slip Stitch
- + sc Single Crochet
- T dc Double Crochet
- ✚ 3-dc cluster (cl) (Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops) 1loop: Repeat 2 more times in the same space, yarn over, pull through all 4 loops on hook.
- () ch-space Chain Space
- *...* Repeat Instructions

All stitches and spaces are worked within the same space indicated unless otherwise noted.

PART 1 – MAKE THE GRANNY SQUARE (MAKE 2)

<p>1 CENTER</p> <p>With Color A (White) Ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring. Round 1: Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in ring, ch 2, *3 dc in ring, ch 2, *3 more times. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. (12 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>2 ROUND 2</p> <p>Join Color B (Light Pink) in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space. *3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space* around. Join with sl st. (24 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>3 ROUND 3</p> <p>Join Color C (Lavender) in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space. *3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space* around. Join with sl st. (36 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>4 ROUND 4</p> <p>Join Color D (Purple) in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space. *3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space* around. Join with sl st. (48 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>5 ROUND 5</p> <p>Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same corner space. *3 dc in each dc across until next corner; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner space* around. Join with sl st. Fasten off. (60 dc per side)</p>	<p>6 FINISHED SQUARE</p> <p>Weave in all ends. Block if desired to even the edges. Make 2 squares using the same color sequence.</p>
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PART 2 – MAKE THE DIAMOND OVERLAY (MAKE 2)

<p>1 CENTER</p> <p>With Color E (Dark Purple) Ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring. Round 1: Ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch 2, *3 more times. Join with sl st. (12 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>2 ROUND 2</p> <p>Join Color D (Purple) in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space. *3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space* around. Join with sl st. (24 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>3 ROUND 3</p> <p>Join Color C (Lavender) in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space. *3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space* around. Join with sl st. (36 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>4 ROUND 4</p> <p>Join Color B (Light Pink) in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space. *3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space* around. Join with sl st. (48 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>5 ROUND 5</p> <p>Join Color A (White) in any ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc in same space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space. *3 dc in next ch-2 space, ch 2, 3 dc in same space* around. Join with sl st. (60 dc, 4 ch-2 spaces)</p>	<p>6 ROUND 6 – BORDER</p> <p>Join Color E (Dark Purple) in any ch-2 corner space. Ch 3, (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same corner space. *3 dc in each dc across until next corner; (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner space* around. Join with sl st. Fasten off. (Solid border all around)</p>
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PART 3 – ASSEMBLY

<p>1 PLACE OVERLAY</p> <p>Position the diamond overlay over the granny square, centering it so the corners align with the middle of each side.</p>	<p>2 CHECK ALIGNMENT</p> <p>Make sure there is an even border of the square showing behind the diamond on all 4 sides.</p>	<p>3 SECURE (OPTIONAL)</p> <p>You can leave the overlay unjoined for a layered look, or sew a few small stitches at the center and corners to hold it in place.</p>	<p>4 FINISHED!</p> <p>Repeat all steps to create the second placemat. Enjoy your handmade set!</p>
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TIPS

- Keep your tension even for clean edges.
- Blocking helps the squares lay flat.
- Experiment with other color combinations!
- Great as placemats, table mats, or decorative accents.



BASIC STITCH TUTORIAL (US TERMS)

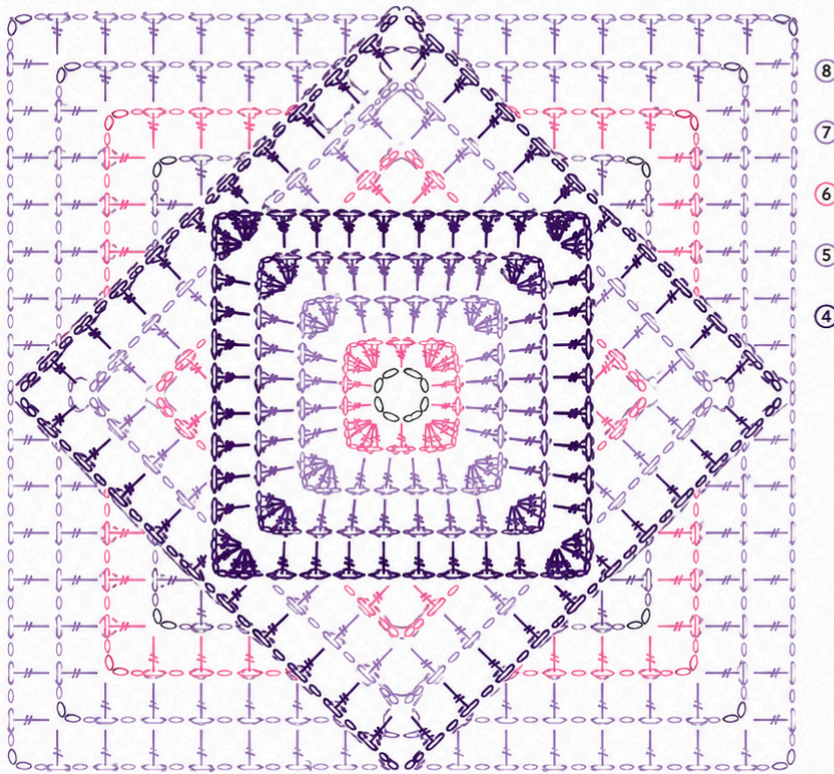
<p>CHAIN (ch)</p> <p>Yarn over, pull through loop on hook.</p>	<p>SLIP STITCH (sl st)</p> <p>Insert hook, yarn over, pull through both loops on hook.</p>	<p>SINGLE CROCHET (sc)</p> <p>Insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.</p>	<p>DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)</p> <p>Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.</p>	<p>3-DC CLUSTER (cl)</p> <p>Work 3 dc in the same space. Yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on hook.</p>	<p>CHAIN SPACE (ch-sp)</p> <p>The space created by chain(s) between stitches or clusters.</p>
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ABBREVIATIONS

- ch Chain
- sl st Slip Stitch
- sc Single Crochet
- dc Double Crochet
- cl Cluster
- sp Space
- rep Repeat
- st(s) Stitch(es)

GRANNY SQUARES – CROCHET PATTERN

Purple & Lilac Diagonal Granny Squares



STITCH LEGEND

- Chain (ch)
- Slip stitch (sl st)
- Double crochet (dc)
- 3 Double crochet cluster (3 dc cl)

COLOR GUIDE (By Rounds)

- ① White
- ② Pink
- ③ Lilac
- ④ Dark Purple
- ⑤ Lilac
- ⑥ Pink
- ⑦ Lilac
- ⑧ Lilac

SQUARE SIZE

Each square: approx. 6.5 in (16.5 cm)
Final size may vary depending on your yarn and tension.

HOW TO MAKE

- ① With white, make a magic ring.
Rnd 1: 3 ch (counts as dc), 2 dc cl, ch 2 – repeat 4 times. Join with sl st.
 - ② **Change to pink.**
Rnd 2: 3 ch, 2 dc cl in same sp, ch 1, (3 dc cl, ch 1) in each ch-2 sp around. Join.
 - ③ **Change to lilac.**
Rnd 3: 3 ch, 2 dc cl in same sp, ch 1, (3 dc cl, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp around. Join.
 - ④ **Change to dark purple.**
Rnd 4: 3 ch, 2 dc cl in same sp, ch 1, (3 dc cl, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp around. Join.
 - ⑤ **Change to lilac.**
Rnd 5: Repeat Rnd 3.
 - ⑥ **Change to pink.**
Rnd 6: Repeat Rnd 2.
 - ⑦ **Change to lilac.**
Rnd 7: Repeat Rnd 3.
 - ⑧ **Change to lilac.**
Rnd 8: 3 ch, 2 dc cl in same sp, ch 1, (3 dc cl, ch 1) in each ch-1 sp around. Join.
- Fasten off and weave in ends.

ASSEMBLY

Make two squares.
Place one square on top of the other with one rotated 45 degrees (diamond shape) and sew or slip stitch them together around the edges for a decorative layered look.



RECOMMENDED HOOK

5.0 mm (H-8)



YARN SUGGESTION

Worsted weight (4) cotton or acrylic yarn in the following colors: White, Pink, Lilac, Dark Purple

<https://creative.craftsforlove.com/> - SEE THE BEST PATTERNS

Granny Squares – Diamond Overlay Placemats

Complete Step-by-Step Crochet Tutorial (US Terms)  

Create two elegant crochet placemats by combining a traditional granny square with a beautiful diamond overlay. This project is beginner-friendly for crocheters who already know the basic stitches and is explained in detail so you can successfully complete it from start to finish.

The finished placemats measure approximately 12 x 12 inches (30.5 x 30.5 cm) and are made using US crochet terminology.

Materials

You will need:

- 100% Cotton Worsted Weight Yarn
- Color A: White
- Color B: Light Pink
- Color C: Lavender
- Color D: Purple
- Color E: Dark Purple (Overlay)

Tools

- 5.0 mm (H-8) Crochet Hook
- Yarn Needle
- Scissors
- Blocking Mat (Optional but Recommended)

Finished Size

Each completed placemat measures approximately:

12 × 12 inches (30.5 × 30.5 cm)

Crochet Stitch Guide (US Terms)

Before beginning, become familiar with these abbreviations:

- **ch = Chain**
- **sl st = Slip Stitch**
- **sc = Single Crochet**
- **dc = Double Crochet**
- **cl = 3 Double Crochet Cluster**
- **ch-sp = Chain Space**
- **rep = Repeat**
- **st(s) = Stitch(es)**

3 Double Crochet Cluster (cl)

Yarn over, insert hook into the stitch or chain space, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull through two loops.

Repeat this process three times in the same stitch or space.

Yarn over and pull through all four remaining loops on the hook.

Step 1 – Crochet Granny Square #1

Using Color A (White)

Join with a slip stitch to form a ring.

Round 1

- **Ch 3 (counts as first dc)**
- **Work 2 dc into the ring**
- **Ch 2**
- ***3 dc into the ring, ch 2***
- **Repeat from * to * until you have 4 groups of 3 dc**
- **Join with sl st to the top of beginning ch-3**

You should now have four corners separated by chain-2 spaces.

Step 2 – Round 2

Join Color B (Light Pink) in any corner chain-2 space.

Work:

- **Ch 3**
- **2 dc in same corner**
- **Ch 2**
- **3 dc in same corner**

Move to the next corner.

Repeat the same corner sequence in every corner.

Join with a slip stitch.

At the end of this round you should have:

- **24 dc**
- **4 chain-2 corners**

Step 3 – Round 3

Join Color C (Lavender).

In every corner work:

- **3 dc**
- **Ch 2**
- **3 dc**

Along every side work:

- **3 dc into each chain-2 side space**

Continue around the square.

Join with a slip stitch.

You should now have:

- **36 dc**
- **4 chain-2 corners**

Step 4 – Round 4

Join Color D (Purple).

Repeat the same construction.

Each corner:

- **3 dc**
- **Ch 2**
- **3 dc**

Each side space:

- **3 dc**

Join with a slip stitch.

You should now have:

- **48 dc**
- **4 chain-2 corners**

The square is beginning to show the classic granny pattern.

Step 5 – Round 5

Continue using Color D (Purple).

Work:

Each corner:

- **3 dc**

- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Each side:

Work one 3-dc group into every chain space.

Join with a slip stitch.

Fasten off.

The finished granny square now has approximately:

60 double crochets per side

Step 6 – Make the Second Granny Square

Repeat Steps 1 through 5 to create an identical second square.

Keep your color sequence exactly the same:

- White
- Light Pink
- Lavender
- Purple
- Purple

Set both squares aside.

Step 7 – Crochet the Diamond Overlay

Using Color E (Dark Purple)

Join with a slip stitch to form a ring.

Round 1

Work:

- Ch 3
- 2 dc

- Ch 2

Repeat until you have:

- Four groups of 3 dc
- Four chain-2 corners

Join with a slip stitch.

Step 8 – Overlay Round 2

Join Color D (Purple).

Each corner:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Each side:

- One 3-dc group in the side space

Join with a slip stitch.

You should now have:

- 24 dc
- 4 corners

Step 9 – Overlay Round 3

Join Color C (Lavender).

Continue the granny-square construction.

Corners:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Sides:

- One 3-dc group in every side space.

Join with sl st.

You should now have:

- 36 dc
- 4 corners

Step 10 – Overlay Round 4

Join Color B (Light Pink).

Repeat exactly the same stitch pattern.

Corners:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Sides:

- 3 dc in every side space

Join with a slip stitch.

You should now have:

- 48 dc
- 4 corners

Step 11 – Overlay Round 5

Join Color A (White).

Repeat the same granny pattern around.

Corners:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Sides:

- One group of 3 dc in every side space

Join with sl st.

You should now have:

- 60 dc
- 4 corners

The diamond should now perfectly fit over the granny square when rotated.

Step 12 – Overlay Border

Join Color E (Dark Purple).

Work one complete border around the diamond.

In every corner:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Along every side:

- 3 dc in every side space

Join with a slip stitch.

Fasten off.

Step 13 – Make the Second Diamond Overlay

Repeat Steps 7 through 12 to make a second overlay.

Both overlays should match perfectly.

Step 14 – Assemble the Placemat

Lay one granny square flat.

Rotate the overlay 45 degrees so it becomes a diamond.

Center the overlay carefully.

Each point of the diamond should line up with the middle of each side of the granny square.

Take your time adjusting the placement before securing it.

Step 15 – Secure the Overlay

You have two options.

Option 1 – Invisible Sewing

Thread a yarn needle with matching yarn.

Sew only:

- **The center**
- **The four diamond points**

Keep stitches small and nearly invisible.

Option 2 – Leave It Loose

You may leave the overlay unattached.

This creates a decorative layered effect while still allowing the placemat to lay nicely.

Step 16 – Weave in All Ends

Using a yarn needle:

- Hide every yarn tail securely.
- Trim excess yarn.
- Make sure no loose ends remain visible.

Step 17 – Blocking

Blocking is optional but highly recommended.

Lightly dampen the placemat.

Pin it into a perfect square.

Allow it to dry completely.

Blocking helps:

- Straighten edges
- Improve stitch definition
- Make the overlay sit flatter
- Produce a professional finish

Basic Crochet Stitches Explained

Chain (ch)

Yarn over and pull through the loop already on your hook.

Repeat until the required number of chains has been made.

Slip Stitch (sl st)

Insert the hook into the stitch.

Yarn over.

Pull through both the stitch and the loop on the hook in one motion.

Single Crochet (sc)

Insert hook.

Yarn over.

Pull up a loop.

Yarn over again.

Pull through both loops.

Double Crochet (dc)

Yarn over.

Insert hook.

Pull up a loop.

Yarn over.

Pull through two loops.

Yarn over again.

Pull through the remaining two loops.

Chain Space (ch-sp)

A chain space is the opening created by one or more chain stitches and is where future stitch groups are worked.

Helpful Tips

- **Keep your yarn tension consistent throughout the project.**
- **Count stitches at the end of every round.**
- **Use stitch markers if needed to identify corners.**
- **Block every piece before assembling for the cleanest result.**
- **Cotton yarn provides the best durability and heat resistance for placemats.**
- **If your overlay seems tight, check your tension before increasing hook size.**

- Always weave in ends securely, especially if the placemats will be washed frequently.

Finished Project 🎉

Congratulations! You have completed two elegant Granny Squares – Diamond Overlay Placemats featuring layered granny squares with a striking diamond overlay. These placemats make beautiful table decorations, thoughtful handmade gifts, or charming additions to farmhouse, cottage, and modern home décor. Enjoy your handmade creation! 💜🧶