

CROCHET SUN GRANNY SQUARE

Step-by-Step Tutorial



MATERIALS & MEASUREMENTS

YARN (worsted weight / 4)

- Sun Center: Yellow
- Sun Rays: Golden Yellow / Orange
- Square Background: Cream / Off White
- Embroider Smile: Black

HOOK: 4.0 mm (G/6)

NOTIONS: Yarn needle, scissors

FINISHED SIZE:

Approx. 5.5 in x 5.5 in (14 cm x 14 cm)

NOTES

- Square is worked in the round.
- Ch 3 at the beginning of a round counts as a double crochet (dc).

STITCH LEGEND (US TERMS)

- Ch - Chain
- Sl st - Slip stitch
- T Sc - Single crochet
- T Hdc - Half double crochet
- T Dc - Double crochet
- T Tr - Treble crochet
- Ch-3 picot: Ch 3, sl st in top of last dc

SPECIAL STITCH

Petal (Ray):
(Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) all in the same stitch, sl st in next st to secure.

Corner Space:
Ch 3, sl st in same space.

HOW TO MAKE - STEP BY STEP

1 SUN CENTER - ROUND 1



Ch 4, Join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.
Ch 3 (counts as dc). Work 11 dc into the ring. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. (12 dc)

2 ROUND 2



Ch 3, 2 dc in each st around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. (24 dc)

3 ROUND 3



Ch 3, *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st* repeat around. Join with sl st to top of ch 3. (36 dc)

4 SUN RAYS - ROUND 4



Switch to golden yellow.
Ch 1. *Work one Petal (Ray) in next st, sl st in next st* repeat around. You will have 12 petals.

5 PETAL (RAY) DETAILS



In the same stitch:
Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc.
Sl st in next stitch to move to next space.

6 ROUND 5 (BORDER START)



Switch to cream.
Ch 3 (counts as dc). 2 dc in the same st.
(This is your first corner.)

7 SIDE 1



Dc in each st (including in the sl st spaces between petals) until the next corner. (You should have 13 dc total including the corner.)

8 CORNER



(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) all in the next stitch (corner made).

9 SIDE 2



Dc in each st across to the next corner. (13 dc)

10 CORNER



(2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the corner st.

11 SIDES 3 & 4



Repeat Side 2 and Corner 2 more times.
Join with sl st to top of beginning ch 3.

12 ROUND 6 (FINAL ROUND)



Ch 1. Sl st in the same corner space.
Work (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc) in the same corner space (creating a curved corner).
Sc in each st and in each ch across the sides.
In each corner space, work (sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc).
Join with sl st to first sc.
Fasten off and weave in ends.

EMBROIDER THE FACE



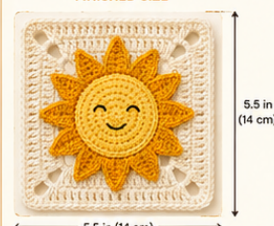
Use black yarn and a yarn needle.
• Eyes: simple curved lines
• Mouth: small smile
Knot securely on the back.

JOINING SQUARES (OPTIONAL)

Use slip stitch or whip stitch to join squares together.



FINISHED SIZE



TIPS

- Keep your tension even so the square lies flat.
- Block your square lightly for best results.
- This square is perfect for blankets, bags, pillows, and more!



Hand wash cold



Lay flat to dry



Do not bleach



Do not tumble dry



Iron on low if needed

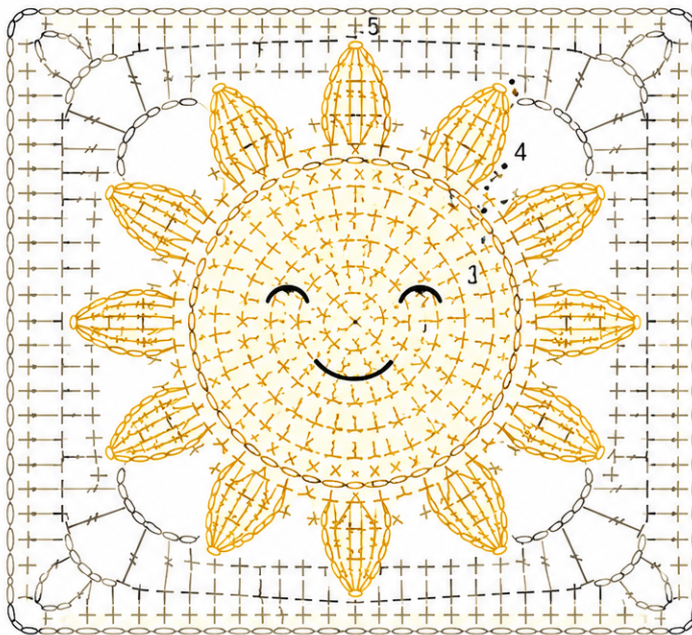
ENJOY YOUR SUNSHINE!

This happy sun square will bring joy to any project!



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CROCHET SUN GRANNY SQUARE – CHART AND STITCH GUIDE



STITCH KEY (US TERMS)

○	Chain (ch)
●	Slip stitch (sl st)
+	Single crochet (sc)
┐	Half double crochet (hdc)
┘	Double crochet (dc)
┐┘	Treble crochet (tr)
┐┘┘	3 Double crochet cluster (3 dc-cl)
┐┘┘┘	5 Treble crochet cluster (5 tr-cl)
○	Corner chain space (2 ch, 2 ch, 2 ch)

COLORS (SUGGESTED)

- Sun (Rounds 1–4)
- Square Border (Round 5)

ROUND-BY-ROUND INSTRUCTIONS

Round 1 (Sun Center):

With yellow yarn, ch 4, join with sl st to form a ring.
Ch 1, 11 sc in ring. Join with sl st to first sc. (12 sc)

Round 2:

Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around. Join. (24 sc)

Round 3:

Ch 1, [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around. Join. (36 sc)

Round 4 (Sun Rays):

*Ch 2, skip 1 st, in next st work 5 tr-cl (see diagram below),
ch 2, sl st in next st (this forms the tip of the ray), sl st in
next st* repeat from * to * around. Join. (12 rays)

Round 5 (Square Border):

Join beige yarn in any ch-2 space.

Round 5 (Square Border): Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in same space (corner made). *Dc in each st across to next ray tip.

In ch-2 space of ray work 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc (corner made).*

Repeat from * to * around for 4 sides.

Join with sl st to top of beginning ch-3.

SPECIAL STITCH DIAGRAMS

5 TREBLE CROCHET CLUSTER (5 tr-cl)



Yarn over twice, insert hook in
stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over
and pull through 2 loops
(repeat 5 times in same stitch),
yarn over and pull through
all 6 loops on hook.

3 DOUBLE CROCHET CLUSTER (3 dc-cl)



Yarn over, insert hook in stitch,
pull up a loop, yarn over and
pull through 2 loops (repeat
3 times in same stitch), yarn over
and pull through all 4 loops
on hook.

FINISHING

Weave in all ends. Block square gently to
shape. Embroider eyes and smile on the
sun face with black yarn.



SIZE (APPROX.)

Using medium weight yarn
and 4.0 mm hook:
Approx. 15 cm (6 in) square

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Crochet Sun Granny Square – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This Crochet Sun Granny Square is a cheerful project featuring a smiling yellow sun with raised golden rays surrounded by a cream-colored square border. The finished piece measures approximately 5.5 x 5.5 inches (14 x 14 cm) and can be used on

its own or joined with other squares to make blankets, pillows, bags, wall hangings, and other crochet projects.

The tutorial below follows the construction shown in the reference chart, including the sun center, twelve textured rays, square border, facial embroidery, finishing, and optional joining method.

Materials and Measurements

For this project, use worsted weight / #4 yarn.

You will need:

- Yellow yarn for the sun center
- Golden yellow or orange yarn for the sun rays
- Cream or off-white yarn for the granny square background
- Black yarn for embroidering the face
- 4.0 mm crochet hook (G/6)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

The approximate finished size is:

5.5 x 5.5 inches / 14 x 14 cm

This project is worked primarily in the round.

When beginning a round with Ch 3, the starting chain counts as one double crochet (dc) unless otherwise specified.

For the neatest finished square, keep your stitches relaxed and consistent. Tight tension can make the sun curl, while very loose tension can make the border look uneven.

Crochet Abbreviations – US Terms

The tutorial uses standard American crochet terminology.

Ch – Chain
Sl st – Slip stitch
Sc – Single crochet
Hdc – Half double crochet
Dc – Double crochet
Tr – Treble crochet
St / sts – Stitch / stitches
Rnd – Round
Rep – Repeat
Sp – Space

The sun rays use a combination of basic stitches to create their pointed shape.

The main petal or ray sequence is:

Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc

The border corners also use groups of stitches worked into the same corner space.

Step 1 – Crochet the Sun Center: Round 1

Begin with the yellow yarn.

Make:

Ch 4

Join with a sl st into the first chain to form a small ring.

Now make:

Ch 3

This starting chain counts as the first double crochet.

Work:

11 dc into the center ring

When you reach the end of the round, join with a sl st into the top of the beginning Ch 3.

You should now have:

12 dc total

Gently pull and shape the center so the stitches form an even circle.

Do not worry if the center looks small at this stage. It will expand considerably during the next two rounds.

Step 2 – Sun Center: Round 2

Begin the second round with:

Ch 3

This counts as your first double crochet.

Work:

1 dc into the same stitch

You have now made two double crochets in the first stitch.

Continue around the circle by working:

2 dc in each stitch

Repeat this in every stitch around.

At the end of the round, join with a sl st into the top of the beginning Ch 3.

You should have:

24 dc

Check the circle before continuing.

It should lie relatively flat without forming a bowl shape. If it curls slightly, gently smooth it with your fingers.

Step 3 – Sun Center: Round 3

Begin with:

Ch 3

This counts as the first double crochet.

Work:

1 dc in the next stitch

Then work:

2 dc in the following stitch

Continue repeating:

1 dc in next stitch, 2 dc in next stitch

Repeat this pattern all the way around.

Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning Ch 3.

You should now have:

36 dc

At this point, the sun center should look like a smooth circular disk.

Before beginning the rays, check that the circle is flat and evenly shaped.

Step 4 – Change Color for the Sun Rays 🌞

Fasten off the yellow yarn or prepare to change colors neatly at the end of Round 3.

Attach the golden yellow or orange yarn.

The reference design contains approximately 12 sun rays arranged evenly around the outside of the yellow center.

Each ray is worked individually.

The goal is to create a pointed, leaf-like shape that projects outward from the center.

Step 5 – Crochet One Sun Ray

Work the following stitches to form one raised ray:

Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc

These stitches create the gradual increase and decrease necessary for a pointed shape.

The single crochet begins the slope.

The half double crochet increases the height.

The double crochet forms the tallest part.

The second half double crochet begins lowering the ray again.

The final single crochet brings the edge back toward the base.

After completing the ray, work a sl st into the next stitch to secure it.

Continue to the next ray position.

Step 6 – Continue Around the Sun

Repeat the ray sequence evenly around the entire sun:

Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc

Then secure the ray with a slip stitch as indicated in the pattern.

Continue until you have approximately:

12 rays

Try to maintain even tension from one ray to the next.

The rays should sit close together without overlapping heavily.

If necessary, gently shape each ray with your fingers after completing the round.

Once all the rays have been made, join neatly and fasten off the golden yarn.

Weave the yarn tail securely into the back of the work.

Step 7 – Begin the Cream Granny Square Border

Switch to the cream or off-white yarn.

The next stage converts the circular sun motif into a square.

Attach the cream yarn at an appropriate stitch or space around the sun.

Begin with:

Ch 3

This counts as your first double crochet.

For the first corner, work:

2 dc into the same stitch

Together with the starting Ch 3, this creates the beginning of the corner group.

The corner structure will eventually allow the border to expand into a square.

Step 8 – Crochet Side 1

Begin working double crochet stitches along the first side.

Work:

Dc in each stitch across

The chart also indicates working into the spaces located between the sun rays when necessary.

Continue until you reach the next corner position.

The reference tutorial indicates approximately:

13 dc total along the side, including the corner stitches

Do not worry if your exact spacing needs a small adjustment. The important goal is to distribute the stitches evenly without causing the square to ripple.

Step 9 – Make the First Full Corner

At the corner stitch or corner space, work:

2 dc, Ch 3, 2 dc

Work all of these stitches into the same corner location.

This creates a traditional granny-style corner.

The Ch 3 space becomes the center of the corner and will be used again during the following round.

The two double crochets on each side create enough width for the square to turn approximately 90 degrees.

Step 10 – Crochet Side 2

After completing the corner, work across the second side.

Make:

1 dc in each stitch across

Continue until you reach the next corner.

The chart indicates approximately:

13 dc along the side

Try to keep the number of stitches approximately equal on all four sides.

Equal stitch distribution helps prevent the square from becoming distorted.

Step 11 – Crochet the Second Corner

At the next corner location, work:

2 dc, Ch 3, 2 dc

Again, work the entire sequence into the same corner stitch or space.

You have now completed two sides and two corners.

At this point the circular sun should clearly be developing into a square-shaped motif.

Step 12 – Complete Sides 3 and 4

Repeat the same process used for Side 2.

Across each side:

Dc in each stitch

At each corner:

2 dc, Ch 3, 2 dc

Continue until all four sides and four corners are complete.

Join the round with a:

Sl st into the top of the beginning Ch 3

Take a moment to lay the square flat.

Gently adjust each corner so all four sides appear balanced.

Step 13 – Final Border Round

The chart shows another cream round used to strengthen and finish the square.

Begin in a corner space.

Make:

Ch 1

Then work into the same corner space:

Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc

This combination creates a softly rounded corner.

Continue across the side by working:

Sc in each stitch

and approximately:

1 chain between stitches where required by the pattern spacing

Continue until you reach the next corner.

Step 14 – Work the Remaining Final-Round Corners

In every corner space, repeat:

Sc, hdc, dc, hdc, sc

This stitch progression raises the center of the corner slightly and then lowers it again.

It gives the finished granny square a neat, gently curved corner instead of an extremely sharp point.

After completing the corner, continue working single crochet stitches evenly across the next side.

Repeat the same construction around all four sides.

Step 15 – Finish the Final Round

After completing the fourth side, join with:

Sl st into the first sc

Fasten off the cream yarn.

Cut the yarn, leaving enough length to weave in securely.

Use a yarn needle to weave the tail through several stitches on the wrong side.

Change direction once or twice while weaving so the yarn tail does not work itself loose during washing or use.

Trim any excess yarn.

Step 16 – Embroider the Sun Face 😊

Thread a yarn needle with black yarn.

The face in the reference project is simple and cheerful.

Begin by embroidering two eyes.

Each eye is made using a small curved line.

Keep the eyes positioned symmetrically on either side of the center.

Avoid pulling the black yarn too tightly because this can distort the crochet fabric.

Step 17 – Embroider the Smile

Using the same black yarn, create a small curved mouth below the eyes.

A few carefully placed embroidery stitches are enough.

The smile should curve gently upward.

Secure the embroidery yarn firmly on the back.

Tie or weave the yarn tails into the back of the yellow sun where they cannot be seen from the front.

Trim the excess yarn.

Your sun should now have the friendly smiling expression shown in the reference project.

Step 18 – Shape and Block the Granny Square

Blocking is especially useful for this project because it combines a circular motif, dimensional rays, and a square border.

Lightly dampen the finished square.

Place it on a blocking mat or another suitable surface.

Gently stretch the square until it measures approximately:

5.5 x 5.5 inches / 14 x 14 cm

Make sure all four corners are positioned evenly.

Arrange the sun rays so each ray points outward.

Allow the square to dry completely before removing it.

Blocking will help the border lie flat and give the finished motif a more professional appearance.

Step 19 – Joining Multiple Sun Squares – Optional



If you want to turn the motif into a larger project, crochet several identical squares.

The tutorial suggests using either:

Slip stitch joining

or

Whip stitch joining

Place two squares with their edges aligned.

For a slip stitch join, insert your crochet hook through corresponding stitches of both squares and work slip stitches along the edge.

For a whip stitch join, thread a yarn needle with matching cream yarn and sew through corresponding edge stitches.

Try to keep the joining tension relaxed.

Pulling too tightly can cause the seam to pucker.

Step 20 – Ideas for Using Your Sun Granny Squares

Once you have made several squares, they can be combined into many different projects.

You can create:

- Baby blankets
- Throw blankets
- Pillow covers
- Tote bags
- Decorative panels
- Wall hangings
- Table decorations
- Children's room décor

You can also alternate the sun blocks with simple cream or colored granny squares for a less busy design.

Another option is to change the background color while keeping the yellow sun consistent across the project.

Tips for the Best Results ✨

Keep your crochet tension as consistent as possible throughout the project.

If the yellow center begins curling upward, check that you have completed the correct stitch increases during Rounds 2 and 3.

When making the sun rays, keep your golden yarn slightly relaxed. Very tight stitches can make the rays twist.

Count the stitches along each side of the cream border. Similar stitch counts help produce a symmetrical square.

When embroidering the face, insert the needle between crochet stitches rather than splitting the yarn whenever possible.

If you plan to make a blanket, consider making one complete sample square before crocheting the entire set. Measure the blocked sample so you can calculate the final blanket dimensions accurately.

Care Instructions

According to the reference tutorial, gentle care is recommended.

Hand wash in cold water whenever possible.

Avoid harsh bleach.

After washing, gently remove excess water without twisting the crochet fabric.

Lay the square flat to dry.

Avoid tumble drying when possible because excessive heat may change the shape of the stitches.

If necessary, use an iron only on a low setting, and avoid pressing directly onto dimensional crochet details.

A safer option is gentle steam blocking while keeping the iron above the fabric rather than touching it directly.

Finished Crochet Sun Granny Square

Once the yarn ends are woven in, the face is embroidered, and the project is blocked, your Crochet Sun Granny Square is complete.

The finished block should measure approximately 5.5 inches / 14 cm square, with a warm yellow circular center, twelve golden rays, a cream square border, and a simple embroidered smiling face.

Because the motif combines familiar crochet stitches with a dimensional central design, it works especially well as a decorative square for blankets, pillows, bags, nursery pieces, and handmade gifts.

For your next step, I can also turn this into a clean U.S.-style written crochet pattern with exact stitch counts, a materials checklist, difficulty level, gauge section, and printable pattern format.

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