Bluebird's Granny CAL 2016

Part 5 – Granny Mitre

Ingredients

Double knitting yarn
4mm crochet hook
Sewing up needle

Abbreviations - US

ch – chain   sc – dingle crochet
st(s) – stitches   dc – double crochet
_____ - repeat the instructs between the stars
chsp – space created by a chain from the row below

This is the final panel and it's the trickiest so far so please take your time, read the instructions and set aside some crochet time when the house is quiet and you are free from distractions when it comes to the stripe boarder. As with all of the previous blocks and stripes there is no set advice on colourways, this is entirely to you your own interpretation.

Make 11

1.   ch2 and in the first chain loop (or alternatively you can make a magic ring to start if this is too tight) – ch3 (creates first dc), dc2, ch2, then *dc3 ch2* three times slst into the top of ch3

2.   in the same colour – turn the work and slst into the first ch space to your left, ch3 (creates a dc) and continue with the instructions into each chsp *dc3 ch2 dc3* three times, with the corners corner dc3, ch3, dc3,

3.   we now switch to working on only two sides of the square **note the below instructions will give you two rows of stitch**

    i)   start in a ch2 corner ch2, dc2 (creates dc3) then move straight to the side and dc3, corner dc3 ch2 dc3, side dc3 and then a single dc3 to create the edge

ii)   turn, ch2, dc3 in the gap between the dc3's from row i) and continue back with a dc3 ch2 dc3 on the corner and a single dc at the end of the row on top of the ch3 from row i)

4.   repeat 3 with a new colour, creating two rows of granny stitch

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6.   repeat 3 with a new colour but only completing the first row before then continuing all around the square with dc3 in the gaps made between the rows (see photo) you should end up with a corner then four dc3's on each side– 18 sts each side

Join together : good sides together, sc through outer loops only on both sides

On each finished block stripe we will do a row on each of the long edges of sc, this is used to join the granny stripes on either side. For this one in the back loops only sc all the stitches, hook into both back loops, loops 2 and 3 to get a nice snug join. When you get to where two squares join sc into the 2ch corner of the one you are leaving and sc into the 2ch corner of the next square = 220 stitches

Granny Stripe

I strongly advise either sitting on the floor or at a table for this one and when you start it keep going until you finish as we are playing with lots of bits of yarn (keep cats, dogs and other interferences away)

Preparation – have a look at the photograph, you will need card bobbins one for each of the squares of colour and enough yarn wound onto them to do 8 granny stitches (more is always better), the last thing you want is to run out. To work out how much yarn simply do 8 granny stitches, rip back the yarn and there's your bobbin amount.

The granny itself is the same stripe we have done all along and you should have 72 full dc3's across the width.

Carry the yarn to the back on odd numbered rows and carry the yarn to the front on even numbered rows.

i)   In the background colour ch3, dc1 into the base, *skip 2, dc3 in the next* repeat to the end and dc2 in the last

ii)   Now starting with the colour changes just continue the pattern as normal, changing and pulling the yarn with you. So, ch3, dc3 into the next space to the end dc on the ch3 from row 1

iii)   ch3, dc1 in the same stitch, dc3 in the next to the end dc2 in the last – this time you will be pulling your yarn to where you need it to continue stitching, be careful not to pull too tight

Repeat rows 2 and 3 again, and then repeat a row 2 in the background colour. It is not possible to give you a full width chart, continue with the pattern shown below of the block colours you reach the last two full granny dc3 stitches and do these in the background colour. You should have rows of two granny stitches in each colour.

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Colour changing

On the last yo on the last dc3 pull through the new colour, carry the yarn behind pulling it lightly on each change, make sure you always carry your yarn to the reverse side and where possible catch it on your dc3's when you return to secure them. On row 1 carry yarn to the back, on row 2 carry yarn to the front

So there we are five rows all completed, there will be joining and boarder instructions next time. If you have already started joining them together that's fine too. There is no set order it is entirely up to you.