



Bluebird's Granny CAL 2016

Part 6 - Finishing and the Border

Ingredients

Double knitting yarn
4mm crochet hook
Sewing up needle

Abbreviations - US

ch - chain

st(s) - stitches

* ____ * - repeat the instructs between the stars

chsp - space created by a chain from the row below

sc - single crochet

hdc - half double crochet

dc - double crochet

So here we are, the finishing off and border. You'll have five stripes all completed. It is entirely up to you what order you put them in. One of your stripes will need this additional Granny Stripe border to finish off top or bottom, or somewhere in between to make sure you have a Granny Stripe at the top and bottom of your afghan:

Extra Granny Stripe

This is a simple stripe pattern so there is no chart

1. ch3 (dc) dc at base, *skip two stitches, dc3 in next* repeat to end skip two and dc2 in last stitch - change colour
2. turn, ch3, dc 3 in next gap to end and dc on top of the ch3 from row 1
3. ch3 (dc) dc at base, dc3 in next gap to end, dc2 in last stitch background

Repeat rows 2 and 3 in the colour sequence detailed below, 7 rows in total

1. colour
2. colour
3. background
2. colour
3. colour

2. background
3. background

Once you have decided on your order join the long seams together with good sides together and doing a sc join through both back loops of each stripe.

Border

I strongly advise reading the instructions for the border before you start and for the first round having a bit of peace and quiet to concentrate on your stitch counts.

1. Starting in the top right corner, ch3 (creates dc) dc2, ch3, dc2, now dc across the top to the next corner dc2, ch3, dc3 = 225 stitches in total

Now for the first side. You will dc into the sides of the blocks and also the stripes. When you come to a join between block and stripe put **one** dc into the gap (either side it does not matter) and then use the stitch counts below for each of the side stripe panels, space these out evenly along the edge. I would mark next to each one as you do it to keep track

Four in One block - 44 dc

Four in One stripe - 26 dc

Mitre block - 20 dc

Mitre stripe - 14 dc

Flower block - 20 dc

Flower stripe - 18 dc

Hexagon block - 17 dc

Hexagon stripe - 11 dc

Granny block - 44 dc

Granny stripe - 10 dc

Extra stripe - 18 dc

Plus your 10 dc stitches between each block and stripe = side stitch counts 258 stitches

Then in the third corner dc3, ch3 dc2, repeat the bottom dc row as for the top, at the final corner dc2, ch3, dc3 before going back up the other side and slst into the top of the ch3 in the first corner = 225 stitches along the bottom and 258 stitches along the side

2. We are now going to a number of granny rows. So starting in the corner, ch3 (creates dc) dc1 ch3 dc2 *skip next two sts, dc3 into the next* repeat to end and go into the corner being dc2, ch3, dc2, continue to the end and slst into the starting ch

You should have 86 3dc sets along the sides and 75 3dc sets along the top and bottom

- 3-10. Starting at a new corner, ch3 (creates dc) dc1, ch3, dc2, then dc3 into each gap to the corner which will be dc2, ch3, dc2 (please note that all your corners will now be dc2 ch3 dc2 to help keep the corners flat)

Repeat this row five more times so you end up with 8 rows of granny stitch in total

*****NOTE, I used a whole 100g ball of Stylecraft Special DK which is 295 meters for rounds 10, 11 and 12*****

11. ch4 (creates sc and ch3 gap), corner sc then ch5 and sc into the same corner ch, *ch3, sc into the gap created between the granny stitch from row 10 below* repeat to the end where you come to the corner sc, ch5, sc, continue all around with a slst into the base of the ch4 you started with
12. ch1, into the ch3 space hdc, dc2, hdc, slst into the sc from row 11, into the corner hdc, dc5, hdc, *slst into the sc from row 11, in the ch3 space hdc, dc2, hdc* repeat to the corner where you will hdc, dc5, hdc. Repeat on all sides ending with a slst into the starting ch

And you are finished!



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