

SPIDER GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**black**, **sage green**, **dark brown-grey**)
- G (4.00 mm) crochet hook
- darning needle

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMINOLOGY):

MR	magic ring
ch	chain stitch
dc	double crochet
sl st	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)
cont	continue
inc	increase
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
rep	repeat
sk	skip
beg	beginning
WS	wrong side
* *	repeat instructions between asterisks as many times as directed
()	additional information / alternate instructions / work a group of stitches all in the same space or stitch

GAUGE:

1" (2.4 cm) across = approximately 4 double crochet stitches

1" (2.4 cm) in height = approximately 2 rows of double crochet stitches

SIZE:

Approximately 20 cm x 20 cm (8.15" x 8.15")

YARDAGE:

Approximately 56 m (62 yds)

PATTERN:

- Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 2 (counts as dc), 11 dc in MR, sl st to ch 2 (12 sts)
- Round 2: ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around, sl st to ch 2 (24 sts)
- Round 3: ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same st and next st, *2 dc, dc*, cont inc around, sl st to ch 2, cut yarn (36 sts)
- Round 4: attach **sage green** yarn with sl st, ch 1 (counts as sc), hdc in next 2 sts, dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, *dc, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc)*, rep 2 more times, dc, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sl st to ch 1
- Round 5: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 5 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner space, *dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner space*, rep 2 more times, dc in next 5 sts, sl st to top of ch 2
- Round 6: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 6 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner space, *dc in next 14 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner space*, rep 2 more times, dc in next 7 sts, sl st to top of ch 2
- Round 7: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 8 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner space, *dc in next 17 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner space*, rep 2 more times, dc in next 8 sts, sl st to top of ch 2
- Round 8: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 9 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner space, *dc in next 20 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner space*, rep 2 more times, dc in next 10 sts, join with invisible join*, and secure end† before weaving in ends

Head and antennae:

Start: make slip knot on hook with **black** yarn, ch 9

Row 1: hdc in second ch from hook, dc in next ch, ch 4, sl st in second, third, and fourth ch from hook, hdc, sl st to next ch, hdc, ch 4, sl st in second, third,

* do not join with sl st at end of round; cut yarn, leaving long end for sewing in; remove hook by pulling yarn completely through last st; thread darning needle with end of yarn; sew yarn under '>' of beg st of round, and then right through middle of '>' of last st made (coming out on WS of work)

† thread end of yarn under any single part of any nearby st, but do not tighten – this creates first loop; thread end of yarn back through first loop made, but do not tighten; now carefully and gently pull first loop completely closed – this creates second loop; thread end of yarn back through second loop made; now pull second loop completely closed

and fourth ch from hook, dc, hdc in last ch, sl st in same ch, tie off, leaving long tail to sew head and antennae to body of spider (*after* weaving in other end of head and antennae; attach base of head and antennae between last round of black and first round of sage green, around six sts, so middle of head is directly in line with any diagonal of square)

Abdomen:

- Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 2 (counts as dc), 11 dc in MR, sl st to ch 2 (12 sts)
- Round 2: ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around, sl st to ch 2 (24 sts)
- Round 3: ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same st and next st, 2 hdc, hdc, *2 sc, sc*, rep * *, 2 hdc, hdc, 2 dc, dc, 2 dc, dc, 2 hdc, hdc, rep * * 2 times, 2 hdc, hdc, 2 dc, dc, sl st to ch 2 (36 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew abdomen to body of spider (*after* weaving in other end of abdomen, and securing stripes; attach abdomen on opposite diagonal to head, so centre stripe of abdomen is directly in line with diagonal of square, and abdomen hangs over onto first and second rounds of sage green, and slightly onto third)

Centre stripe on abdomen:

- Start: make slip knot on hook with **dark brown-grey** yarn, ch 14, tie off, leaving long tail to sew centre stripe to abdomen (*after* weaving in other end of centre stripe; attach centre stripe across longest part of abdomen)

Side stripes on abdomen (make 2):

- Start: make slip knot on hook with **dark brown-grey** yarn, ch 12, tie off, leaving long tail to sew side stripe to abdomen (*after* weaving in other end of side stripe; attach each stripe on either side of centre stripe, as shown in picture on first page)

Legs (make 8):

- Start: make slip knot on hook with **black** yarn, ch 14, tie off, leaving long tail to sew leg to square (see picture on first page) and then attach leg to body of spider (attach first leg between last round of black and first round of sage green, around st directly next to side of head; secure around st by tying reef knot with ends of yarn on underside of square before weaving in ends; leave three sts open before attaching second leg; leave three sts open before attaching third leg; leave another three sts open before attaching fourth leg; repeat leg attachments on other side of body)

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