

HORSE GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**red-brown**, **moss green**, charcoal, black, white)
- 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
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
* *	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 **red-brown** 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 **moss 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

* 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

Ears (make 2 – sew right ear with WS facing up):

- Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **red-brown** yarn, leaving long tail to sew ear to face of horse (*after* weaving in other end of ear; attach each ear on either side of face, between last round of red-brown and first round of moss green, around two sts directly inwards from top diagonal of square, after folding outer parts of bottom of ear inwards slightly), ch 6, sc in second ch from hook, and next 4 ch (5 sts)
- Row 2: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, sc, sc2tog (3 sts)
- Row 3: ch 1, turn, 2 sc in same st, sc in next 2 sts (4 sts)
- Row 4: ch 1, turn, sc in same st and next st, sc2tog (3 sts)
- Row 5: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, sc in last st (2 sts)
- Row 6: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st (1 st)
- Row 7: ch 1, turn, sc in same st (1 st), tie off, and weave in end

Nose:

- Round 1: with **charcoal** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 5 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (6 sts)
- Round 2: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same st, 2 sc in each st around, sl st to ch 1 (12 sts)
- Round 3: ch 1, (counts as sc), sc in same st and next st, *2 sc, sc*, cont inc around, sl st to ch 1 (18 sts)
- Row 4: ch 1, hdc in same st, dc in next st, 2 dc, dc, 2 dc, hdc, 2 hdc, sl st in next st (10 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew nose to face of horse (*after* weaving in other end of nose, securing nostrils, and embroidering mouth; attach nose to face, so black chin hangs over onto first and second rounds of moss green)

Nostrils (make 2):

- Start: make slip knot on hook with **black** yarn, ch 3
- Row 1: sl st in second and third ch from hook, tie off, leaving long tail to sew nostril to nose of horse (*after* weaving in other end of nostril; attach each nostril on either side of middle of nose, so bottom of nostril is slightly above middle of nose)

Mouth:

Using **black** yarn (approximately 20 cm in length), embroider mouth (see picture on first page), and secure on underside of nose by tying reef knot with ends of yarn before weaving in ends.

Eyes (make 2):

- Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 4 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (5 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye to face of horse (*after* weaving in other end of eye; attach each eye on either side of face, on outer edge of face, so bottom of eye is slightly above middle of face), and to embroider eyelash (see picture on first page)

Star:

Start: make slip knot on hook with **white** yarn, ch 6

Row 1: dc in fifth and sixth ch from hook (2 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew star to face of horse (*after* weaving in other end of star; attach star to middle of top of face, so bottom of star is in line with bottom of eyes)

Mane (make 5 strands):

Start: make slip knot on hook with **black** yarn, ch 7

Row 1: sl st in second ch from hook and next 5 ch (6 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to attach strand to face of horse (attach each strand between last round of red-brown and first round of moss green, around one different st at top of face; secure around st by tying reef knot with ends of yarn on underside of square before weaving in ends)

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