

DONKEY GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**light brown-grey**, **sage green**, **white**, **dark brown-grey**, **black**)
- 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
sp(s)	space(s)
BL	back loop

BP	back post
FP	front post
* *	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 59 m (64 yds)

PATTERN:

- Round 1: with **light brown-grey** 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

* 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

Left ear:

- Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **dark brown-grey** yarn, ch 2, sc in second ch from hook (1 st)
- Row 2: ch 1, turn, 2 sc in same st (2 sts)
- Rows 3-6: ch 1, turn, sc in same st and next st (2 sts)
- Row 7: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, cut yarn (1 st)
- Round 8: attach **white** yarn with sl st, ch 1 (counts as st), turn, working around, in sps along side: sc in next sp, hdc, dc, hdc in next 2 sps, sc, sk next sp, 3 sc in last sp, working around, in sps along other side: sc in next 3 sps, hdc, 2 dc, dc in last sp, sl st to top of ch 1 from beg of round, cut yarn (17 sts)
- Round 9: attach **light brown-grey** yarn with sl st, ch 1 (counts as st), sl st in next 8 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st (counts as 3 sts), sc in BL of next 4 sts, hdc around BP of next 4 sts, 4 sc in top of same st, sl st to ch 1 from beg of round (24 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew ear to face of donkey (*after* weaving in other ends; attach each ear on either side of face, around FP of four sts of last round of light brown-grey, so outer lower edge of ear is directly in line with diagonal of square)

Right ear:

- Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **dark brown-grey** yarn, ch 2, sc in second ch from hook (1 st)
- Row 2: ch 1, turn, 2 sc in same st (2 sts)
- Rows 3-6: ch 1, turn, sc in same st and next st (2 sts)
- Row 7: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, cut yarn (1 st)
- Round 8: attach **white** yarn with sl st, ch 2 (counts as st), working around, in sps along side: 2 dc in next sp, hdc, sc in next 3 sps, sk next sp, 3 sc in last sp, working around, in sps along other side: sc in next sp, hdc, dc, hdc in next 2 sps, sc in next 2 sps, sl st to top of ch 2 from beg of round (17 sts), tie off
- Round 9: attach **light brown-grey** yarn with sl st to BP of ch 2 from beg of round 8, ch 1 (counts as st), hdc around BP of same st (ch 2 from beg of round 8) and next 2 sts, hdc around BP of next st, sc in BL of same st and next 3 sts, (sc, ch 2, sc) in next st (counts as 3 sts), sl st in next 8 sts, 4 sc, sl st to ch 1 from beg of round (24 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew ear to face of donkey (*after* weaving in other ends; attach each ear on either side of face, around FP of four sts of last round of light brown-grey, so outer lower edge of ear is directly in line with diagonal of square)

Tuft:

Cut three lengths of **dark brown-grey** yarn (each approximately 20 cm in length), thread around top of centre light brown-grey stitch at top of face (where last round of light brown-grey meets first round of sage green), tie overhand knot, tighten carefully, and trim ends to neaten. Repeat around stitch on either side, trimming ends on sides slightly shorter.

Nose:

- Round 1: with **white** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 4 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (5 sts)
- Round 2: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same st, 2 sc in each st around, sl st to ch 1 (10 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 (15 sts)
- Round 4: ch 1, (counts as sc), sc in same st and next 2 sts, *2 sc, sc in next 2 sts*, cont inc around, sl st to ch 1 (20 sts)
- Row 5: ch 1, hdc in same st, dc in next st, 2 dc, dc, 2 dc, hdc in next 2 sts, ch 1, sl st in same (last) st (9 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew nose to face of donkey (*after* weaving in other end of nose, securing nostrils, and embroidering mouth; attach nose to face, so white chin hangs over onto first and second rounds of sage green)

Nostrils (make 2):

- Start: make slip knot on hook with **dark brown-grey** yarn, ch 3
- Row 1: sc in second and third ch from hook, ch 1, sl st in same (last) ch, tie off, leaving long tail to sew nostril to nose of donkey (*after* weaving in other end of nostril; attach each nostril on either side of middle of nose, so nostril points slightly diagonally)

Mouth:

Using **dark brown-grey** 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 embroider eyelash (see picture on first page; *after* weaving in other end of eye, and working round 2)
- Round 2: attach **white** yarn with sl st to any BL from round 1, ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same BL, 2 sc in each BL around, sl st to ch 1 (10 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye to face of donkey (*after* weaving in other end of round 2; attach each eye on either side of face, directly below bottom of ear, on outer edge of face)

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