

SLOTH GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**camel**, **green-turquoise**, **beige**, **dark brown**, **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
BL	back loop
* *	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 54 m (59 yds)

PATTERN:

- Round 1: with **camel** 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 **green-turquoise** 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

Beige of face:

- Round 1: with **beige** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as hdc), 9 hdc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (10 sts)

* 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

- Round 2: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same st, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc, 2 dc, 2 hdc, 2 sc in last st, sl st to ch 1 (20 sts)
- Round 3: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same st, sc, 2 hdc, hdc, 2 hdc, dc, 2 dc, dc, 2 hdc, ch 1, sl st (counts as st), ch 1, 2 hdc, dc, 2 dc, dc, 2 hdc, hdc, 2 hdc, sc, 2 sc, sc, sl st to ch 1 (30 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew beige of face to face of sloth (*after* weaving in other end of beige of face; attach beige of face to face, so apexes on either side of beige of face are in line with second round of face, and outer part of beige of face is evenly positioned in middle of third round of face – see picture on first page)

Eye patches (make 2):

- Start: make slip knot on hook with **dark brown** yarn, ch 6
- Round 1: sc in second ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, hdc, 3 hdc in last ch, working on other side of ch: hdc in next ch, sc in last 3 ch (11 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye patch to face of sloth (*after* weaving in other end of eye patch; attach each eye patch on either side of face, around top of three sts of last camel round, so eye patch points slightly diagonally, and there are four green-turquoise stitches between bottom corner of eye patch and bottom diagonal of square)

Eyes (make 2):

- Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 3 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1, cut yarn (4 sts)
- Round 2: attach **beige** yarn with sl st, sl st loosely in BL of each st of previous round (4 sts), join with invisible join, tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye to eye patch of sloth (*after* weaving in other ends of eye; attach each eye on either side of face, directly in centre of rounded part of eye patch)

Nose and mouth:

- Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 3 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (4 sts)
- Round 2: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same st, sc in next st, ch 1, sl st to same st (4 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew nose to face of sloth (*after* weaving in other end of nose; attach nose to face, so slightly wider part points downwards, and top of nose is just above centre of beige of face), and embroider mouth (see picture on first page)

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