

STARFISH GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (dark yellow, pale blue, cream)
- 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
tr	triple crochet / treble crochet
* *	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 **dark yellow** 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 **pale blue** 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

Centre:

Round 1: with **cream** 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 centre to body of starfish (*after* weaving in other end of centre; attach centre exactly in middle of square)

Arms (make 5):

Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **cream** yarn, ch 13, cut yarn (13 sts)

Round 2: attach **dark yellow** yarn with sl st (cream ch now has 14 sts), ch 1 (counts as st), sc in same ch (ch number 14 of 14), sc in next ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in 2 ch, tr in 2 ch, dc in 2 ch, hdc in 2 ch, sc in last 2 ch, working on other side of ch, in only BLs: sc in first 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in 2 ch, tr in 2 ch, dc in 2 ch, hdc in 2 ch, sc in last 2 ch, sl st to ch 1 (29 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew arm to body of starfish (*after* weaving in other ends of arm; attach each arm, evenly spaced around cream centre, so either side of widest part of arm touches outer edge of dark yellow body of starfish, base of arm reaches outer edge of cream centre of starfish, and top section of arm extends onto first three rounds of pale blue) – it is best to first pin all arms into position, before attempting to sew securely

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