

ELEPHANT GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**grey**, **olive green**, **dark grey**, **very dark brown**, **white**)
- G (4.00 mm) crochet hook
- darning needle
- very small amount of teddy filling

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
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 61 m (67 yds)

PATTERN:

- Round 1: with **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 **olive green** yarn with sl st, ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same st, 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, sl st to ch 1
 Round 5: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 4 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 6 sts, sl st to top of ch 2
 Round 6: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 7 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 6 sts, sl st to top of ch 2
 Round 7: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 7 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 9 sts, sl st to top of ch 2
 Round 8: ch 2 (counts as dc), turn, sk next st, dc in next 10 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 9 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: working on square, outwards (towards edge): make slip knot on hook with **grey** yarn, and attach yarn with sl st to third loop[‡] of fourth dc of last grey round (first st of 2 dc directly before bottom right corner of square), ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same place, *dc in next 2 third loops, 2 dc in next third loop*, rep 2 more times, dc in next 3 third loops (17 sts)
- Row 2: ch 1 (counts as st), turn, sc in same st, hdc, dc, *2 dc, dc in next 3 sts*, rep, 2 dc, hdc, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in last st (21 sts)
- Row 3: ch 1 (counts as st), turn, sk same st, sl st in *next* st, sc, hdc in next 4 sts, dc in next 4 sts, 2 tr in next 2 sts, tr, dc, hdc, join to next st (19 sts) with invisible join (sk last 3 sts), and weave in ends

Right ear:

- Row 1: working on square, outwards (towards edge): make slip knot on hook with **grey** yarn, and attach yarn with sl st to third loop of twenty-second dc of last grey round (first st of 2 dc directly before top left corner of square), ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same place, *dc in next 2 third loops, 2 dc in next third loop*, rep 2 more times, dc in next 3 third loops (17 sts)
- Row 2: ch 1 (counts as st), turn, sc in same st, 2 sc in next st, hdc, *2 dc, dc in next 3 sts*, rep, 2 dc, dc, hdc, sc in next 2 sts (21 sts), sl st in same st, tie off, and weave in ends
- Row 3: turn, make slip knot on hook with **grey** yarn, and attach yarn with sl st to third st from end of row 2 (sk first 2 sts), hdc in next st, dc, tr, 2 tr in next 2 sts, dc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, sc, ch, sk next st, sl st in next st (19 sts), join to second last st with invisible join, and weave in ends

Trunk:

- Row 1: working on square, outwards (towards top edge – flip trunk upside down after working row 1, so it points downwards): make slip knot on hook with **grey** yarn, and attach yarn with sl st to base of square where first and second rounds of grey meet, around st diagonally in line with top edge of left ear, ch 1, *sc in next st, sc in same st (between same two grey sts of round 1, but between next two grey sts of round 2)*, rep (4 sts)
- Row 2: ch 1, turn, 2 sc, sc in next 3 sts (5 sts)
- Row 3: ch 1, turn, 2 sc, sc in next 4 sts (6 sts)
- Rows 4-6: ch 1, turn, sc in each st (6 sts)
- Row 7: ch 1, turn, 2 sc, sc in next 5 sts (7 sts)
- Row 8: ch 1, turn, 2 sc, sc in next 6 sts (8 sts)
- Row 9: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog (6 sts)
- Row 10: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog (4 sts)
- Row 11: ch 1, turn, sc in each st (4 sts)]
- Row 12: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, sc in next 2 sts (3 sts)
- Row 13: ch 1, turn, sc in each st (3 sts)
- Row 14: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, 2 sc in next st (3 sts)
- Row 15: ch 1, turn, 2 sc, sc2tog (3 sts)
- Row 16: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, 2 sc in next st (3 sts)
- Row 17: ch 1, turn, 2 sc, sc2tog (3 sts)

[‡] horizontal piece of yarn below two (top) loops ('>') of st

Row 18: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st, 2 sc in next st (3 sts), ch 3
 Row 19: sc in second and third ch from hook (2 sts), sl st to side (ch 1 from row 17)
 Rows 20-21: ch 1, turn, sk same st, sc in *next* 2 sts (2 sts)
 Row 22: ch 1, turn, sc2tog over same st and next st (1 st), tie off, leaving long tail to sew trunk to base of square and face of elephant (*after* weaving in other end of trunk, and embroidering wrinkles on trunk) – lightly stuff ‘bulge’ of trunk with teddy filling

Wrinkles on trunk:

Using **dark grey** yarn (approximately 60 cm in length; if thin wrinkles are desired, split yarn, and work with only one strand), embroider wrinkles along length of trunk of elephant (see picture on first page), and secure each end before weaving in.

Eyes (make 2):

Round 1: with **very dark brown** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 3 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (4 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye to face of elephant (*after* weaving in other end of eye; attach each eye directly on either side of trunk, in line with middle of ear)

Tusks (make 2):

Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **white** yarn, ch 10, tie off, leaving long tail to sew tusk to face of elephant (*after* weaving in other end of tusk; attach each tusk on either side of trunk, just below ‘bulge’ – see picture on first page)

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