

RHINOCEROS GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**grey**, **lime green**, **black**, **dark grey**, **pale grey**)
- 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
* *	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 (61 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 **lime 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

Nose:

- Start: make slip knot on hook with **grey** yarn, ch 4
- Round 1: ch 1 (counts as sc), 2 sc in second ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, 5 sc in last ch, working on other side of ch: sc in next 2 ch, 2 sc in last ch, sl st to ch 1 from beg of round (14 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 hdc), hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, sl st to ch 1 from beg of round (22 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew nose to face of rhinoceros (*after* weaving in other end of nose, securing nostrils, and embroidering wrinkles; attach nose to face, so grey chin hangs over onto first round of lime green)

Nostrils (make 2):

With **black** yarn and darning needle, make French knot (wind yarn around needle seven times), pull knot tight, and secure to nose by tying reef knot with ends of yarn on underside of nose.

Wrinkles on nose:

Using **dark grey** yarn (approximately 25 cm in length; if thin wrinkles are desired, split yarn, and work with only one strand), embroider three wrinkles along middle length of nose of rhinoceros (see picture on first page), and secure to nose by tying reef knot with ends of yarn on underside of nose.

Ears (make 2):

Round 1: make slip knot on hook with **dark grey** yarn, ch 4, dc in third ch from hook, 5 sc in last ch, working on other side of ch: 2 dc in next (last) ch, cut yarn (8 sts)

Round 2: attach **grey** yarn with sl st, ch 1, turn, hdc in same st and next st, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, ch 2, sl st in second ch from hook, 2 hdc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in last st (13 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew ear to face of rhinoceros (*after* weaving in other ends of ear; attach each ear on either side of face, between last round of grey and first round of lime green, around four sts, so tip of ear is directly in line with diagonal of square, after flipping inner edge of ear down to face forwards slightly)

Horn:

Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **pale grey** yarn, ch 13, dc in third ch from hook, dc in next 2 ch, hdc, sc, sl st in last 6 ch, tie off, leaving long tail to sew horn to face of rhinoceros (*after* weaving in other end of horn; attach thicker base of horn to middle of top of nose, and thinner part so it runs upwards along centre of face and onto base of square on first and second rounds of lime green)

Eyes (make 2):

Round 1: with **black** 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 rhinoceros (*after* weaving in other end of eye; attach each eye on either side of face, directly in line with base of horn, towards outer edge of face)

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