

PANDA GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**white**, **blue**, **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
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 58 m (64 yds)

PATTERN:

- Round 1: with **white** 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 **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

Ears (make 2 – sew right ear with WS facing up):

- Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 1, 4 sc in MR (4 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, turn, 2 sc in each st (8 sts)
 Round 3: ch 1, turn, hdc in next 2 sts, *2 hdc, hdc*, rep inc (8 sts), sl st to next st (leaving last st unworked), tie off, leaving long tail to sew ear to face of panda (*after* weaving in other end of ear; attach each ear on either side of face, between last round of white and first round of blue, around four sts, so top of ear is directly in line with diagonal of square)

Nose:

Round 1: with **white** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 6 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (7 sts)
 Round 2: ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in same st, 2 sc in each st around, sl st to ch 1 (14 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 (21 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew nose to face of panda (*after* weaving in other end of nose; attach nose to face, so bottom of nose is in line with middle of last round of face)

Tip of nose:

Start: make slip knot on hook with **black** yarn, ch 5
 Row 1: sc2tog in second and third ch from hook, sc2tog in last 2 ch (2 sts)
 Row 2: ch 1, turn, sc2tog (1 st), tie off, leaving long tail to sew tip of nose to nose of panda (*after* weaving in other end of tip of nose), and to embroider mouth (see picture on first page)

Eye patches (make 2):

Start: make slip knot on hook with **black** yarn, ch 7
 Row 1: dc in third ch from hook, hdc in next ch, sc in last 3 ch, tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye patch to face of panda (*after* weaving in other end of eye patch; attach each eye patch on either side of nose, so thicker part of eye patch points downwards)

Eyes (make 2):

With **white** yarn and darning needle, make French knot (wind yarn around needle three times), pull knot very tight, and secure to top centre of eye patch (thinner part) by tying reef knot with ends of yarn on underside of square before weaving in ends.

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