

LADYBUG GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**red**, **lime green**, **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
hdc	half double 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 52 m (57 yds)

PATTERN:

- Round 1: with **red** 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), 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

Head and feelers:

- Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 2, 7 hdc in MR (7 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 (14 sts)
Round 3: turn, sk first st, sl st in next 5 sts, *ch 5, 3 sc in second ch from hook, sl st in next 3 ch*, sl st in next 3 sts, * *, sl st in next 5 sts, tie off, leaving long tail to sew head and feelers to body of ladybug (*after* weaving in other end of head and feelers; attach base of head and feelers between last round of red and first round of lime green, around six sts, so middle of head is directly in line with any diagonal of square)

Legs (make 6):

Start: working on square, outwards (towards edge): make slip knot on hook with **black** yarn, and attach yarn with sl st to base of square where last round of red meets first round of lime green, around top of first red st next to head, ch 6, tie off, leaving long tail to sew leg to square (*after* weaving in other end of leg; attach first leg around top of red st directly next to side of head; leave four sts open before attaching second leg; leave another four sts open before attaching third leg; repeat leg attachments on other side of body)

Spots (make 7):

Round 1: with **black** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 5 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1 (6 sts), tie off, leaving long tail to sew spot to body of ladybug (*after* weaving in other end of spot; attach each spot as shown in picture on first page)

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