

BADGER GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**black**, **forest green**, **light grey**, **white**, charcoal)
- 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
beg	beginning
hdc	half double crochet
rep	repeat
sk	skip
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 15 cm x 15 cm (6" x 6")

YARDAGE:

Approximately 40 m (44 yds)

PATTERN:

- Round 1: with **black** 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 **forest green** yarn with sl st, ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same st and next 2 sts, *2 dc, dc in next 2 sts*, cont inc around, sl st to ch 2 (48 sts)
- Round 5: ch 2 (counts as dc), (dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in same space, *dc in next 11 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st*, repeat 2 more times, dc in next 11 sts, sl st to top of ch 2
- Round 6: ch 2 (counts as dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in corner space, *dc in next 14 sts, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next corner space*, repeat 2 more times, dc in next 13 sts, sl st to top of ch 2, cut yarn
- Round 7: attach **light grey** yarn with sl st, ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in next st and each st around, but work 3 sc in each corner space, join with invisible join*, and secure end† before weaving in ends

Alternatively, work rounds 4 to 7 of base of block as follows (for a neater, more 'square' block, that doesn't bulge out at sides):

- Round 4: attach **forest 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

* 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 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, cut yarn
- Round 7:** attach **light grey** yarn with sl st, ch 1 (counts as sc), sc in next st and each st around, but work 3 sc in each corner space, join with invisible join, and secure end before weaving in ends



Ears (make 2):

- Round 1:** with **black** yarn, MR, ch 1, 3 sc in MR (3 sts)
- Round 2:** ch 1, turn, 2 sc in each st, cut yarn, leaving long tail to sew ear to face of badger (*after* weaving in other ends of ear) (6 sts)
- Round 3:** attach **white** yarn with sl st, ch 1, turn, *2 sc, sc*, cont inc, tie off (9 sts)

Chin:

- Row 1:** working on block, outwards (towards edge): attach **white** yarn with sl st to base of block where second and third black rounds meet (directly before middle single dc in third black round, along left side of block – indicated by red line on picture above), ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in same st, *dc, 2 dc*, repeat 5 more times (use sts in second black round as guide in which to work), tie off, leaving long tail to sew inner part of whiskers to face of badger (*after* weaving in other end of chin and working bridge of nose and whiskers) (20 sts)

Bridge of nose:

- Row 1:** working on block, inwards (towards middle): attach **white** yarn with sl st to third loop of st directly before middle of chin, ch 2, dc in third loop of next 2 sts (2 sts)
- Rows 2-3:** ch 2, turn, dc in next 2 sts (2 sts)
- Row 4:** ch 2, turn, 2 dc in next 2 sts (4 sts)
- Row 5:** ch 2, turn, dc in next 4 sts, tie off, leaving long tail to sew bridge of nose to face of badger (4 sts)

Left whiskers:

- Section 1: working on block, outwards (towards edge): attach **white** yarn with sl st to top of third last st of left side of chin, sc in same st *and* matching st of base of block where last round of black meets first round of forest green, ch 3, sc in same place, sc in next st (*and* matching st of base of block), ch 3, sc in same place, sc in next st (*and* matching st of base of block), ch 3, sl st in same place
- Section 2: working on other side of sts of left side of chin, inwards (towards middle): dc in third loop[‡] of next st (continue working only in third loops for section 2), hdc, dc, hdc, 2 dc, 2 sc, sl st, tie off, and weave in ends

Right whiskers:

- Section 1: working on other side of sts of right side of chin, inwards (towards middle): attach **white** yarn with sl st to third loop of st directly after middle of chin, 2 sc in third loop of next st (continue working only in third loops for section 1), 2 dc, hdc, dc, hdc, dc
- Section 2: working on block, outwards (towards edge): sl st in top of ch 2 from beg of chin (through *both* loops), sc in same st *and* matching st of base of block where last round of black meets first round of forest green, ch 3, sc in same place, *sc in next st (*and* matching st of base of block), ch 3, sc in same place*, repeat, tie off, leaving long tail to sew bottom of chin to face of badger (*after* weaving in other end of whiskers)

Eyes (make 2):

- Round 1: with **charcoal** yarn, MR, ch 1 (counts as sc), 2 sc in MR, sl st to ch 1, tie off, leaving long tail to sew eye to face of badger (*after* attaching pupil and weaving in ends of pupil and other end of eye) (3 sts)

Pupils (make 2):

With **black** yarn and darning needle, make French knot (wind yarn around needle 7 times), pull knot tight, and secure to eye by tying reef knot with ends of yarn.

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[‡] horizontal piece of yarn below front and back loops ('>') of st