

SKUNK GRANNY SQUARE

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MATERIALS:

- DK yarn in various colours (**black**, **forest green**, **light grey**, **white**, **charcoal**, **peach**)
- 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

Fluff:

- Row 1: working on block, inwards (towards middle): attach **white** yarn with sc to base of block where first 2 rounds of forest green (rounds 4 and 5 from centre of block) meet (directly after 2 dc in top left corner of block), ch 2 (counts as dc), dc in next 11 sts (*if working alternative instructions for rounds 4 to 7 of base of block, fluff will be slightly straighter/less rounded than shown in picture on first page*), tie off, leaving long tail to sew fluff to edge of face of skunk (*after weaving in other end of fluff*) (12 sts)

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, tie off, leaving long tail to sew ear to face of skunk (*after weaving in other end of ear*) (6 sts)

Bridge of nose:

- Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **white** yarn, ch 7, tie off, leaving long tail to sew bridge of nose to face of skunk (*before weaving in other end of bridge of nose*)

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 skunk (*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.

Tip of nose:

- Row 1: make slip knot on hook with **peach** yarn, ch 3, sc2tog in last 2 ch, tie off, leaving long tail to sew tip of nose to skunk (*after weaving in other end of tip of nose*)

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Happy crocheting!

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