

Daisy Baby Blanket Tutorial



Hope these warm colors will be a harbinger of spring and help you enjoy the long walks in the bright sunshine. Natural fibers will surely feel soft to the touch and will keep your child warm in the light breeze. The petals will bring a sense of joy and wonder to every little girl. This blanket will certainly be an ideal and much appreciated gift for your loved one.

Yarn

For this blanket I mostly used 100% cotton yarn "Vera" 125m/50g from Yumco, and white yarn "Tango" also 100% cotton, 125m/50g from St. George

White: "Tango" – 7 skeins of 50g
 Yellow: "Vera" No. 131 – 1 skein of 100g
 Lime: "Vera" No. 116 – 1 skein of 50g
 Green: "Vera" No. 50 – 1 skein of 50g
 Pink: "Vera" No. 38 – 1 skein of 50g
 Baby Pink: "Vera" No. 2220 – 1 skein of 50g
 Apricot: "Vera" No. 2221 – 1 skein of 50g

VERY IMPORTANT:

*For this blanket **you must use natural fibers** – cotton or wool, because we will block the squares (petals) using a steaming iron once we finish them. Acrylic yarn would melt under the steaming iron.*

Stitches

USA & UK TERMINOLOGY

st – stitch (stitch – st)
 ch – chain (chain – ch)
 magic ring (magic ring)
 sl st – slip stitch (slip stitch – sl st)
 sc – single crochet (double crochet – dc)
 dc – double crochet (treble crochet – tr)
 tr – treble crochet (double treble crochet – dtr)
 hdc – half double crochet (half treble crochet – htc)
 4 dc Popcorn (5 tr Popcorn)

Skill level: Intermediate

Finished size: 78 x 70 cm (30.7" x 27.5")

The pattern is written using U.S. crochet terms

Crochet hook: 3.5 mm (USA – E- 4, UK - 9)

Gauge: the square measures approximately 9 x 9 cm (3.5" x 3.5")

Weight: 600g

Elements of the blanket

Element A
make 12

Element B
make 8

Element C
make 9

Element D
make 9

Element F
make 9

Element 6
make 9

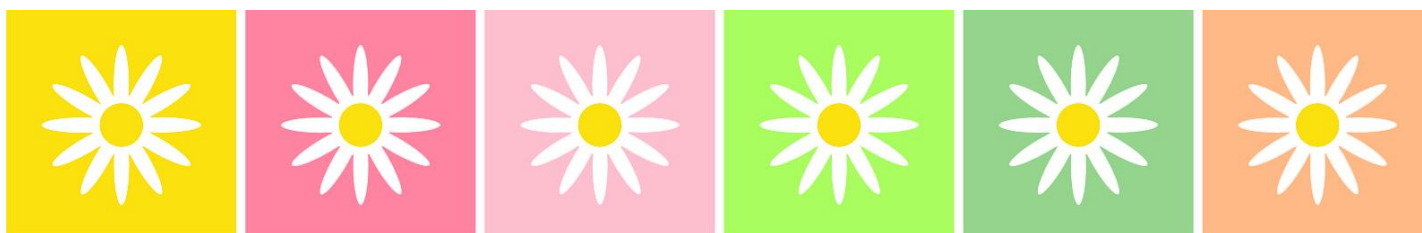


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How To Make Daisy Granny Square

- *Before you start, read through the pattern first.*
- *For this blanket you will need to make 56 squares in total.*
- *We will join the squares with single crochet.*



Begin with a magic ring. Make ch-1, then 8 sc in the ring.



Pull the yarn tail and close the ring.



Join with slip st to the first sc.



Make ch-1,



then sc in the same stitch.



Make 2 sc in the next sc.



Make * sc in the next sc, 2 sc in the next sc;



Repeat from * 2 more times;



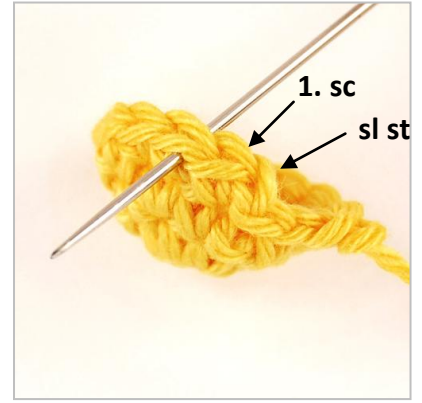
Join with slip st to the first sc.



Make ch-1, sc in the same sc.



Make 1 sc in the next 11 sc; You should have 12 sc in total. Now, we're going to make an invisible join. Cut the yarn and pull it through the stitch. Thread a tapestry needle;



Skip the first sc, and insert the needle below both loops of the next sc, from back to front and pull it through.



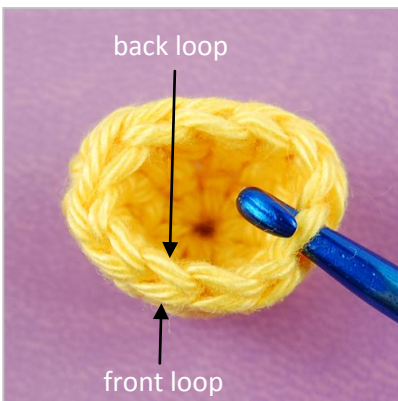
Insert your needle back, into the last sc you made – through the back loop only, from front to back, and pull it through.



This is how our invisible join looks .



Weave in the yarn end. You can see in this picture how three dimensional our flower center is.



Now, we will work in back loops only, so insert your hook in back loop of any sc;



Insert white yarn and make ch-1;



Make sc in the same sc;



Make 1 sc in the next 11 sc
(in back loops),



until you reach the beginning
of the round;



Join with slip st to the first sc.
Use only the back loop,
because we will work this
round in back loops, too.
Make ch-3 (counts as dc)



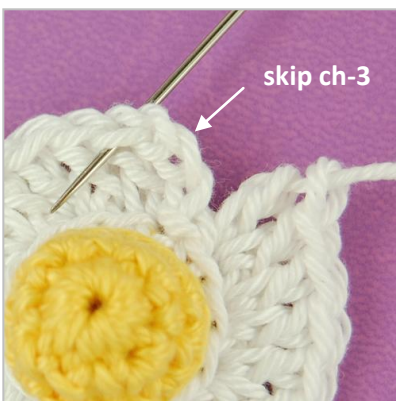
Make dc in the same sc;



Make *2 dc in the next sc (in
back loop);



Repeat from * 10 more times;
you should have 24 dc in
total. Now, we're going to
make an invisible join, again.



Skip the beginning ch-3 and
insert the needle below both
loops of the next dc, from
back to front and pull it
through.



Insert your needle back, into
the last dc you made –
through the back loop only,
from front to back, and pull it
through.



Weave in yarn end.



Insert the background color in any dc of the previous row (in both loops), and make ch-3 (counts as dc);



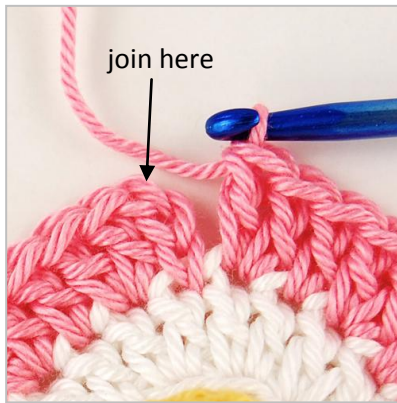
make 2 dc in the next dc;



make * dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc;



repeat from * 10 more times,



until you reach the beginning of the round;



Join with slip st to the top of the beginning ch-3;



make ch-2 (counts as hdc);



make hdc in the next dc, dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, 2 tr in the next dc;



make * 2 tr in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, dc in the next dc, hdc in the next 3 dc, dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, 2 tr in the next dc;



repeat from * two more times;



make 2 tr in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, dc in the next dc, hdc in the next dc;



Join with slip st to the top of the initial ch-2, make ch-3 (counts as dc);



make dc in the next 4 stitches, 2 dc in the next tr, 2 tr in the next tr;



make * 2 tr in the next tr, 2 dc in the next tr, dc in the next 9 stitches, 2 dc in the next tr, 2 tr in the next tr;



repeat from * two more times;



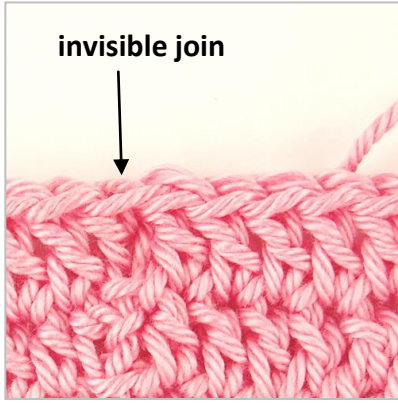
make 2 tr in the next tr, 2 dc in the next tr, dc in the next 4 stitches; again, we'll make an invisible join, so cut the yarn, pull it through the stitch, and thread the needle;



Skip the initial ch-3 and insert the needle below both loops of the next dc, from back to front and pull it through.



Insert your needle back, into the last dc you made – through the back loop only, from front to back, and pull it through.



Here is our invisible join. It's really invisible, isn't it?



Weave in yarn end. Now, we only have to make petals.



We will use the front loops of the first round we've made with white color. So, insert your hook in any sc,



attach white color and make ch-8;



Make hdc in the third stitch from the hook (look at the previous picture);



make hdc in the next 5 stitches;



Make slip st in the next sc;



make * ch-8, hdc in the third stitch from the hook, hdc in the next 5 stitches, slip st in the next sc;



Repeat from * 10 more times; you should have 12 petals, and they should look something like this. Fasten off. Weave in yarn ends.

How to block the squares

Very important: For this blanket you must use natural fibers – cotton or wool, acrylic yarn would melt under the steaming iron.



Place your square on the towel or ironing board. Turn on your steam iron and set it for maximum steam. Place your iron on the first petal, press the steam button and carefully move the iron slowly along the petal. It would be best if you spread the petals by hand before ironing. Continue ironing petal by petal, until they are all flat. Repeat this with every square. After steaming allow your squares to completely cool and dry. Only when they're fully dry, should you go to the next step, joining the squares.

How to join granny squares



When you finish all 56 squares needed for the blanket (and block them), it's time to join them together. We're going to do this with single crochet. That's very easy.

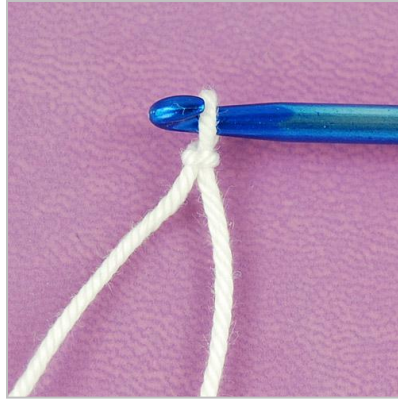
We will first join together all the vertical rows, and then all the horizontal rows.

We'll start from the top right hand corner and we'll join the squares together, from right to left.

First, lay out your squares in the way you want them to appear on your blanket. You can take a photo with your phone, and when you start joining the squares, you will know which square you need to take next.



So, let's start joining our first four squares.



We'll start with a standing sc, so make a slip knot on your hook.



Take the first two squares and put them together – facing wrong sides together. Line up your squares so the edges and stitches match.



Look carefully at the picture to see where you should start and finish joining the squares. The first stitch is the first tr of the group of 2 tr we made in the same stitch in the previous row. There are 17 stitches in total which we will use to join our squares.



Insert your hook in the first stitch of the row, through both squares,



and make standing sc - yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over and pull the yarn through both loops on the hook.



Be sure to pull the hook through both squares, and both loops (front and back).



Make sc in the next tr (picture 1)

Make sc in the next 15 stitches (13 dc and 2 tr) – picture 2



Take the next pair of squares (lime and green), facing wrong sides together and lean them against the first two squares (picture 3); keeping them close together, make 1 sc into the first stitch (picture 4).

Make 1 sc into the next 16 stitches. Now, take the next two squares - yellow and baby pink (picture 5), and repeat the procedure until you join all 8 pairs of squares (picture 6).



These are our first two rows joined together.

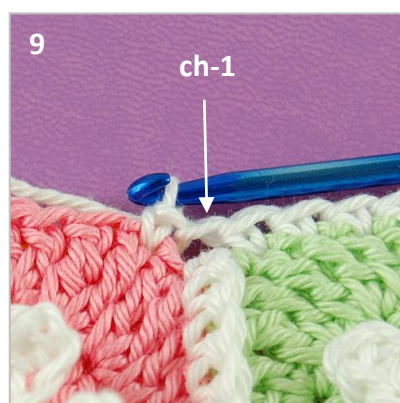


Join the third row in the same way you joined the first and the second row. Look at the picture on your phone (if you took it), or look at the square placement on page 19 to see which square you need to join next.



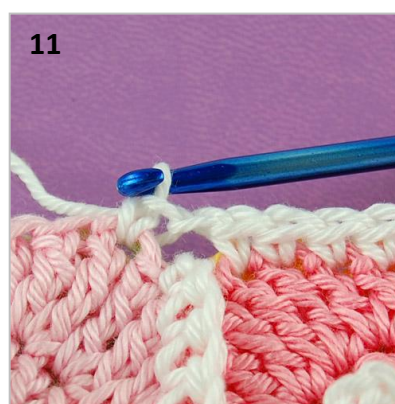
Continue joining rows in the same way, until you join all 7 vertical rows (picture 7).

Now, we're going to join the horizontal rows in the same way we joined the vertical rows. We'll work from right to left. Start with the squares in the upper right hand corner (green and apricot squares).



Join the first 2 squares in the same way we joined vertical squares before, until you reach the point where your horizontal joins meet your vertical joins (picture 8).

Make sc in the last stitch before the join, ch-1, then make sc in the first stitch of the second square (picture 9).



Make sc in each stitch, until you reach the second join (picture 10). Again, we will make sc into the last stitch, before the join, ch-1, sc in the first stitch after the join (picture 11).

Continue joining squares (picture 12), until you join all 7 pairs of squares of the first two horizontal rows.

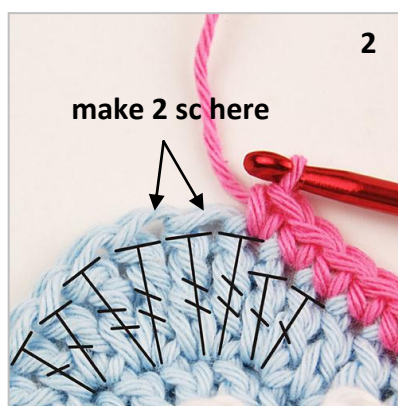


Now, join the third horizontal row, and continue joining the squares in the same way until you join together all of your horizontal rows. (picture) Weave in yarn ends.

How to make border

This border is very simple and easy to make. We will use only four stitches: single crochet, chain stitch, half double crochet and popcorn stitch. First, we will make 3 rows of single crochet around the blanket, and then one row of the simplest edge using popcorn stitch. You can make this border in only one color, in two colors (just like I did), or in 3 colors. Be creative. Use different colors. Experiment and enjoy!

Please note: In this tutorial I used only 4 granny squares to show you how to make the border. Also, I didn't use the squares and the colors of the actual blanket. I made them especially for the purpose of this tutorial.



Insert white color (or the color of your choice) into any stitch of any square and make ch-1, then sc into the same stitch (picture 1);

continue making 1 sc into each stitch, until you reach the first corner. Do you remember that we made 2 pairs of tr in every corner of the last row of the granny square? The first corner stitch is the second tr of the first pair of tr. The second corner stitch is the first tr of the second pair of tr. I marked those 2 corner stitches by arrows (picture 2).

Make 2 sc in each of 2 corner stitches (picture 3).



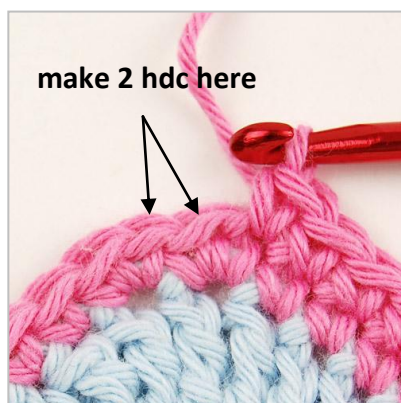
Continue making 1 sc into each stitch along the blanket until you reach the join of two squares;



make hdc in the last stitch before the join, then hdc in the first stitch after the join;



when you reach the beginning of the row join with slip stitch to the first sc, make ch-1, then sc in the same stitch.



just like you did in the first row, make 1 sc into each stitch, until you reach the first corner. I marked 2 corner sc where you should make 2 hdc.



Remember that we made 2 sc in two corner stitches? Now, make 2 hdc in the second sc of the first pair of sc, and 2 hdc into the first sc of the second pair of sc.



Again, continue making 1 sc into each stitch, until you reach the join of two squares.



Make 1 hdc in each hdc of the previous row.



When you reach the beginning of the row, join with slip stitch to the first sc, or make an invisible join.



Now, we're going to make one row of sc in different color. Take pink yarn (or any color of your choice), and work 1 sc into each stitch, like we did in the first 2 rows. Make 2 sc in two corner hdc of the previous row.



We've just finished the third row of sc around the blanket. Now, we only have to make the final row with popcorn stitch.



Now, drop the loop from your hook. Insert the hook from front to back below both loops of the first dc of the group and grab the dropped loop;



Make ch-3, skip the next sc, sc in the next sc;



We will start with standing sc, so make a slip knot on your hook and make standing sc in any sc of the previous row;



yarn over,



Make * ch-3, skip the next sc, popcorn in the next sc, ch-3, skip the next sc, sc in the next sc; repeat from * around the blanket.



make ch-3, skip the next sc, make 4 dc in the next sc;



and pull the yarn through the loop on your hook and through both loops of the first dc.



When you reach the beginning of the row, after the last popcorn, make ch-2 (instead of ch-3); Cut the yarn and pull it through the stitch. Insert the needle below both loops of the initial standing sc, from back to front and pull it through.



Insert your needle back, into the last chain you made – through the back loop only, from front to back, and pull it through.



This is how our invisible join looks like.

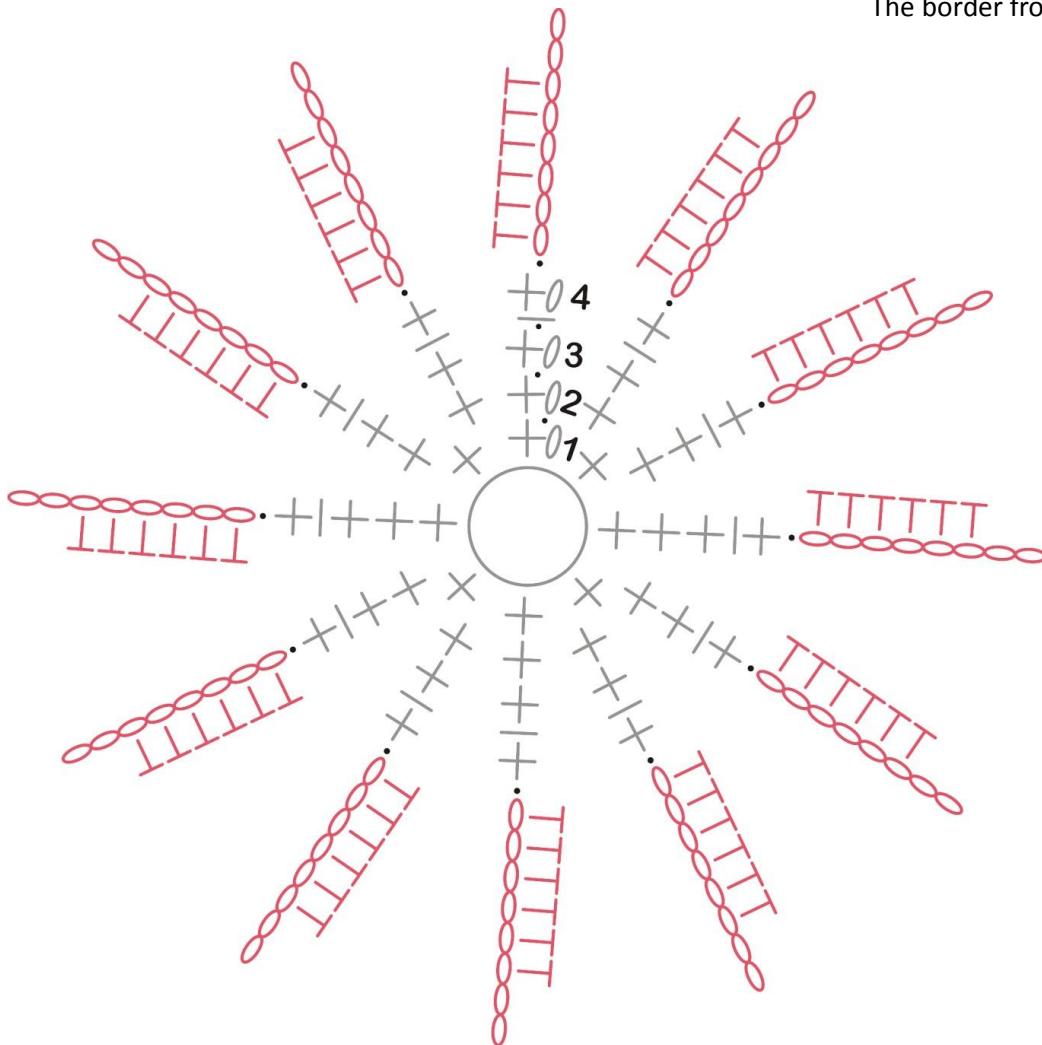


Finished border.

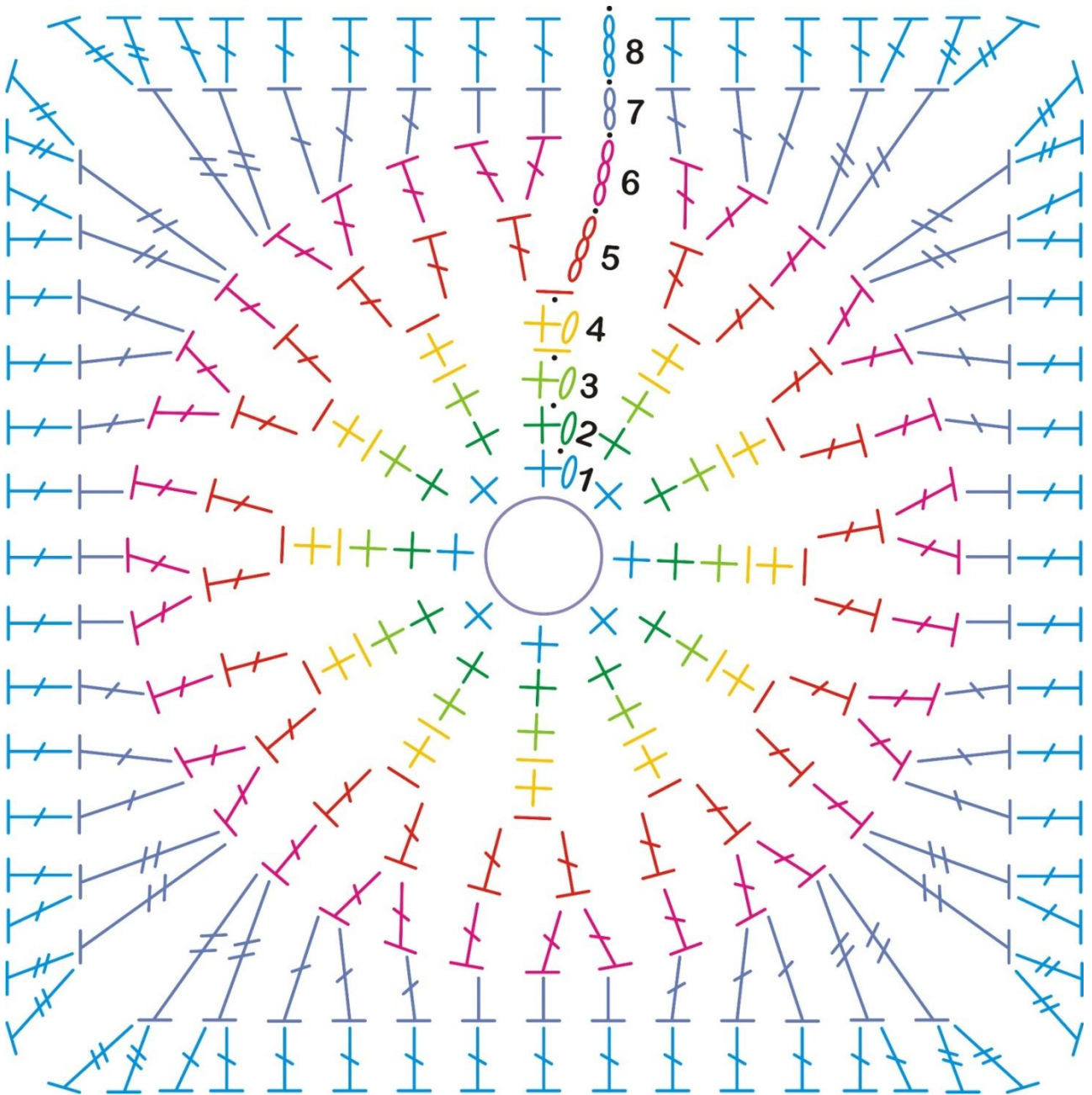
Crochet chart for petals












The border from the actual blanket.



Crochet chart for square



Crochet symbols US (UK)

- | | | | |
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|  | magic ring (magic ring) |  | double crochet (treble crochet) |
|  | single crochet (double crochet) |  | treble crochet (double treble crochet) |
|  | popcorn 4dc (popcorn 4tr) |  | sc in back loop (dc in back loop) |
|  | slip stitch (slip stitch) |  | chain (chain) |
|  | half double crochet (half treble crochet) | | |

Written pattern for square

Start with a magic ring.

Row 1: (with yellow yarn): ch-1, 8 sc in the ring; pull the yarn tail and close the ring; join with slip st to the first sc;

Row 2: ch-1, sc in the same sc, 2 sc in the next sc, *sc in the next sc, 2 sc in the next sc; repeat from * 2 more times, join with slip st to the first sc; (12 sc)

Row 3: ch-1, sc in the same sc, sc in the next 11 sc; join with slip st to the first sc, or make an invisible join. Fasten off. (12 sc)

Row 4: (with white yarn) **using only back loops:** ch-1 in the back loop of any sc of the previous row, sc in the same sc, sc in the next 11 sc, join with slip st to the back loop of the first sc; (12 sc)

Row 5: using only back loops: ch-3 (counts as dc), dc in the same sc, 2 dc in the next 11 sc, join with slip st to the top of the initial ch-3, or make an invisible join; Fasten off. (24 dc)

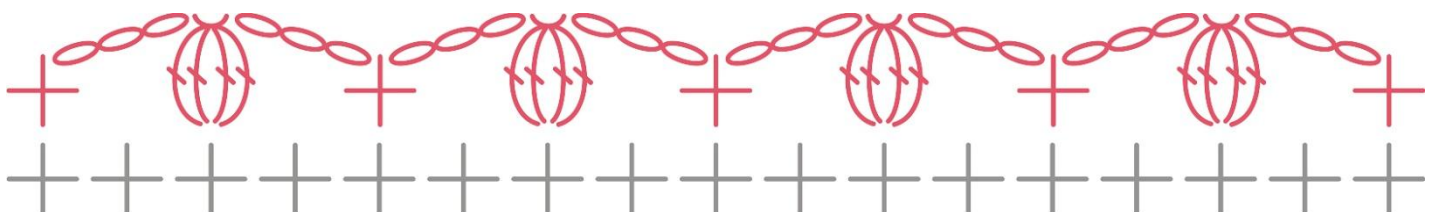
Row 6: (with background yarn) ch-3 in any dc of the previous row (counts as dc), 2 dc in the next dc, *dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc; repeat from * 10 more times, join with slip st to the top of the initial ch-3; (36 dc)

Row 7: ch-2 (counts as hdc), hdc in the next 2 dc, dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, 2 tr in the next dc, * 2 tr in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, dc in the next dc, hdc in the next 3 dc, dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, 2 tr in the next dc; repeat from * two more times, 2 tr in the next dc, 2 dc in the next dc, dc in the next dc, join with slip st to the top of the initial ch-2;

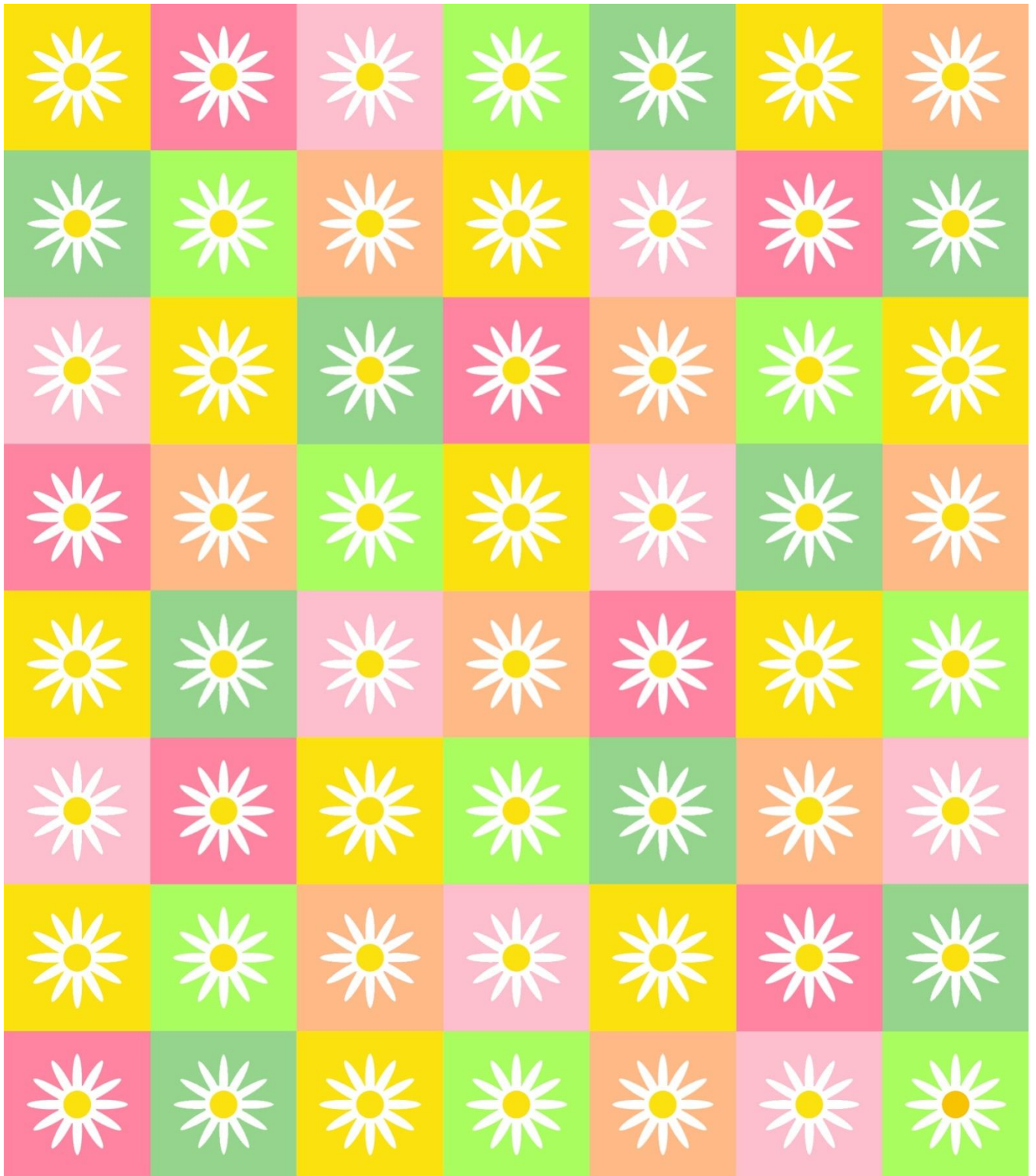
Row 8: ch-3 (counts as dc), dc in the next 5 stitches, 2 dc in the next tr, 2 tr in the next tr, * 2 tr in the next tr, 2 dc in the next tr, dc in the next 9 stitches, 2 dc in the next tr, 2 tr in the next tr; repeat from * two more times, 2 tr in the next tr, 2 dc in the next tr, dc in the next 3 dc, join with slip st to the top of the initial ch-3, or make an invisible join;

PETALS: (with white yarn) **working in front loops of the fourth row:** attach the yarn to any sc and make *ch-8, hdc in the third chain from the hook, hdc in the next five stitches, slip st in the next sc; repeat from * 11 more times. Fasten off. (12 petals)

Crochet chart for border



Square placement





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