

A PRINTABLE STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

Granny Square Blanket

ROYAL BLUE • CREAM • CAMEL

A classic openwork throw with hand-tied tassels



Project at a glance

Construction: 25 solid-color motifs, arranged 5 across × 5 down, sewn together and finished with two edging rounds. **Skill level:** confident beginner. **Terminology:** U.S. crochet terms.

Target size: about 103 × 103 cm (40½ × 40½ in), excluding tassels. Each blocked square is approximately 20 × 20 cm (7⅞ × 7⅞ in). Optional tassels add about 10 cm (4 in) at one end.

About this pattern: an original, untested interpretation inspired by the supplied pictures, not a verified reconstruction. The photo includes grid-like and raised textures; this version uses traditional 3-dc granny clusters. New 3D illustrations are visual aids; use the written stitch counts for construction.



01 / PREPARATION

Materials, size & gauge

Gather your supplies

Medium / worsted-weight yarn in royal blue (B), cream (C) and caramel (T); start with a 5.0 mm (H/8) crochet hook. Also gather a tapestry needle, scissors, tape measure, 4 stitch markers, blocking mat and pins, and a 10 cm (4 in) tall piece of cardboard.

Yarn quantities: plan before buying

A provisional allowance is 1,400–1,900 m (1,530–2,080 yd) total, including seams, border and tassels. Reserve roughly 45% blue, 30% cream and 25% caramel. Yardage is an estimate, not a tested requirement; yarn thickness and tension change consumption.

Make one complete sample first

Work Rounds 1–6 and the single crochet edging on pages 4–5. Wash and block according to the yarn label, then measure after drying. Target: 20 cm (7⁷/₈ in) per side. Round 6 should measure roughly 18–19 cm before edging. The full motif is the gauge swatch.

Adjust the hook, not the stitch count

If the blocked sample is too small, try a larger hook; if too large, try a smaller hook. Keep the same round count for every motif. If you prefer your current fabric, use its actual square size and accept a different blanket size.

Calculate a better yarn estimate

Weigh the finished sample. Multiply its weight by 25, then add about 25–35% for joining, border, tassels and a buffer. Convert grams to meters using the yarn label. For each color, multiply the sample weight by the number of motifs listed on page 6.

Other sizes

With 20 cm squares, a 5 × 6 layout gives about 100 × 120 cm before edging; 6 × 8 gives about 120 × 160 cm. Add approximately 3 cm to each overall dimension for the border. Seam tension may change the final measurements.

02 / LEARN THE STITCHES

U.S. terms & techniques

The abbreviations

ch = chain; **sl st** = slip stitch; **sc** = single crochet; **dc** = double crochet; **sp** = space; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **rnd** = round; **RS / WS** = right / wrong side. A cluster in this guide means **3 separate dc in the same space**, not a joined cluster stitch.

Chain and slip stitch

Chain: yarn over and pull through the loop on the hook. **Slip stitch:** insert the hook in the indicated stitch or space, yarn over and pull through the fabric and the loop on the hook in one motion.

Single crochet

Insert the hook, yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through both loops. At a chain space, work around the chain rather than into an individual chain unless instructed otherwise.

Double crochet

Yarn over, insert the hook, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops). Yarn over and pull through 2 loops; yarn over and pull through the remaining 2. Repeat this complete stitch three times to make one granny group.

Corners and round starts

Every granny corner is **(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)** in a corner ch-2 space. Between neighboring groups along a side, use ch 1. Starting ch 3 counts as one dc; starting ch 1 never counts as a stitch. Join granny rounds to the top of the beginning ch 3.

Keep the square flat

Do not turn between rounds. Mark the 4 corner spaces. Check there are exactly 4 corners after each round. Keep chain spaces relaxed and avoid tightening the joining slip stitch. Keep the same side facing you for every square.



The center & first rounds



Foundation ring

Leave a 15 cm (6 in) tail. Ch 4 and join with sl st in the first chain to make a ring. Work the stitches of Round 1 around this ring. The ring leaves a small center opening.

Round 1 — four groups

Ch 3, work 2 dc in the ring, ch 2; repeat **(3 dc in ring, ch 2)** three times. Join with sl st to the top of the starting ch 3. You have **12 dc (4 groups) and four ch-2 corners**. Do not count the joining sl st.

Move to the next corner

Sl st across the next 2 dc, then sl st into the next corner ch-2 space. Use this move at the start of every subsequent granny round. These travel stitches do not add to the stitch count.

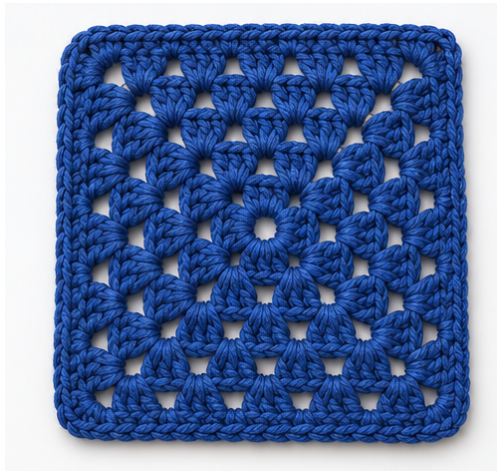
Round 2 — establish the square

In the corner work **(ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)**, then ch 1. In each of the next 3 corners work **(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc)**, **ch 1**. Join to the top of the starting ch 3. Count **24 dc (8 groups), four ch-1 side spaces and four ch-2 corners**.

Check: each side runs from one corner opening to the next. It contains the second group of one corner and the first group of the next corner. Do not add a group into the tops of the dc stitches.

04 / GROW & FINISH EACH MOTIF

Rounds 3-6 & edging



Round 3: travel to the next corner. Work (ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc), ch 1. Work (3 dc, ch 1) in the side ch-1 space. Repeat the following 3 times: corner (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc), ch 1; (3 dc, ch 1) in the next side space. Join. **36 dc, 8 side ch-1 spaces, 4 corners.**

Rounds 4-6: travel to the next corner and work the starting corner as above. Ch 1; work (3 dc, ch 1) in **every** side ch-1 space until the next corner. Work a corner, ch 1 and continue around all four sides. Join. Do not work into the dc tops on these rounds.

Count check:

Round 4: 48 dc / 16 groups / 12 side spaces / 4 corners.

Round 5: 60 dc / 20 groups / 16 side spaces / 4 corners.

Round 6: 72 dc / 24 groups / 20 side spaces / 4 corners.

Single crochet edging — same color

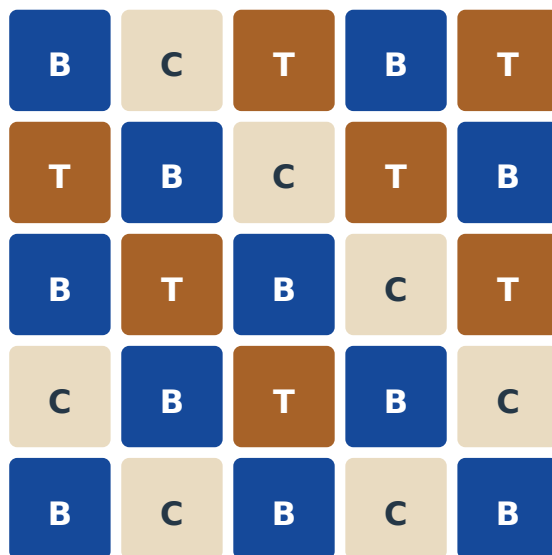
Travel to the next corner. Ch 1, work **3 sc in that corner**; mark the middle sc. Work 1 sc in each dc and 1 sc in each ch-1 space along the side. Repeat around, working 3 sc in each remaining corner. Join to the first sc. **Total: 104 sc = 4 × (18 + 5 + 3).**

Fasten off with a 15 cm (6 in) tail. Weave both tails securely in several directions on the WS. Block square to approximately 20 × 20 cm without stretching the holes. Between marked corner-center stitches there are **25 sc**, excluding the two marked stitches.

05 / ARRANGE THE BLANKET

Color map & assembly

Make **11 blue**, **7 cream** and **7 caramel** squares. The layout below matches the 5 × 5 arrangement on the final reference page. Each letter represents one complete, solid-color square.



B = royal blue • C = cream • T = caramel

Read rows left to right, from the top of the blanket downward.

Sew the squares together

Lay out the blocked squares RS up. Use cream yarn for visible contrast or matching yarn for subtle seams. Thread a tapestry needle with about 3 times the length of the seam. Keep the squares flat with their edges touching.

Join corresponding edge stitches with mattress stitch: pass the needle under the inner loop of a stitch on the left square, then the matching inner loop on the right. Continue alternating, pulling gently after every few stitches. Match the **27 edge positions**: first marked corner, 25 intervening sc, last marked corner.

Sew 5 squares into each row, then sew the 5 rows together. At intersections, secure the four touching corners with a small figure-eight stitch. Do not pull the center tight or skip edge stitches. Weave in seam tails and lay the blanket flat before adding the border.

06 / FINISH THE PERIMETER

Join neatly & add a border



Border Round 1 — cream single crochet

With RS facing, join cream yarn in a marked outer corner-center sc. Ch 1 and work 3 sc in that stitch; mark the middle sc. Work 1 sc in each exposed edge stitch. At a seam, work into both exposed corner-center stitches, one from each adjacent square; do not add an extra stitch into the seam yarn.

At each of the other 3 outer corners work 3 sc in the marked center stitch. Continue around and join to the first sc. With the described seams there are **134 exposed edge stitches between the outer corner centers** on each side, so the target total is **548 sc**. Check each side independently.

Border Round 2 — royal blue single crochet

Fasten off cream and join blue in a corner-center stitch. Ch 1, work 3 sc in that corner. Work 1 sc in every stitch, with 3 sc in each remaining marked corner-center stitch. Join to first sc and fasten off. Target: **556 sc**. Weave in ends.

Flatness check: spread the blanket out after each round. A border that cups may be too tight; use a larger hook. A rippling border may be too loose or have extra stitches. Count first, then change hook size if necessary. Do not add decorative increases along straight edges.

Tassels, blocking & care



Make 11 matching tassels

Use a 10 cm (4 in) tall cardboard template. Wrap yarn from top to bottom **30 times** without pulling tight. Slide a separate 30 cm (12 in) strand under the loops at the top and tie firmly with a double knot. Cut the loops along the bottom edge, then remove the cardboard.

Fold the bundle neatly. Wrap another strand around the bundle about 1.5 cm ($\frac{5}{8}$ in) below the top to form the neck. Tie securely and hide the knot inside with the needle. Trim the ends to an even 9–10 cm ($3\frac{1}{2}$ –4 in). Repeat for all tassels.

Attach along one short edge

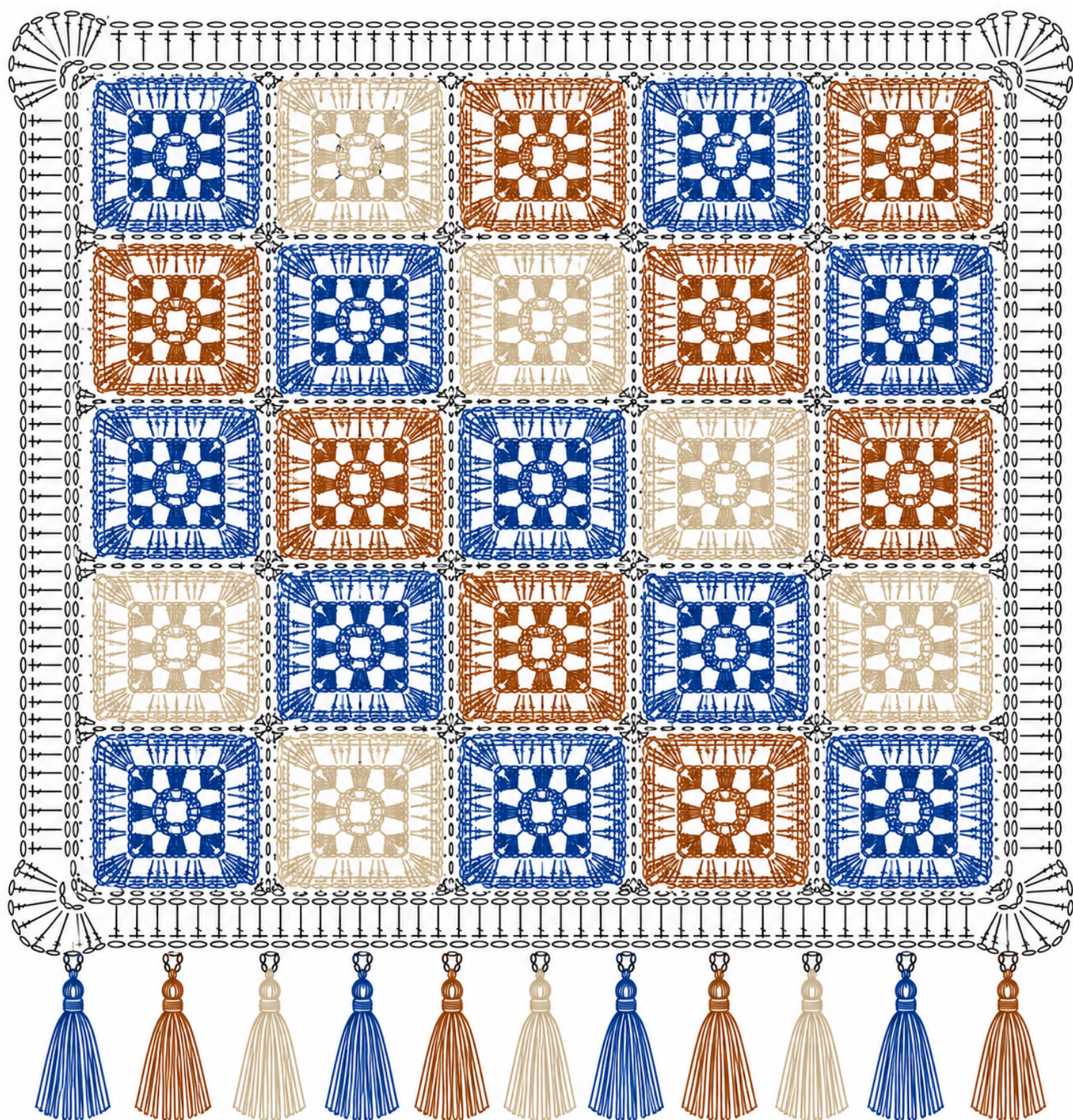
Place tassels at the 2 corners, the 4 joins between squares, and the 5 square midpoints: **11 positions**. From left to right use B, T, C, B, T, C, B, T, C, B, T. Pass the top ties through the border at each position, secure on the WS and weave the ends back through several stitches.

Finish and care

Lay the blanket flat and gently shape it to a square. Block using the method permitted by the yarn label; never place a hot iron directly on acrylic. Let it dry completely. Wash gently as directed for the yarn and support the wet blanket to prevent stretching. Untangle and trim tassels after drying.

How to use the final reference page

The final page reproduces your supplied full-blanket diagram, unaltered. It is a visual layout reference: its motifs and border symbols do not specify every round of this adapted pattern. Follow the written counts above if the image differs. Print on A4 using Fit to page. The diagram is not a full-size template.



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