How to Crochet a Granny Square
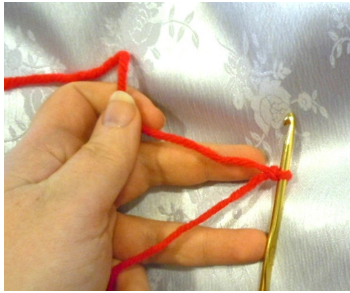## By Tandy Imhoff/SmartCat Studios

Step 1: 1a]Starting with a slip knot on your hook, 1b] chain 6 and 1c] join into a circle by slip stitching into the first chain.

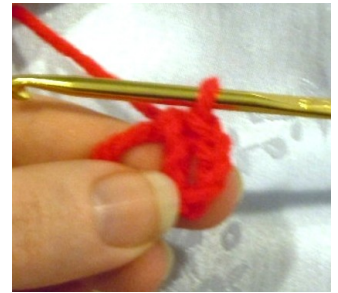*Slip Knot* *Chain 6* *In first chain* *Slip stitch to join in circle*

Step 2: 2a] Chain (ch) 3 stitches, double crochet (dc) twice into the ring. 2b] Then chain (ch) 3 stitches and double crochet (dc) twice into the ring. 2c] Repeat the last step [2b] two more times and chain (ch) 3 stitches. 2e] Join to beginning of the round by slip stitching (sl st) into the third chain of the beginning chain 3.

Chain 3 stitches *Double crochet twice into ring* *Chain 3 stitches, double crochet into ring three times* *Repeat last step [2b] twice*

Back of Square *Into 3rd beginning chain* *Slip Stitch to join*

Step 3: 3a] Turn the square over and in the first corner chain space (ch sp); chain 3 stitches, double crochet twice, chain 3 stitches, double crochet 3 times. 3b] Chain 2 stitches and in the next chain space, double crochet 3 times, chain 2 stitches, then in the corner chain space, double crochet 3 times, chain 3, double crochet 3 times. 3c] Repeat [3b] two more times. 3d] Chain 2 stitches and join to beginning of the round by slip stitching (sl st) into the third chain of the beginning chain 3. *{If you wish to change color use the new color to join.}*

Front of square Round 3 finished *Cinched center closed* *Into 3rd chain of beginning chain* *Change color, by slip stitching in new color*

Step 4: 4a] Turn the square over and in the first chain space, chain 3 stitches, double crochet twice. 4b] Chain 2 stitches, and in the corner chain space, double crochet 3 times, chain 3, double crochet 3 times. 4c] Chain 2 stitches and in the next chain space, double crochet 3 times, chain 2 stitches, then in the corner chain space, double crochet 3 times, chain 3, double crochet 3 times. 4d] Repeat [4c] two more times. 4e] Chain 2 stitches and join to beginning of the round by slip stitching (sl st) into the third chain of the beginning chain 3.

Front of finished square

Back of finished square

Continue working new rounds in the same manner. Turn the square over after every round. Work a chain 3 and 2 double crochets into the first chain space, then chain 2 and work 3 double crochets in each chain space across to the corner chain space. Each corner chain space will have 3 double crochets, chain 3, 3 double crochets. When you wish to end the square. Join with the same color as the final round, work 1 chain, cut the yarn and pull the yarn end through the final chain loop. Weave in all of the ends, by threading them under the double crochet stitches.

Pattern written in crochet terminology:

Ch 6, join in round.

Round 1: Ch 3, 2dc in ring, ch 3, *in next ch sp (3dc, ch 3, 3dc), ch 2, repeat from * twice. Sl st to join.

Round 2: Turn. In ch sp (ch 3, 2dc, ch 3, 2dc), ch 2, *in ch sp, (3dc, ch 3, 2dc), ch 2, repeat from * twice. Sl st to join.

Round 3: Turn. In ch sp (ch 3, 2dc), ch 2, *in corner ch sp (3dc, ch 3, 3dc), ch 2, 3dc in next ch sp, ch 2. Repeat from * twice. Sl st to join.

Round 4: Turn. In ch sp (ch 3, 2dc), ch 2, *(3dc in next ch sp, ch 2) to corner ch sp, (3dc, ch 3, 3dc) in corner ch sp, ch 2. Repeat twice. Sl st to join.

Repeat Round 4 working 3dc in each side ch sp and (3dc, ch 3, 3dc) in each corner ch sp with ch 2 between groupings except in corners, for each desired round.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

To change colors, use the new color to join the previous round.

Crochet Stitches, terminology and explanation:

Chain (ch)- chain stitch made by pulling a single loop through the loop on your hook.

Slip stitch (sl st) - pulling a single loop through all stitches on hook (similar to ch). Used to finish rounds, join loops or work to specified areas of your pattern without adding height.

Double crochet (dc) - wrap yarn around hook once, insert hook into designated space and pull up one loop (3 loops on hook), wrap yarn around hook and pull loop through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remaining on hook), wrap yarn around hook and pull loop through remaining 2 loops.

Chain space (ch sp) - a space created in your pattern by chaining a certain number of stitches with crochet stitches on either side.

Hints:

- When working stitches into a ring, work over the beginning tail. You can then cinch the tail tight at the end to help close up the center ring, leaving a less noticeable hole.
- When changing colors, change at the slip stitch used to join the last round to make color changes less noticeable.
- Work over your new color yarn ends in the first few stitches to help secure them and decrease the amount of weaving of ends needed at the end of your project.