

Crochet Reindeer Blanket Square Tutorial

CROCHET DEER GRANNY SQUARE

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL

Create this beautiful deer granny square using basic crochet stitches and simple color changes.



FINISHED SIZE
Approx. 6 in (15 cm) square

MATERIALS

- Worsted weight yarn (4)
- Colors used in sample:
Cotara (dark teal)
Reindeer (dark green)
Gaimon (green)
Green (light green)
Chain (cream)
- Crochet hook: 4.0 mm (G-6)
- Yarn needle
- Scissors



COLORS

- = chain
- = green
- = gaimon
- = cotara
- = reindeer

STITCH LEGEND (US TERMS)

- = ch (chain)
- = sc (single crochet)
- = hdc (half double crochet)
- = dc (double crochet)
- = tr (treble crochet)
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1. CENTER – DEER FACE

Start with light colors for the inner face.

Round 1 (Chain)

With Chain (cream) yarn:
Ch 4, join with sl st to first ch to form a ring.



Round 2 (Face base)

Ch 2 (does not count as st),
make 12 hdc in ring,
join with sl st to first hdc. (12)



Round 3 (Face shaping)

Switch to Gaimon (green).
Ch 2, hdc in same st,
2 hdc in next st, (hdc in next st,
2 hdc in next st) around,
join with sl st. (18)



Round 4 (Face shaping)

Ch 2, hdc in next 2 sts,
2 hdc in next st, (hdc in next 2 sts,
2 hdc in next st) around,
join with sl st. (24)
Fasten off.



2. EARS

Make 2 (inner ear).

With Chain (cream).
Ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook,
sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in last st.
Continue on other side of chain:
sc in next 3 sts. (10)

Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.



Make 2 (outer ear).

With Green (light green).

Repeat same steps as inner ear but do not fasten off.

Place inner ear inside outer ear and join with sl st around both layers.



3. DEER ANTLERS

Make 2 (using Reindeer yarn).

Foundation: Ch 8.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook,
sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in last st.
Continue on other side:
sc in next 5 sts. (16)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc in each st around. (16)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn.
Sc in next 3 sts, sl st in next, ch 3,
sl st in same st (branch),
sc in next 3 sts, sl st in next,
ch 3, sl st in same st,
sc in last 4 sts.

Fasten off, leave tail for sewing.



4. DEER FACE DETAILS

Eyes (make 2)

With black yarn or embroidery thread.
Embroider or crochet small almond shapes.
Small white stitch for highlight.



Nose

With black yarn.
Ch 3, sl st in 2nd ch from hook,
sc in last ch. Fasten off.



Mouth & chin

With Chain (cream) yarn.
Embroider chin (long stitch downward),
mouth lines and outline around nose.

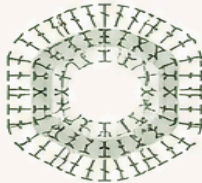


5. BUILD THE SQUARE (GRANNY SQUARE ROUNDS)

Continue around the deer face.

Round 5

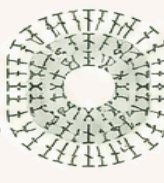
Attach Gaimon (green) yarn in any stitch.
Ch 3 (counts as dc), 2 dc in same st, dc in next 2 sts,
(3 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts) around, join with sl st to top of beginning ch 3. (32)



Round 6

Change to Green (light green).

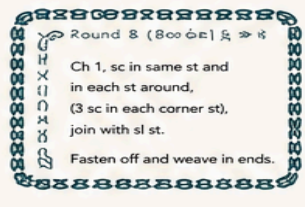
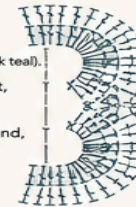
Ch 3, dc in same st,
2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts,
(3 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts) around, join with sl st. (40)



Round 7

Change to Cotara (dark teal).

Ch 3, dc in same st,
(dc in next 4 sts,
3 dc in next st) around,
join with sl st. (48)



6. ASSEMBLY

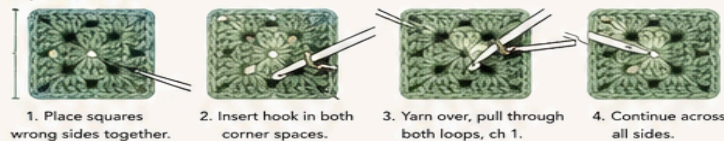
- Weave in all ends.
- Block square gently if needed to even out the shape.
- Your Deer Granny Square is ready!



7. HOW TO JOIN SQUARES (OPTIONAL)

Use slip stitch or join-as-you-go method.

Slip Stitch Join:



TIPS

- Use stitch markers to mark corners.
- Keep your tension even for a flat square.
- Try different color combinations!



CROCHET STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

Chain (ch)	Slip Stitch (sl st)	Single Crochet (sc)	Half Double Crochet (hdc)	Double Crochet (dc)	Treble Crochet (tr)
Yarn over, pull through loop on hook.	Insert hook, yarn over, pull through all loops on hook.	Insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through both loops.	Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all 3 loops.	Yarn over, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through remaining 2 loops.	Yarn over twice, insert hook, yarn over, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through 2 loops 3 times.

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
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- tr = treble crochet
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- () = repeat instructions
- [] = total stitches

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Create a charming crochet reindeer square featuring elegant antlers, expressive eyes, and a decorative scalloped border. This tutorial is based on the provided stitch diagram and follows its construction as closely as possible while explaining every section in clear, beginner-friendly English. Every color section is worked exactly where shown in the chart, building the design from the center outward.

Skill Level

Intermediate

A confident beginner can also complete this project by working carefully and following each round step by step.

Finished Size

The finished size depends on your yarn and hook.

Approximate sizes:

- DK Weight Yarn: 10–12 inches (25–30 cm)
- Worsted Weight Yarn: 12–14 inches (30–36 cm)
- Bulky Weight Yarn: 14–16 inches (36–41 cm)

Materials

- Worsted Weight (#4) yarn
- Main Reindeer Color
- Medium Green
- Light Sage Green
- Pale Cream
- Dark Brown or Black (antlers)
- Black (nose and embroidery)
- Small amount of White (eye highlights if desired)

Hook:

- 4.0 mm (G)
- or hook needed to obtain desired size

Other Supplies

- Yarn needle
- Stitch markers
- Scissors

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- sp = space
- rep = repeat
- RS = right side
- WS = wrong side

Color Guide

- Cream = Background highlights
- Medium Green = Background sections
- Light Sage = Face details
- Reindeer = Main body color
- Black/Brown = Antlers

Always change colors during the last yarn over of the previous stitch for neat transitions.

Construction Overview

The square is worked from the center outward.

You will first create the reindeer's muzzle, then shape the head, cheeks, forehead, ears, antlers, background sections, side panels, and finally the decorative scalloped border.

Each new section is attached directly to the previous one.

Center Muzzle

With Cream.

Make 5 ch.

Join with a sl st to form a ring.

Round 1

Work 12 dc into the ring.

Join with sl st.

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Fasten off.

Round 2

Join Reindeer color.

Work 2 dc in each stitch around.

Join.

Round 3

Continue following the chart.

Work grouped dc stitches exactly as shown, allowing the muzzle to widen naturally into an oval.

Fasten off.

Lower Face

Join Reindeer color.

Work fan-shaped groups exactly as shown in the diagram.

Each fan consists of multiple dc worked into one stitch.

Between fans, skip the number of stitches indicated by the chart.

This section creates the rounded cheeks.

Keep stitch placement symmetrical.

Nose

Using Black yarn,

Work a small oval.

Sew securely onto the lower center of the muzzle.

Embroider the mouth using black yarn.

Add one small straight stitch downward from the nose.

Then embroider two curved lines for the smile.

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Face

Join Light Sage.

Work expanding dc fans upward.

Each fan increases gradually.

The face should widen evenly toward the forehead.

Do not tighten your tension.

The shaping depends on the natural spread of the fan stitches.

Eyes 🧐

The eyes shown in the chart are embroidered after crocheting.

Using Black yarn,

Create an almond shape.

Fill the lower portion.

Leave a small white highlight.

Embroider eyelashes with two or three straight stitches extending outward.

Repeat for the opposite eye.

Keep both eyes perfectly level.

Ears

Each ear begins with a small chain.

Work around the chain using dc and hdc to form an oval.

Continue increasing slightly until the ear matches the chart.

Make two ears.

Attach them at the upper corners of the head.

For the inner ear, use Cream yarn and crochet a smaller matching shape.

Sew it inside each ear.

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Forehead

Join Light Sage.

Work large dc fans.

Each fan grows upward from the previous row.

Follow the chart carefully so the forehead remains centered.

Antlers

Using Dark Brown or Black yarn.

Each antler is worked separately.

Begin at the base beside each ear.

Chain the required length shown in the chart.

Work back along the chain using dc.

Create each branch by:

- chaining upward
- working back with dc
- joining to the main stem

Continue adding branches exactly as illustrated.

The antlers should mirror each other.

Count stitches often to maintain symmetry.

Fasten off securely.

Upper Background

Join Medium Green.

Work large shell groups around the antlers.

Each shell consists of multiple treble crochet stitches worked into one space.

Separate shells with chains exactly as shown.

These arches fill the space above the antlers.

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Side Background

Continue with Medium Green.

Work vertical shell sections downward along both sides.

Alternate shell groups and chain spaces according to the chart.

Maintain even spacing.

Each side should match exactly.

Lower Background

Continue around the bottom.

Work large fan stitches.

Join each fan with chain spaces.

This section completes the square before the border.

Check that all four sides remain even.

If necessary, adjust stitch placement slightly to keep the square balanced.

Outer Decorative Border

Join the darkest background color.

Round 1

Work shell groups around the entire square.

Separate each shell with one sc.

Corners are formed by larger shell groups exactly as shown.

Round 2

Continue following the chart.

Work:

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around the square.

Round 3

Create the decorative scallops.

Each scallop consists primarily of treble crochet stitches.

Work every scallop into the center of the previous shell.

Separate scallops using one sc.

At each corner, crochet a larger scallop to allow the square to remain flat.

Continue until you return to the beginning.

Join with a sl st.

Fasten off.

Blocking

Soak the finished square in lukewarm water.

Remove excess moisture using a towel.

Pin the square so every side is straight.

Shape the antlers carefully.

Open every shell and scallop.

Allow the square to dry completely.

Blocking greatly improves the appearance of the lace sections and helps the square match the proportions shown in the chart.

Assembly Ideas

This square can be used for:

- Christmas blankets
- Holiday afghans
- Pillow covers
- Wall hangings
- Table toppers
- Baby blankets
- Festive throws

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Join multiple squares using whip stitch, mattress stitch, or a crochet join.

Helpful Tips ✨

- Count stitches after every fan section.
- Keep both antlers identical by completing one side before crocheting the other.
- Use stitch markers at the center of each side.
- Maintain loose tension when working treble crochet stitches.
- Weave in yarn ends immediately after each color change to keep the back neat.
- Block the finished square before joining it to other squares for the most professional result.

Your finished crochet square will feature a beautifully textured reindeer surrounded by elegant lace-style fans and a classic scalloped border, faithfully reflecting the structure, stitch placement, and color arrangement shown in the original crochet chart while remaining easy to follow for crocheters in the United States.