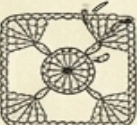




Crochet E-Top With Granny Squares – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

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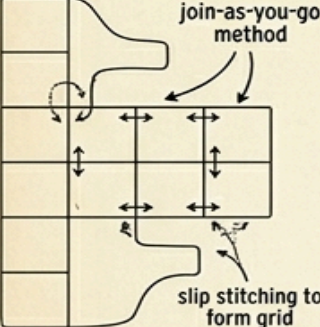
① BEGIN WITH THE BASIC GRANNY SQUARE

Rnd 1:  Magic Circle, dc cluster

Rnd 2:  Color Change, corner dc groups

Rnd 3:  Corner + side dc groups

② ASSEMBLING THE SQUARES (US TERMS)










join-as-you-go method

slip stitching to form grid



GLOSSARY OF STITCHES (US TERMINOLOGY)

-  ch, chain
-  single crochet
-  slip stitch
-  double crochet
-  treble crochet
-  half double crochet
-  dc. cluster, 3-dc cluster

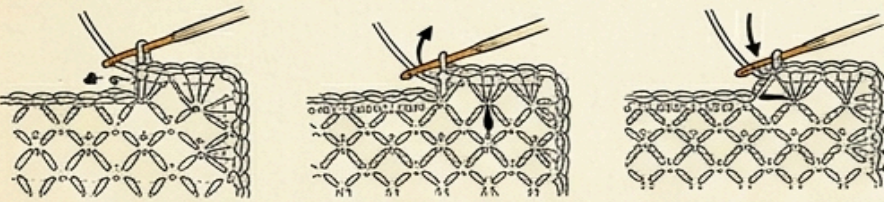
Key Stitch Points

- ch, chain
- sc single crochet
- sl st - slip stitch (treble cronia)
- dc, tr, half double crochet (or theli crochet)

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③ WORKING THE MESH LACE EDGING

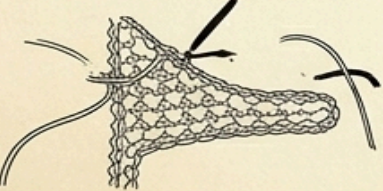


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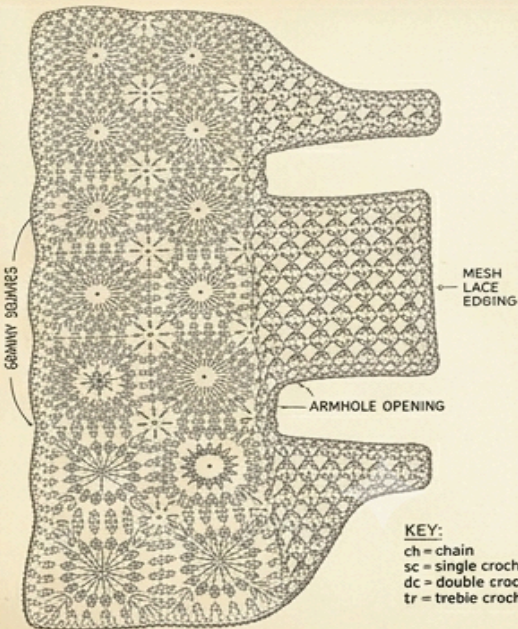
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GRANNY SQUARES

MESH LACE EDGING

ARMHOLE OPENING

KEY:
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 sc = single crochet
 dc = double crochet
 tr = treble crochet

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Create a beautiful vintage-inspired crochet E-top using classic granny squares and mesh lace panels. This tutorial is based on the provided stitch diagram and follows its construction as closely as possible. Every section is explained in detail so even beginners with basic crochet knowledge can complete the project from start to finish.

This design is worked in separate sections:

- Granny Square Body
- Mesh Lace Side Panels
- Shoulder Extensions
- Armhole Openings
- Bottom Shaping
- Finishing Border

The finished top has a relaxed fit with a geometric patchwork front and back connected by airy mesh lace.

Skill Level

Intermediate

A confident beginner can also complete this project by practicing the granny square and mesh stitches first.

Finished Fit

This pattern is easily adjustable.

Sample size shown:

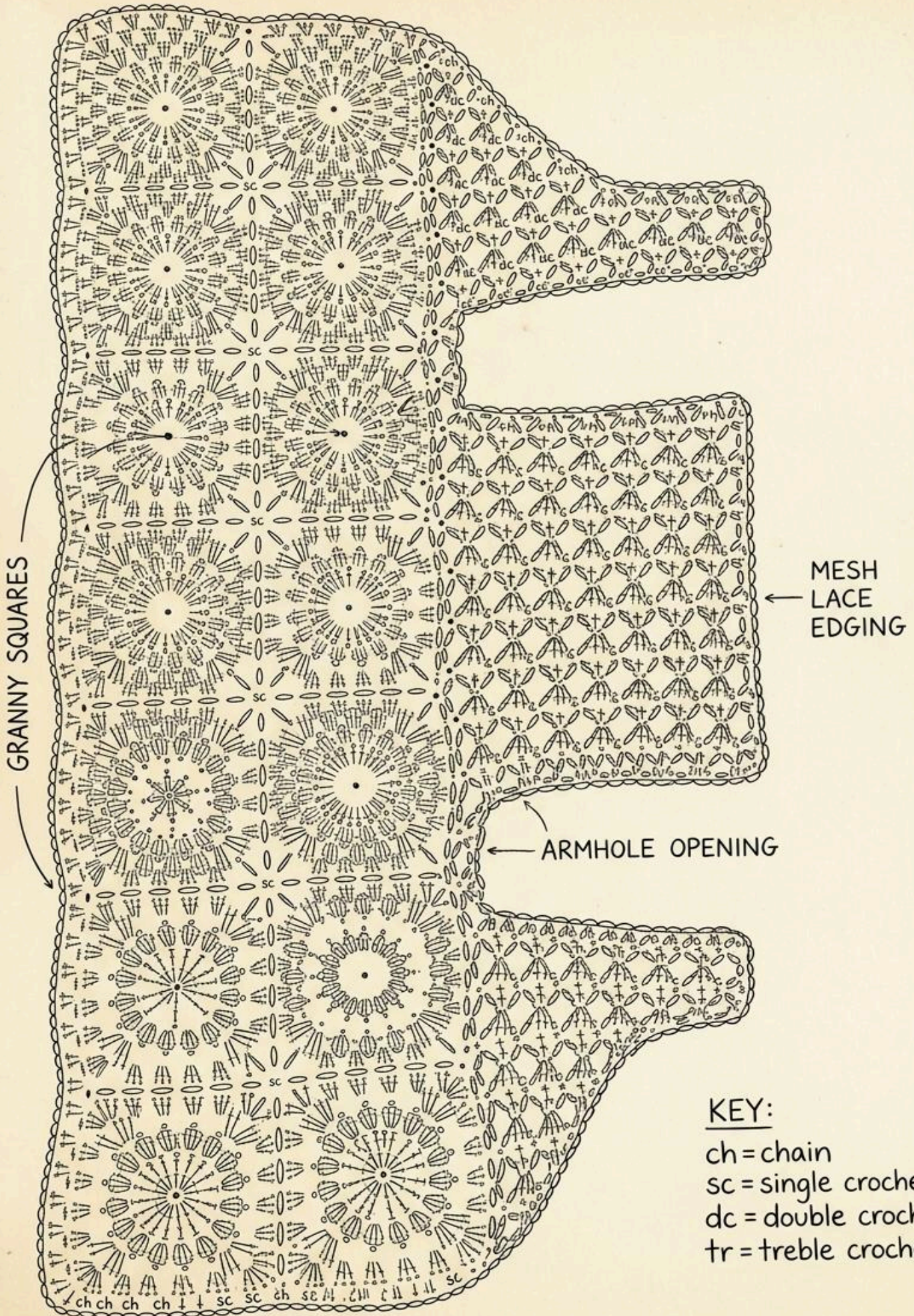
- Bust: 38–40 inches (96–102 cm)
- Length: 23 inches (58 cm)

To make larger or smaller sizes:

- Add or remove granny squares.
- Increase or decrease mesh rows.
- Make shoulder extensions longer or shorter.

Materials

- 500–700 yards (460–640 m) DK or Light Worsted (#3) cotton yarn
- 4.0 mm (G/6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Measuring tape



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● Abbreviations

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- tr = treble crochet
- sp = space
- st = stitch
- rep = repeat

Gauge

Each granny square should measure approximately:

4.5 x 4.5 inches (11.5 x 11.5 cm)

If your squares are larger:

Use a smaller hook.

If they are smaller:

Use a larger hook.

Construction Overview

The top is made from:

- 14 granny squares arranged vertically
- Mesh lace sections worked directly onto one side
- Shoulder tabs extending from the mesh
- One armhole opening
- Curved lower shaping
- Single crochet edging around the entire garment

Granny Square Pattern

Each square is worked from the center outward.

Round 1

Make a magic ring.

Work:

- Ch 3 (counts as first dc)
- 2 dc

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- Ch 2

Repeat:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2

Repeat until four groups have been made.

Join with a slip stitch.

You now have four corners.

Round 2

Slip stitch into first corner space.

In every corner work:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Between corners work:

- 3 dc

Continue around.

Join with slip stitch.

Round 3

Repeat the same construction.

Corners:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Every side space:

- 3 dc

Join.

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Round 4

Continue increasing exactly the same way.

Every corner:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Every side space:

- 3 dc

Join.

The square is now complete.

Fasten off.

Make the Granny Squares

Crochet:

14 identical granny squares.

Block every square before joining.

This keeps every edge perfectly straight.

Layout

Arrange the squares exactly as shown.

Two columns.

Seven rows.

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The mesh section will be attached to the right side.

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Joining the Squares

Join the squares using slip stitch or single crochet through both loops.

Join vertically first.

Then join horizontally.

Keep all corners aligned.

Do not stretch the fabric while joining.

Beginning the Mesh Lace Panel

The lace panel is worked directly onto the right edge of the granny square body.

Attach yarn at the upper right corner.

Chain enough to begin the first mesh row.

Mesh Stitch Pattern

The chart uses repeating V-shaped clusters.

Each repeat consists of:

- sc
- ch 5
- dc into next space

Repeat across.

The exact placement follows the chart.

Every new row begins with turning chains.

Continue working the mesh until the desired width shown in the diagram has been reached.

Shoulder Extension

Once the upper mesh panel reaches the correct width, continue only across the top section.

Work straight rows.

Maintain the same mesh stitch.

Continue until the shoulder extension matches the chart.

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Fasten off.

Center Mesh Panel

Return to the middle section.

Attach yarn.

Work mesh rows across only the center area.

Continue until reaching the armhole opening.

Leave the armhole exactly as shown.

Do not join the upper and lower mesh sections.

Armhole Opening

The armhole is created naturally by leaving an opening between mesh panels.

No stitches are worked across this space.

Measure the opening.

Recommended armhole depth:

8–9 inches

(20–23 cm)

Adjust if necessary.

Lower Mesh Panel

Attach yarn below the armhole.

Continue the same mesh pattern downward.

Work straight until reaching the lower shaping.

Bottom Curved Shaping

Near the bottom edge the mesh gradually narrows.

Follow the chart by decreasing one mesh repeat at each side every few rows.

This forms the gentle inward curve.

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Continue until reaching the lower shoulder tab.

Lower Extension

Work the final extension exactly like the upper shoulder.

Continue the same mesh pattern.

Fasten off.

Checking Measurements

Before adding the edging verify:

Body width

Shoulder length

Armhole depth

Bottom curve

Correct any differences now.

Border Edging

Attach yarn anywhere along the outer edge.

Work one complete round.

In every stitch:

- 1 sc

Around corners:

- 3 sc

Along mesh openings:

Work evenly spaced single crochet stitches.

Keep the border flat.

Do not pull too tightly.

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Optional Second Border

For a firmer finish work:

Round 2

Single crochet evenly around again.

Join.

Fasten off.

Blocking

Wet block the finished top.

Pin every edge flat.

Square every granny square.

Straighten the mesh.

Allow to dry completely before wearing.

Blocking dramatically improves the final appearance.

Customizing the Size

Smaller Size

Use:

6 rows of granny squares instead of 7.

Reduce the mesh width.

Make shorter shoulder tabs.

Larger Size

Add another row of granny squares.

Increase the width of the mesh section.

Extend the shoulder panels.

Increase the armhole depth if needed.

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Color Ideas

Try different color combinations to create your own unique style:

- Classic Cream
- Sage Green
- Dusty Rose
- Denim Blue
- Terracotta
- Mustard
- Black & White
- Rainbow Scrap Yarn
- Soft Pastels
- Ocean Blues

Helpful Tips

- Block every granny square before joining.
- Count stitches at the end of every row.
- Keep chain spaces consistent for an even mesh.
- Use stitch markers to identify the armhole opening.
- Try on the garment before completing the lower mesh section to adjust the length if desired.
- Weave in yarn ends securely as you finish each section to avoid bulk later.
- Cotton yarn provides the cleanest stitch definition and helps the mesh panels maintain their shape.
- If your mesh begins to ripple, reduce your tension slightly or use a smaller hook for the lace section.
- Steam blocking (if appropriate for your yarn) can further enhance the crisp geometric look of the finished top.

With careful attention to the granny square layout, mesh lace construction, and finishing details shown in the chart, you'll create a lightweight, breathable crochet top with a timeless handmade look that's perfect for warm weather. Happy crocheting! 