

THE CRAFTED KNOT

# CLASSIC GRANNY SQUARE BAG

A timeless handmade crochet bag • Easy / Confident Beginner



**“Made slowly. Made beautifully. Made by hand.”**

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|----------------------|---------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| 10 cm<br>square size | 13<br>squares | 5.0 mm<br>suggested hook | 30 × 34 cm<br>approx. bag |
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# WELCOME TO THE CRAFTED KNOT

This pattern is designed as a calm, easy-to-follow project for crocheters who love the character of granny squares. The finished bag combines colorful floral-inspired squares with a soft neutral border and sturdy crocheted handles.

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## Pattern note

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## 01 — MATERIALS & TOOLS

|               |                                                                               |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Yarn          | Approx. 300–350 g total of worsted / aran-weight cotton or cotton-blend yarn. |
| Main color    | Approx. 200 g. A sturdy washable yarn is recommended for the bag structure.   |
| Accent colors | 2–4 colors, approximately 25–50 g each depending on your color arrangement.   |
| Hook          | 5.0 mm (US H/8), or the size needed to obtain the target square size.         |
| Needle        | Large-eye tapestry needle for weaving ends and reinforcing handles.           |
| Scissors      | Sharp craft scissors.                                                         |
| Markers       | 2–4 stitch markers, especially useful when positioning handles.               |
| Tape measure  | For checking square size and final dimensions.                                |

### COLOR STORY

The sample uses a warm cream base with mustard, dusty pink, lavender and sage accents. You can copy this palette or create your own combination. For a more coordinated finished bag, keep one neutral shade consistent around every square and throughout the joins.



## 02 — GAUGE, SIZE & TENSION

Target gauge: one completed granny square should measure approximately 10 × 10 cm after light blocking. For this project, consistency is more important than an exact stitch gauge: all 13 squares should match.

Finished size: approximately 30 cm wide × 34 cm tall, excluding handles. Actual measurements vary with yarn, tension, hook size and blocking.

Too small? Move up a hook size. Too large? Move down a hook size. If the fabric feels stiff, use a larger hook; if it feels loose and floppy, use a smaller hook.



## 03 — US CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS

|     |                |          |                     |
|-----|----------------|----------|---------------------|
| ch  | chain          | sl st    | slip stitch         |
| sc  | single crochet | hdc      | half double crochet |
| dc  | double crochet | st / sts | stitch / stitches   |
| sp  | space          | rep      | repeat              |
| rnd | round          | sk       | skip                |
| beg | beginning      |          |                     |

## 04 — THE GRANNY SQUARE

Make 13 identical squares. Keep the neutral border color consistent for a polished finished look.

### ROUND 1

With Color A, make a magic ring. Ch 3 (counts as dc), work 2 dc into the ring, ch 2. Repeat (3 dc, ch 2) three more times. Join with a sl st to the top of beginning ch-3. Pull the center closed.

### ROUND 2

Sl st across the next 2 dc and into the first corner ch-2 space. Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in the same corner. Ch 1. In each remaining corner, work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc), ch 1. Join with a sl st.

### ROUND 3

Move to the next corner. Work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in each corner and 3 dc in every side space, with ch 1 between clusters. Join with a sl st.

### ROUND 4

Repeat the granny-square rhythm: (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in every corner; 3 dc in every side space; ch 1 between clusters. Join, fasten off and weave in ends.

#### SQUARE CHECK

Lightly block each square to approximately 10 × 10 cm. Do not aggressively stretch the fabric. The goal is to make every square the same size and shape.



## 05 — JOINING THE BAG

The joining seam gives the bag structure. Keep your joining tension even and relaxed so the finished panels lie flat.

### JOINING METHOD

1. Place two squares with their corresponding edges aligned.
2. Attach the joining yarn at the first corner.
3. Insert the hook through the corresponding stitch on both squares and work 1 sc.
4. Continue 1 sc through both layers across the full edge.
5. Work through both corner spaces where the squares meet.
6. Fasten off and weave the tail securely.

### SQUARE ARRANGEMENT

|   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | B | C | D | E |
| F | G | H | I | J |
| K | L | M | L | K |

The letters indicate positions rather than colors. Join the squares into manageable sections first, then connect the sections to form the bag body. Fold the outer sections upward so the opening remains centered at the top.

## 06 — TOP EDGE & HANDLES

### TOP EDGE — ROUND 1

Join yarn at the top-right corner. Ch 1. Work 1 sc around the entire opening, adding an extra sc at bulky seam joins if needed. Join with a sl st.

### TOP EDGE — ROUNDS 2-3

Ch 1 and sc around. Reinforce the side seams with a sc through the seam area. Repeat for the next round. Fasten off with a 15–20 cm tail and weave securely.



## 07 — CROCHETED HANDLES

Make 2 handles. Each handle is worked as a reinforced strip.

1. Chain 65 for a medium hand-carry / shoulder handle.
2. Row 1: Sc in the 2nd chain from hook and in each chain across. (64 sc)
3. Rows 2-5: Ch 1, sc in each stitch across. Turn.
4. Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
5. Fold the strip lengthwise to form a firm handle and stitch the long edges together.
6. Repeat for the second handle.

### HANDLE PLACEMENT

Center each handle approximately 7-8 cm inward from the side seam. Secure each end over a 3-4 cm area with dense stitches. For a stronger everyday bag, add a rectangular reinforcement stitch around each attachment point.

#### STRENGTH CHECK

Before using the finished bag, gently pull each handle in several directions. If the attachment stretches noticeably, add another reinforcement row.

## 08 — FINISHING

Weave ends: weave each yarn tail back and forth through several stitches on the wrong side. Change direction once or twice before trimming.

Block: lightly dampen the bag, reshape it to the desired dimensions and let it dry flat. Avoid aggressive stretching.

Optional lining: a fabric lining can be added for extra structure and to prevent small items from catching in the crochet stitches.



## 09 — TROUBLESHOOTING

| Issue             | Why                                                  | What to do                                                    |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Squares curl      | Tension may be tight or the stitch count may be off. | Try a slightly larger hook and verify the corner groups.      |
| Squares look wavy | Tension may be loose or extra stitches were added.   | Try a smaller hook and count the clusters.                    |
| Joining puckers   | Joining stitches are too tight.                      | Relax your tension or use a slightly larger joining hook.     |
| Opening is uneven | Squares are not identical in size.                   | Block every square to the same measurements before joining.   |
| Handles stretch   | Attachment area needs more reinforcement.            | Add another reinforcement row or enlarge the attachment area. |

## 10 — CARE INSTRUCTIONS

For cotton and cotton-blend yarn, gentle hand washing in cool water is recommended unless the yarn label says otherwise. Do not wring. Press between clean towels to remove excess water, reshape and dry flat. Avoid prolonged direct sunlight to reduce color fading.

Always follow the care instructions on your specific yarn label if they differ from the general guidance above.

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