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granny
afghan

Vivid colors and a strong graphic pattern make this old-fashioned granny throw totally modern.

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Stitch each granny hexagon in no time

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SKILL LEVEL: intermediate

finished measurements
Approx 41" x 61"/104 x 155cm

gauge
One granny hexagon measures 7½"/19cm from point to point using size I/9 (5.5mm) crochet hook. *Remember to check gauge for best results!*

BASIC GRANNY HEXAGON
With first color, ch 4. Join ch with a sl st forming a ring

Round 1 (right side) Ch 3 (counts as 1 dc), work 2CL in ring, ch 3, [work 3CL in ring, ch 3] 5 times, join round with a sl st in top of beginning 2CL—6 CL sts. Fasten off.

Round 2 With right side facing, join next color with a sl st in same st as joining, ch 1, sc in same sp, work S-Shell in next ch-3 sp, [sc in top of next CL st, work S-Shell in next ch-3 sp] 5 times, join round with a sl st in first sc—6 S-Shells. Fasten off.

Round 3 With right side facing, join next color with a sl st in center dc of any shell, ch 1, sc in same dc, work L-Shell in next sc, [sc in center dc of next shell, L-Shell in next sc] 5 times, join round with a sl st in first sc—6 L-Shells. Fasten off.

Round 4 With right side facing, join next color with a sl st in ch-2 sp of any shell, ch 1, sc in same sp, ch 1, work L-Shell in next sc, [sc in ch-2 sp of next shell, ch 1, L-Shell in next sc] 5 times, ch 1, join round with a sl st in first sc—6 L-Shells. Fasten off.

Round 5 With right side facing, join MC with a sl st in ch-1 sp to the right of any sc, ch 1, sc in same sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in dc, ch 1, skip next dc, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in dc, ch 1, skip next dc, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, join round with a sl st in first sc—6 corner ch-2 sps. Fasten off.

GRANNY HEXAGON 1 (make 14)
Round 1 Use A.
Round 2 Use B.
Round 3 Use C.
Round 4 Use D.
Round 5 Use MC.

GRANNY HEXAGON 2 (make 16)
Round 1 Use E.
Round 2 Use F.
Round 3 Use B.
Round 4 Use A.
Round 5 Use MC.

GRANNY HEXAGON 3 (make 14)
Round 1 Use C.
Round 2 Use D.
Round 3 Use G.
Round 4 Use F.
Round 5 Use MC.

GRANNY HEXAGON 4 (make 16)
Round 1 Use F.
Round 2 Use G.
Round 3 Use E.
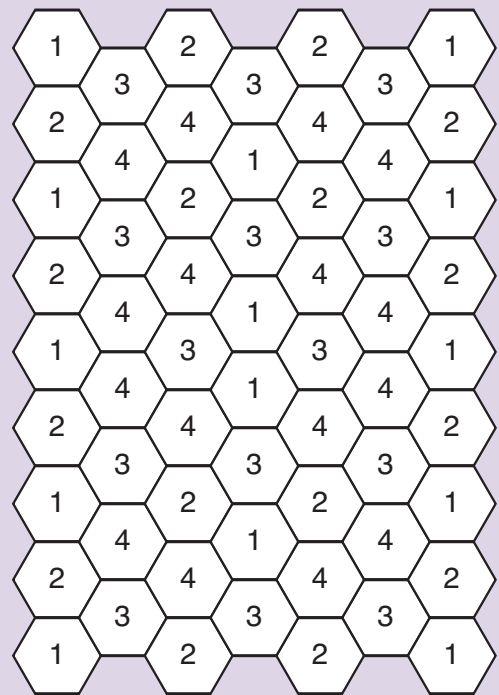**Round 4** Use C.
Round 5 Use MC.

finishing
Weave in all loose ends. Referring to assembly diagram, whipstitch granny hexagons together using 2 strands of MC as follows: place two hexagons together, wrong sides facing and edges even.

Abbreviations used in this pattern

ch chain(s)
dc double crochet
lp(s) loop(s)
MC main color
sc single crochet
sl st slip stitch
sp(s) space(s)
st(s) stitch(es)
yo yarn over hook
* Repeat directions following * as many times as indicated.
[ ] Repeat the directions inside brackets as many times as indicated.
( ) Work directions inside parentheses into stitch indicated.

special abbreviations

2CL (2 dc cluster stitch) [Yo, insert hook into sp and draw up a lp. Yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.
3CL (3 dc cluster stitch) [Yo, insert hook into sp and draw up a lp. Yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] 3 times, yo and draw through all 4 lps on hook.
S-Shell (small shell) Work 5 dc in same sp.
L-Shell (large shell) Work (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in same st or sp.

Whipstitch through first front loop of hexagon at front and corresponding back loop of hexagon at back. Continue to whipstitch in each back loop and corresponding front loop across. Working in this manner, continue to join hexagons together as indicated.
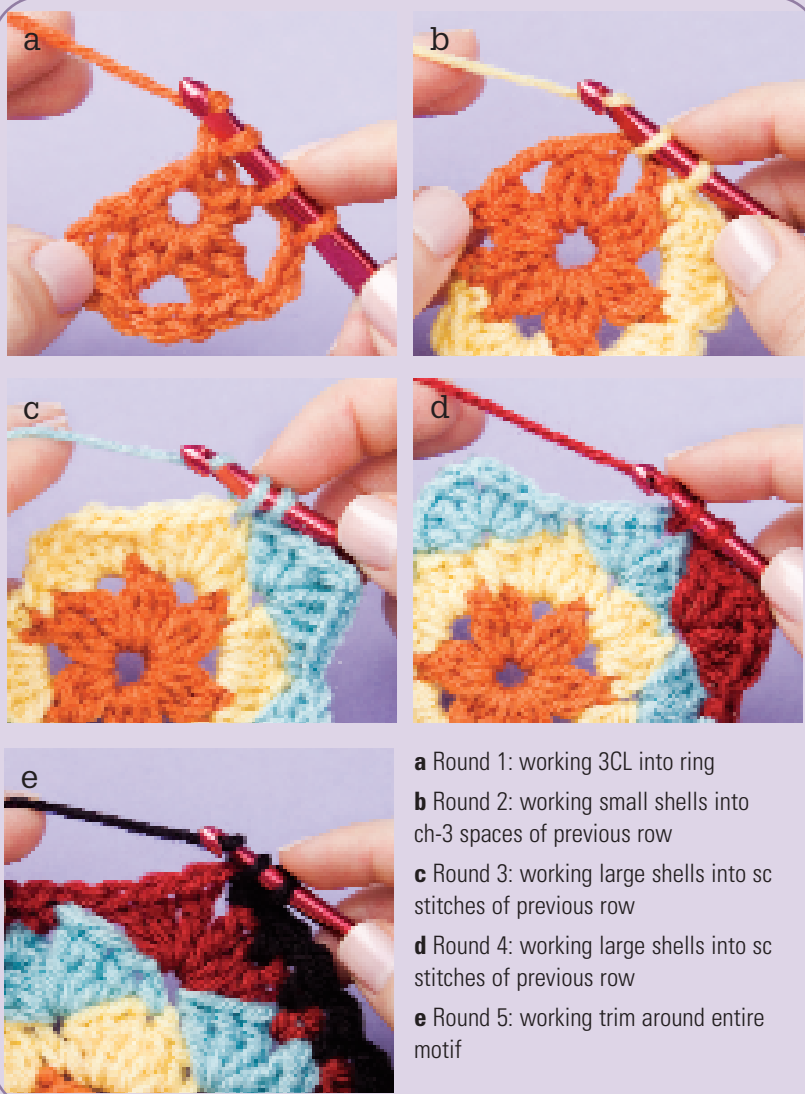
edging
Round 1 (right side) With right side facing, join MC with a sl st in bottom right corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, then continue along right side edge as follows: ** *[ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1*, sc in corner ch-2 sp before seam, then sc in corner ch-2 sp after seam**, repeat from ** to ** 7 times more, then repeat from * to * once more to top right corner ch-2 sp. Work (sc, ch 2, sc) in top right corner ch-2 sp, then continue across top edge as follows: ** *[ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in next corner ch-2 sp, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, ch 1*, sc in corner ch-2 sp before seam, then sc in corner ch-2 sp after seam, [ch 1, sc in next ch-1 sp] 5 times, sc in corner ch-2 sp before seam, then sc in corner ch-2 sp after seam**, repeat from ** to ** twice more, then repeat from * to * once more to top left corner ch-2 sp. Work (sc, ch 2, sc) in top left corner ch-2 sp, then continue along left side edge as for right side edge to bottom left corner ch-2 sp. Work (sc, ch 2, sc) in bottom left corner ch-2 sp, then continue along bottom edge as for top edge to bottom right corner ch-2 sp, join round with a sl st in first st.

Round 2 Sl st in first corner ch-2 sp, ch 1, work (sc, ch 2, sc) in same sp, continue to work as follows: *work (sc, ch 2, sc) in each ch-1 sp and ch-2 sp, to the ch-1 sp to the right of seam, sc in this ch-1 sp, then sc in ch-1 sp to the left of seam; repeat from * around, join round with a sl st in first sc. Fasten off. Weave in remaining loose ends. n

MAKING THE MOTIFS

a Round 1: working 3CL into ring
b Round 2: working small shells into ch-3 spaces of previous row
c Round 3: working large shells into sc stitches of previous row
d Round 4: working large shells into sc stitches of previous row
e Round 5: working trim around entire motif

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM

EDGING

Be creative your way! • See Resources on page 98 for helpful information and instructions.