Traditional granny squares

The traditional granny square is a great starting point when making clothes. The first six projects in the book use the traditional granny square so please refer to these instructions when working on those. The other projects in the book will introduce you to fun variations on the traditional granny square!

Note

The chain 3 made at the beginning of each round counts as a double crochet stitch in the traditional granny square and throughout the patterns in the book.





Chain 6 and join with a slip stitch to the first chain to make a ring.

Round 1: 3 ch, in the ring work 2 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc, 2 ch, sl st to third of 3-ch, fasten off (you will have $4 \times \text{groups of } 3 \text{ dc} \text{ and } 4 \times 2\text{-ch sp}$).

Round 2: using new colour, join yarn in any 2-ch corner space, in the same sp work (3 ch, 2 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc), 1 ch *in the next 2-ch sp work (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc), 1 ch**, rep from * to ** twice more, sl st to third of 3-ch, fasten off.

3. Create your granny squares

Work the traditional granny square pattern until the end of round 5 in the colourways indicated in the chart on page 39, until the number of squares needed have been worked for your size.

4. Assemble your dungarees

JOIN THE GRANNY SQUARES

Hold two granny squares with RS facing and using yarn A, join in any 2-ch sp on both squares, continuing to work in consecutive sts and sps on both squares, 1 ch, work 1 sc in the same sp, work 1 sc in every st and sp along, fasten off and weave in ends.

CONSTRUCT THE PANELS

Tummy panel

Using A and working in the same way as described above, join squares into two strips of 7(8:9:10:11:12:13:14). Join the two panels together then join the two short ends together to make a loop. (Note that photo 2 on the right only shows one strip of tummy panels, but you will have two strips joined together.)

Legs

Assemble the first strip of granny squares for each leg.

You will now have three loops. It works best to join the crotch before working the rest of the legs.

JOIN THE CROTCH

XS, M, XL, 3XL and 5XL sizes only:

Holding the two leg loops together and using yarn A, join two granny squares (one from each leg) in the same way as described above, all the way across the top edge of the granny square, fasten off and weave in ends (21 sts joined). Leave the rest of the squares unjoined. These will be joined to the tummy panel.

S, L, 2XL and 4XL sizes only:

Holding the two leg loops together, you will join half a granny square from each leg loop. Using yarn A, join in the 2-ch sp at the front of the trousers, 1 ch, work 1 sc in the same 2-ch sp, work 1 sc in each of the next 9 sts, fasten off and weave in ends (10 sts joined). Leave the rest of the squares unjoined. These will be joined to the tummy panel.

Join the legs for the tummy panel

Now attach the legs to the tummy panel. Turn both parts inside out and join them RS facing as described above. For sizes S, L, 2XL and 4XL, the half granny squares left from the join at the crotch will sit at the back of the dungarees.

ASSEMBLING THE CROTCH

It is useful to use stitch markers or pins to assemble the crotch before joining.



1. Join the two leg loops across a half or whole square (depending on the size you are making) for the crotch.



2. Join the tummy panel to the two leg loops.

MAKE THE WAISTBAND

If you would like to, you can now decrease to shape the waist. This round is optional and can be left out if you would rather not have a decrease. If possible, try the dungarees on at this stage to help you to decide!

Optional decrease round (treat each 2-ch sp and 1-ch sp as one st):

Using yarn A and with RS facing, join in any 2-ch sp at the back of tummy panel, 1 ch, work 1 sc in same 2-ch sp, sc2tog, *work 1 sc in the next st, sc2tog**, rep from * to ** all the way around, sl st to first st (98(112:126:140:154:168:182:196) sts).

If not working the decrease round (treat each of the 2-ch sp and 1-ch sp as one st):

Using yarn A and with RS facing, join in any 2-ch sp at the back of the body panel, 1 ch, work 1 sc in same 2-ch sp, work 1 sc in every st and ch sp all the way around, sl st to first st (147(168:189:210:231:252:273: 294) sts).

Round 1: continuing with yarn A, 2 ch, work 1 hdc in every st all the way around, sl st to second of 2-ch.

Rounds 2-4: rep round 1.

Drawstring panel

Round 5: 2 ch, work 1 hdc in the front loop of every st around, sl st to second of 2-ch.

Round 6: 2 ch, work 1 hdc in every st around, sl st to second of 2-ch.

Round 7: 2 ch, work 1 hdc in the front loop of every st around, sl st to second of 2-ch.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

To complete the drawstring panel

Working on the inside of the dungarees, find the back loops from round 5.

Round 1: using yarn A, join in any back loop, 2 ch, work 1 hdc in the back loop of every st around in round 5, sl st to second of 2-ch (98(112:126:140:154:168:182:196) sts if decreased, 147(168:189:210:231:252:273:294) sts if no decrease worked).

Round 2: 2 ch, work 1 hdc in every st around, sl st to second of 2-ch.

Round 3: sl st in the back loop of every st in round 7.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

MAKE THE BIB

Work the traditional granny square pattern (pages 12–13) until round 9(10:11:12:13:14:15:16) in colour order *B:C:D:E:F:G:H rep from * until round 7(8:9:10:11:12:13:14) then work the final two rounds in yarn A. For all sizes work the traditional granny square pattern (see pages 12–13) until round 9, and then for sizes M–5XL continue by working only three sides of the bib as described below.

Round 10: on RS, join yarn in any 2-ch space, in same sp make (3 ch, 2 dc), 1 ch, in every 1-ch sp along make (3 dc, 1 ch), *in 2-ch corner sp make (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc), 1 ch, in every 1-ch sp along make (3 dc, 1 ch)**, rep from * to ** once more, in final 2-ch sp make 3 dc, fasten off.

Round 11: on RS join yarn in third of 3-ch, 4 ch (counts as a st and 1-ch), make (3 dc, 1 ch) in every 1-ch sp along, *in 2-ch corner sp make (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc), 1 ch, make (3 dc, 1 ch) in every sp along**, rep from * to ** once more, make 1 dc in final stitch, fasten off.

Round 12: on RS join yarn in third of 4-ch, in 1-ch sp make (3 ch, 2 dc), 1 ch, make (3 dc, 1 ch) in every sp along, *in 2-ch corner sp make (3 dc, 2 ch, 3 dc), 1 ch, make (3 dc, 1 ch) in every 1-ch sp along**, rep from * to ** once more, make 2 dc in final 1-ch sp, make 1 dc in final st, fasten off.

Round 13: rep round 11.

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Making the bib: from round 10 onwards you will only work three sides of the square.

2. Work out your colour plan

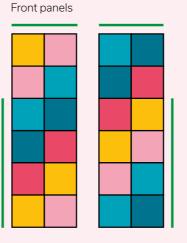
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| Colourway 2: make 20(18:18:18:18) | E | G | В | D |
| Colourway 3: make 22(20:20:20:20) | F | D | с | G |
| Colourway 4: make 20(20:20:20:20) | D | F | G | В |
| Colourway 5: make 20(18:18:18:18) | В | С | D | E |

COATIGAN LAYOUTS

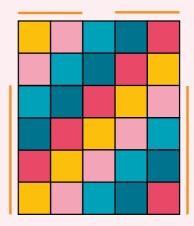


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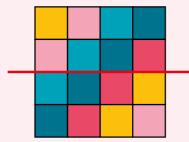
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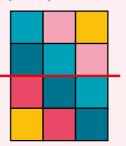
Back panel



Sleeve size S (make 2)



Sleeve other sizes (make 2)



Hood

