Giant Granny Square Blanket

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This giant granny square blanket is one classic granny square that keeps going. You start from a magic ring, work in the round, and it grows into a throw for the couch or the foot of the bed. No squares to join, no seams to sew.
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Materials

Finished size	About 40 x 40 in (estimated)
Yarn	Worsted weight (#4): about 40 yd navy blue, 160 yd terracotta, 280 yd sage green, 670 yd cream (estimated, with a 30 % margin; buy all the cream from one dye lot)
Hook	US H-8 (5 mm)
Gauge	Suggested only: after Rnd 6 (the navy center) the square measures about 7 in from side to side
Rounds	35 granny rounds in 6 color bands, then 2 sc border rounds; one piece, no seams
Time	About 24 to 32 hours, with 5 color changes and 12 ends to weave in (estimated, not timed)
Skills	ch, sl st, sc, dc, magic ring

- Yarn needle, scissors, a stitch marker for the first stitch of a round.

Stitch counts checked round by round by our simulator. This pattern has not been crocheted and swatched by a person: size, yarn and time are estimates.

Before you start

- US crochet terms. ch = chain, sl st = slip stitch, sc = single crochet, dc = double crochet, sp = space, st(s) = stitch(es), rep = repeat, Rnd = round.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn twice around two fingers, insert the hook under the strands, pull up a loop and ch 1 to lock it (this ch 1 does not count). Prefer a chain ring? Ch 4, sl st in the first ch.
- Ch 3 (counts as a dc): the 3 chains at the start of a round stand in for the first dc; you join in the top (3rd chain) of it.
- Right side facing you the whole time: you never turn. Each new color is joined in a ch-2 corner space.
- Gauge: after the navy center (Rnd 6) your square should measure about 7 in. A bigger center makes a bigger blanket and uses more yarn (estimates: your yarn and tension decide).
- About the photo: The photo shows one piece and the order of the 6 color bands; it does not show the number of rounds in each band. The 6 rounds per band (5 for the last cream band) are our choice, read from the band widths.
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Giant granny square

One square in the round, right side facing you. Colors from the center out: Rnds 1-6 navy blue, Rnds 7-12 cream, Rnds 13-18 terracotta, Rnds 19-24 cream, Rnds 25-30 sage green, Rnds 31-35 cream.

Rnd 1 With navy blue, make a magic ring. Ch 3 (counts as the first dc), 2 dc in the ring, ch 2, *3 dc in the ring, ch 2; rep from * 2 more times. Pull the tail to close the ring. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (12 dc in 4 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps). (12 dc)

Rnd 2 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (24 dc in 8 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 4 ch-1 sps). (24 dc)

Rnd 3 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: 3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (36 dc in 12 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 8 ch-1 sps). (36 dc)

Rnd 4 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 2 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 2 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (48 dc in 16 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 12 ch-1 sps). (48 dc)

Rnd 5 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 3 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (60 dc in 20 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 16 ch-1 sps). (60 dc)

Rnd 6 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 4 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (72 dc in 24 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 20 ch-1 sps). Fasten off navy blue, leaving a 6-inch tail. (72 dc)

Rnd 7 Join cream with sl st in any ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 5 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 5 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (84 dc in 28 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 24 ch-1 sps). (84 dc)

Rnd 8 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 6 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 6 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (96 dc in 32 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 28 ch-1 sps). (96 dc)

Rnd 9 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 7 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 7 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (108 dc in 36 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 32 ch-1 sps). (108 dc)

Rnd 10 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 8 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 8 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (120 dc in 40 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 36 ch-1 sps). (120 dc)

Rnd 11 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 9 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 9 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (132 dc in 44 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 40 ch-1 sps). (132 dc)

Rnd 12 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 10 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 10 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (144 dc in 48 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 44 ch-1 sps). Fasten off cream, leaving a 6-inch tail. (144 dc)

Rnd 13 Join terracotta with sl st in any ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 11 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (156 dc in 52 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 48 ch-1 sps). (156 dc)

Rnd 14 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 12 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 12 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (168 dc in 56 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 52 ch-1 sps). (168 dc)

Rnd 15 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 13 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 13 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (180 dc in 60 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 56 ch-1 sps). (180 dc)

Rnd 16 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 14 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 14 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (192 dc in 64 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 60 ch-1 sps). (192 dc)

Rnd 17 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 15 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 15 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (204 dc in 68 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 64 ch-1 sps). (204 dc)

Rnd 18 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 16 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 16 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (216 dc in 72 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 68 ch-1 sps). Fasten off terracotta, leaving a 6-inch tail. (216 dc)

Rnd 19 Join cream with sl st in any ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 17 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 17 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (228 dc in 76 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 72 ch-1 sps). (228 dc)

Rnd 20 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 18 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 18 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (240 dc in 80 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 76 ch-1 sps). (240 dc)

Rnd 21 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 19 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 19 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (252 dc in 84 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 80 ch-1 sps). (252 dc)

Rnd 22 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 20 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 20 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (264 dc in 88 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 84 ch-1 sps). (264 dc)

Rnd 23 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 21 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 21 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (276 dc in 92 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 88 ch-1 sps). (276 dc)

Rnd 24 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 22 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 22 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (288 dc in 96 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 92 ch-1 sps). Fasten off cream, leaving a 6-inch tail. (288 dc)

Rnd 25 Join sage green with sl st in any ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 23 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 23 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (300 dc in 100 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 96 ch-1 sps). (300 dc)

Rnd 26 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 24 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 24 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (312 dc in 104 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 100 ch-1 sps). (312 dc)

Rnd 27 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 25 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 25 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (324 dc in 108 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 104 ch-1 sps). (324 dc)

Rnd 28 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 26 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 26 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (336 dc in 112 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 108 ch-1 sps). (336 dc)

Rnd 29 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 27 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 27 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (348 dc in 116 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 112 ch-1 sps). (348 dc)

Rnd 30 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 28 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 28 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (360 dc in 120 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 116 ch-1 sps). Fasten off sage green, leaving a 6-inch tail. (360 dc)

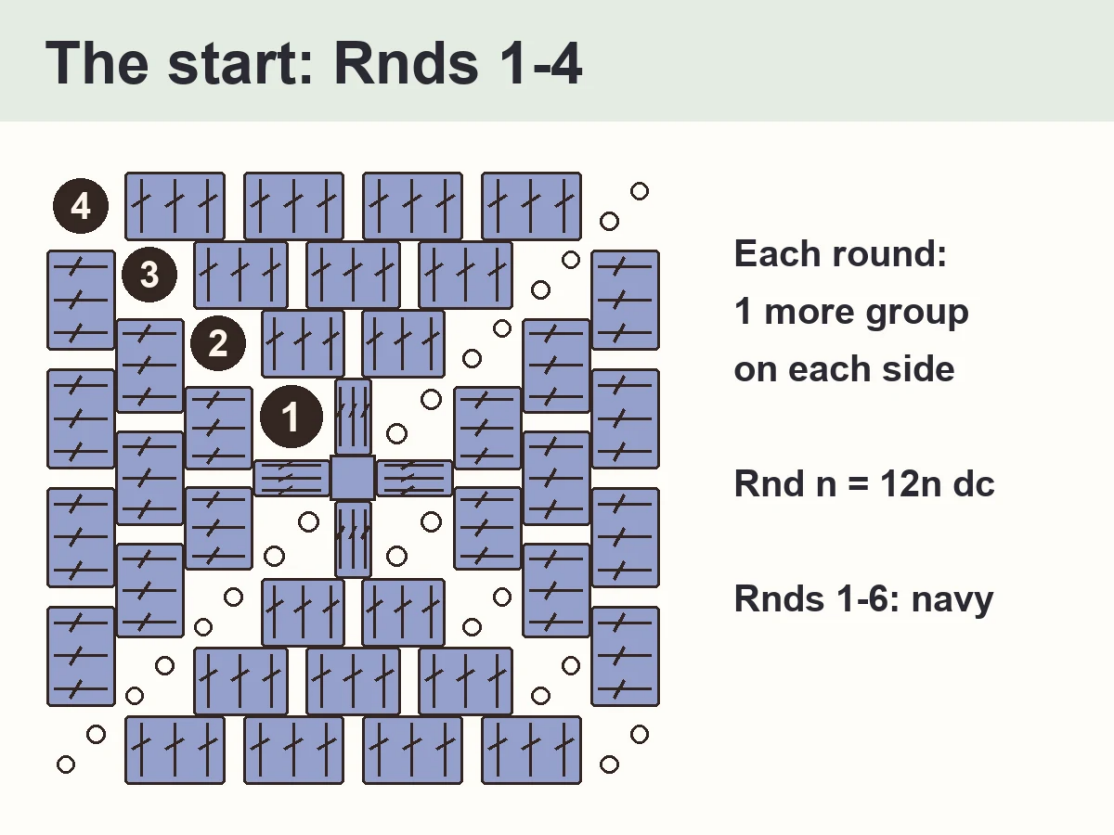
Rnd 31 Join cream with sl st in any ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 29 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 29 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (372 dc in 124 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 120 ch-1 sps). (372 dc)

Rnd 32 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 30 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 30 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (384 dc in 128 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 124 ch-1 sps). (384 dc)

Rnd 33 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 31 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 31 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (396 dc in 132 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 128 ch-1 sps). (396 dc)

Rnd 34 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 32 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 32 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (408 dc in 136 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 132 ch-1 sps). (408 dc)

Rnd 35 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1, *[3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 33 times, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Last side: [3 dc in the next ch-1 sp, ch 1] 33 times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (420 dc in 140 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 136 ch-1 sps). Do not fasten off: the border starts here. (420 dc)



Rnds 1-4 (navy on your blanket, drawn light so the stitches show): every box is a group of 3 dc, the gaps between boxes are the ch-1 side spaces and the pairs of rings are the ch-2 corner spaces; round numbers sit in the top-left corners. Every later round works the same way, with one more group on each side.

Border

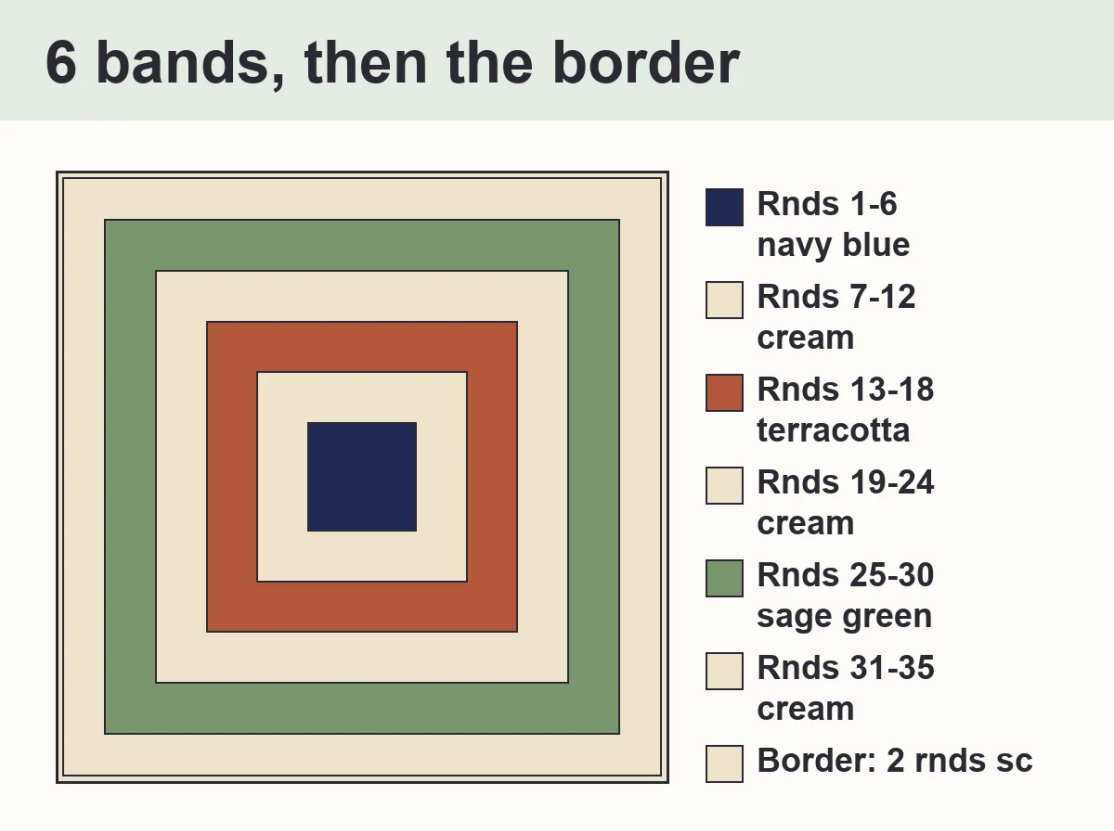
In cream, straight on from Rnd 35 (no new join): 2 rounds of sc all around.

Rnd 1 Sl st in each of the next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 corner sp. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), 3 sc in the same corner sp. *Sc in each of the next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of the next 3 dc] 34 times (139 sc), 3 sc in the next ch-2 corner sp; rep from * 2 more times. Sc in each of the next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of the next 3 dc] 34 times (the last 3 sc go into the beginning ch-3 and the 2 dc under your first sl sts). Join with sl st in the first sc (568 sc).

Rnd 2 Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc in the first sc, 3 sc in the next sc (the center sc of the corner), *sc in each of the next 141 sc, 3 sc in the next sc; rep from * 2 more times, sc in each of the next 140 sc. Join with sl st in the first sc (576 sc). Fasten off and weave in all the ends.

Color changes, checks and border

1. Change color in a corner: At the end of each band, fasten off with a 6-inch tail. Join the new color with sl st in any ch-2 corner space and start the round there (Rnds 7, 13, 19, 25, 31).
2. Check the square after each band: Lay the square flat: the sides should be straight and the corners square. Count the groups on one side: round n has n groups of 3 dc per side, 12n dc in all.
3. Work the border: Do not fasten off after Rnd 35: sl st to the next corner and work the 2 sc rounds in cream (568 sc, then 576 sc).
4. Weave in and block: Weave in the 12 ends inside their own color band, then pin the blanket flat, mist it and let it dry.



The 6 color bands and the border, drawn to scale from the pattern: Rnds 1-6 navy blue; Rnds 7-12 cream; Rnds 13-18 terracotta; Rnds 19-24 cream; Rnds 25-30 sage green; Rnds 31-35 cream; then 2 cream sc rounds.

Finishing

Weave each end through the stitches of its own color, then pin the blanket square, mist it and let it dry before you use it.

Tips

- Count every round. Each round has 12 more dc than the one before, and the pattern gives the count at the end of every round. If a round comes up short, look at the corners first.
- Change colors in a corner. All 5 color changes start in a ch-2 corner space, so every new color begins in the same kind of spot.
- Weave in ends as you go. There are 12 ends in all. Weaving them at each color change saves a pile of tails for the end.
- Buy all the cream at once. Cream is the biggest amount (about 670 yd, estimated), so get it from one dye lot.

Common mistakes

- Skipping the ch-2 in a corner. Without it, that corner pulls in and the blanket loses its square shape.
- Missing a side space or working one twice. Each side gains one 3-dc group per round, so counting groups shows a wrong side right away.
- Pulling the ch-1 side spaces too tight. Tight sides make the edges shorter than the corners, and the blanket starts to wave. Lay it flat every few rounds to check.

Variations

- Pick your own four colors. Swap them band for band and keep the same rounds per band, so the pattern and the counts stay exactly the same.
- Make it bigger. Keep adding granny rounds before the border; each round has 12 more dc than the one before. The border counts and the cream amount will change, so plan for more yarn.





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