Spring Granny Square Table Runner

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A coral and sage table runner for spring: 14 classic granny squares in 2 strips of 7, ready for Easter brunch and still pretty on the table at Mother's Day. Each square has a coral or sage green center and 3 cream rounds; the 2 colors take turns along each strip, coral at both ends, and the strips are joined so each coral faces a coral.
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Materials

Finished size	About 13 in wide and 43 in long (estimated)
Yarn	Worsted weight (#4): about 50 yd coral, 40 yd sage, 370 yd cream (estimated, with a 30 % margin; buy all the cream from one dye lot)
Hook	US H-8 (5.0 mm); a US I-9 (5.5 mm) for the seams
Gauge	Suggested only: one 5-round square = about 6 in from side to side
Squares	14: 8 coral centers, 6 sage centers
Time	About 12 to 16 hours: 14 squares, 12 short seams, 1 long seam, the border and about 84 ends to weave in (estimated, not timed)
Skills	ch, sl st, sc, dc, magic ring, joining squares with a slip-stitch seam

- Yarn needle, scissors, a few stitch markers or pins.

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, and your runner will differ a little.

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.
- Gauge: make one square first with the US H-8 hook. It should measure about 6 in. Bigger squares make a bigger runner and use more yarn (estimates: your yarn and tension decide).
- Before you seam, block all 14 squares to match your first one: pin, mist and let them dry.
- The slip-stitch seams leave a small ridge on the wrong side: lay the runner ridge side down.
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Granny square

Make 14 squares: 8 with coral centers and 6 with sage centers. Right side facing you; you never turn.

Rnd 1 With coral (8 squares) or sage green (6 squares), 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, 4 ch-2 sps)

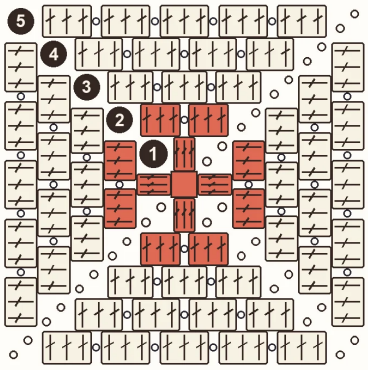
Rnd 2 Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), (2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the same sp, ch 1 (it goes over the 3 dc of Rnd 1), *(3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in the next ch-2 sp, ch 1; rep from * 2 more times. Join with sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3 (24 dc in 8 groups, 4 ch-2 corner sps, 4 ch-1 sps). Fasten off, leaving a 6-inch tail. (24 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 4 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 3 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, (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, 4 ch-2 sps, 8 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 4 Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 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, 4 ch-2 sps, 12 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 5 Sl st in each of next 2 dc and in the next ch-2 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). Fasten off, leaving a 6-inch tail. (60 dc, 4 ch-2 sps, 16 ch-1 sps)

One square: 5 rounds



Rnds 1-2: coral or sage
Rnds 3-5: cream

One square: every box is a group of 3 dc, single small rings are the ch-1 side spaces and the pairs of rings at the corners are the ch-2 corner spaces; round numbers sit in the top-left corners.

Border

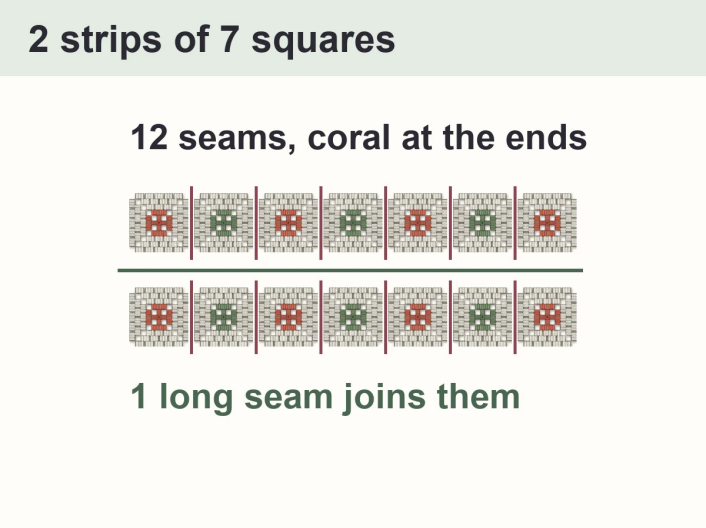
First block the squares and join them into 2 strips, then join the 2 strips (see How to join the squares below), then work the border in cream.

Rnd 1 With the right side facing you, join cream with sl st in any of the 4 outer ch-2 corner sps, so that a long side comes next as you work. Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), 3 sc in the same corner sp. Long side: *sc in each of next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc] 4 times, sc in the next corner sp, sc in the corner sp of the next square (one sc on each side of the seam); rep from * 5 more times (you are on the last square), sc in each of next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc] 4 times (145 sc along the long side, not counting the corner sc). End: 3 sc in the next corner sp, sc in each of next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc] 4 times, sc in the next corner sp, sc in the corner sp of the next square, sc in each of next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc] 4 times (40 sc along the end), 3 sc in the next corner sp. Second long side: work the long side as before (145 sc, corners not included). Last end: 3 sc in the next corner sp, sc in each of next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc] 4 times, sc in the next corner sp, sc in the corner sp of the next square, sc in each of next 3 dc, [sc in the next ch-1 sp, sc in each of next 3 dc] 4 times. Join with sl st in the first sc (382 sc). (382 sc)

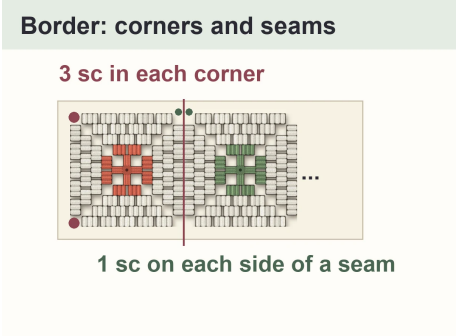
Rnd 2 Ch 1 (does not count as a stitch), sc in the first sc, 3 sc in the next sc (the center sc of the corner), sc in each of next 147 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of next 42 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of next 147 sc, 3 sc in the next sc, sc in each of next 41 sc. Join with sl st in the first sc (390 sc). Fasten off and weave in the ends. (390 sc)

How to join the squares

1. Block the squares: Pin each square to the size of your first square (about 6 in with the US H-8 hook), mist it and let it dry.
2. Join 2 strips: Lay 7 squares right side up in a row: coral, sage, coral... with coral at both ends. Hold 2 neighbor squares right sides together. With cream and the US I-9 hook, work 1 sl st through both corner sps, 1 sl st through each pair of matching stitches (15 dc and 4 ch-1 sps), through both loops of both squares, and 1 sl st through both corner sps: 21 sl st. Fasten off. Join the row (6 seams), then make a second strip the same way (12 short seams in all).
3. Join the strips: Lay the 2 strips side by side, each coral facing a coral. Hold them right sides together and work the long seam the same way, square by square: 21 sl st along each pair of squares, 147 sl st in all. Fasten off. Keep the sl st loose so the runner lies flat.
4. Border: Open the runner right side up and work the 2 Border rounds all around it with the US H-8 hook.



Join 7 squares into a strip (coral, sage, coral... coral at both ends), make 2 strips, then join the strips side by side.



Border Rnd 1: 3 sc in each outer corner, 19 sc along each square, 1 sc in the corner space on each side of a seam (382 sc in all).

Finishing

Weave the ends through the cream rounds and along the seams, then pin the runner flat, mist it and let it dry before it goes on the table.

Tips

- Work the 8 coral centers in one go, then the 6 sage ones: you change yarn less often.
- Join the cream for Rnd 3 in a corner space: the color change hides in the corner.
- Lay all 14 squares on the table before the first seam: coral at both ends, each coral facing a coral.
- Mark the center sc of each outer corner in Border Rnd 1 with a stitch marker: Rnd 2 puts its 3 sc there.

Common mistakes

- Seams worked too tight: keep the slip stitches loose or the runner puckers.
- Missing one of the 2 corner spaces at a seam in Border Rnd 1: the count comes out short.
- A coral facing a sage when you join the strips: lay them out side by side first.

Variations

- Shorter runner, about 31 in: 2 strips of 5 squares (6 coral, 4 sage). Border Rnd 1: 103 sc along each long side instead of 145 (298 sc in all, rep from * 3 more times). Border Rnd 2: sc in each of next 105 sc along each long side instead of 147 (306 sc). Yarn about 40 yd coral, 25 yd sage, 270 yd cream; about 9 to 12 hours (estimates).
- Softer pastels: swap the coral and sage for any 2 colors you like, or use one color for all the centers; the counts stay the same.





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