Granny Square Chicken



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BASIC INFORMATION

INTRO

The Granny Square Chicken is a colorful hen crocheted using two floral granny squares. It will add some rustic, farmhouse charm to your life! This versatile pattern allows for endless yarn color combinations, and can be crocheted using yarn scraps so it's quite suitable as a stashbuster project. There are many ways to customize and make use of this pattern, such as adding a keyring to turn it into a keychain, or stuffing it with a satchel of lavender to make it into a soothing scent sachet for your car, office, or room.

This pattern is great to make as a gift for your friends and family, as well as a product to sell at craft fairs as well. It's the perfect market prep pattern to work up because it's relatively quick, easy, and will surely grab attention!

The PDF pattern includes detailed written instructions, photo references, and links to the step-by-step video tutorial to guide you through the crochet process.

SIZE

Height: 3.5" Length: 4"

MATERIALS

- Medium weight 4 yarn in desired colors (I used Hobbii Friends Cotton 8/8)
- 2.75mm crochet hook
- 12mm plastic safety eyes
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Scissors

LEVEL

★★☆☆ Familiar Beginner/Intermediate. Requires familiarity with stitches used (below), attaching yarn, and changing yarn colors.

STITCHES & TECHNIQUES USED (US TERMINOLOGY)

FO = fasten off

ch = chain

sl st = slip stitch

sc = single crochet

hdc = half double crochet

dc = double crochet

tr = treble (triple) crochet

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PATTERN

First, make two (2) granny squares following the directions below. Then, continue with the 'Chicken Parts' instructions.

GRANNY SQUARE

NOTES:

- Video tutorial of this section available: https://youtu.be/wfeQl_ltoCc.
- Switch the yarn color every round.
- **Drop stitch:** Insert hook into the space between each shell from R2, YO, pull yarn through, YO, and pull yarn through both loops.

Ch 5 and join with a sl st to create a ring.

R1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), insert a dc in the ring, ch. (Dc 2, ch) \times 7 in the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. (16 dc, 8 ch)

SI st into the next dc. SI st into the ch-1 sp.

R2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc, ch, and dc 2 in the same ch-1 space. ([Dc 2, ch, dc 2] in next ch-1 space) x 7. Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. (8 petals)

SI st into the next dc. SI st into the ch-1 space.

R3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), and insert 4 dc in the same ch-1 space. (Dc 5 in next ch-1 space) x 7. Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. (8 petals)

R4: Ch (does not count as a st), and sc in each st around, but insert a **drop st** between each of the 8 petals. Join with a sl st to the first sc. (40 sc, 8 drop st sc)

Fasten off.

R5: Attach yarn to the top of a drop st made in R4. Ch (does not count as a st), and sc in the same st. Sc 2, hdc, dc 2. (Tr, ch 2, tr) in the drop st. (Dc 2, hdc, sc 5, hdc, dc 2. [Tr, ch 2, tr] in the drop st) x 3. Dc 2, hdc, sc 2. Join with a sl st to the first sc.

R6: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), and insert a dc in the same st. Dc in each st around, but insert (dc 2, ch, dc 2) in each of the corner ch-2 spaces.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.



GRANNY SQUARE PHOTO TUTORIAL



Ch 5 and join with a sl st to create a ring.

R1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), insert a dc in the ring, ch. (Dc 2, ch) x 7 in the ring. Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. (16 dc, 8 ch)



SI st into the next dc. SI st into the ch-1 sp. Switch yarn colors to begin R2.



R2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), dc, ch, and dc 2 in the same ch-1 space. ([Dc 2, ch, dc 2] in next ch-1 space) x 7. Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. (8 petals)

SI st into the next dc. SI st into the ch-1 space.



R3: Ch 3 (counts as first dc), and insert 4 dc in the same ch-1 space. (Dc 5 in next ch-1 space) x 7. Join with a sl st to the top of the beginning ch-3. (8 petals)



R4: Ch, and sc in each st around, but insert a **drop st** between each of the 8 petals. Join with a sl st to the first sc. (40 sc, 8 drop st sc)

[Drop Stitch] Insert hook into the space between each shell from R2...



[Drop Stitch] YO, pull yarn through, YO...





[Drop Stitch] Pull yarn through both loops.



R4 complete.



Fasten off at the end of R4. Then, attach yarn to the top of a drop st that was made in R4. Now, you are ready to begin **R5**.



R5: Ch (does not count as a st), and sc in the same st. Sc 2, hdc, dc 2. (Tr, ch 2, tr) in the drop st. (Dc 2, hdc, sc 5, hdc, dc 2. [Tr, ch 2, tr] in the drop st) \times 3. Dc 2, hdc, sc 2. Join with a sl st to the first sc.



R6: Ch 2 (does not count as a st), and insert a dc in the same st. Dc in each st around, but insert (dc 2, ch, dc 2) in each of the corner ch-2 spaces.

Fasten off and weave in the ends.



CHICKEN PARTS

NOTE:

- Video tutorial of this section available: https://youtu.be/DX59eXCGG3k.
- You must have two granny squares done to crochet the chicken parts.

1. JOINING THE SQUARES

First, place the wrong sides of the two squares together. Use a yarn needle and long piece of yarn to sew three sides together, leaving the fourth side open.



2. CHICKEN CROWN

Have the opening of the square facing right. Starting from the upper-left corner, count 8 sts to the right. Attach pink yarn. Ch, sc, dc 3 in the same st, sc, dc+tr in the same st, tr+dc in the same st, sc, dc 3 in the same st, sc, sl st. FO and weave in the ends.



3. CHICKEN BEAK

Attach yellow yarn one st after the crown. Ch+sc in the same st, dc+ch3+dc+sc in the same st. FO and weave in the ends.

4. FINISHING THE BODY

Attach 12mm plastic safety eyes near the corner where the crown and beak are.

Stuff the chicken with fiberfill stuffing.

Then, squeeze the opening of the body flat so that the top corner touches the bottom corner. This creates a pyramid / triangular shape. Together, those corners become the center of the chicken's butt (where the tail goes). Use yarn and a yarn needle to sew across this final edge. FO and weave in the ends.

5. CHICKEN TAIL

Attach pink yarn to a st next to the center of the bottom. The bottom is the last edge you just sewed shut. (Ch3+tr+ch3+sl st in the same st) x 3 to create three tail feathers. FO with a yarn tail and weave in the ends.