Leo Granny Square

Materials

Oddments of DK weight yarn, e.g. Stylecraft Special DK. A 4mm hook.

Pattern Information

Each square is made up of 7 colours/rounds, and measures approx. 12cm square. You can make the square smaller by stopping after round 5. You can make the square bigger by repeating round 5 as many times as you like, adding extra tr-groups around the sides as the square increases.

Abbreviations

The pattern is written using UK crochet terms as follows:

- dc: Double Crochet
- tr: Treble Crochet
- st(s): Stitch(es)
- ch: Chain
- sp(s): Space(es)
- sl st: Slip Stitch

The Pattern

Round 1, use Colour A

Chain 5; sl st in 1st ch to form a ring.
Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr into ring; ch 1;
✱ 2tr into ring; ch 1;
Repeat from ✱ 6 more times so that you have 8 lots of two-treble groups in total.
Sl st into third ch of beginning ch-3 to close round. Fasten off.

NOTE: All subsequent rounds will be worked in the spaces between stitches.
Round 2, use Colour B

Insert hook into first ch-1 sp and pull through a loop of new colour.
Ch 2 (counts as 1 dc); 1 dc in same sp; ch 1;
✱ 2 dc into next sp; ch 1;
Repeat from✱ 6 more times
Sl st into 2nd ch of beginning ch-2 to close round. Fasten off.

Round 3, use Colour C

Insert hook into first ch-1 sp and pull through a loop of new colour.
Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr into same ch sp; ch 1; 2 tr in same ch sp;
✱ Work (2 tr;ch 1;2 tr) into next ch sp;
Repeat from✱ 6 more times;
Sl st into 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 to close round. Fasten off.

Round 4, use Colour D

Insert hook into sp between tr groups just before the sl st join of previous round (the larger sp between tr groups, NOT a ch-1 sp), and pull through a loop of new colour.
Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr into same ch sp; ch 1;
✱ 2 dc in next sp; ch 1;
Repeat from✱ twice more;
✱ (2 tr; ch 2; 2 tr) in next sp; work (2 dc; ch 1) into each of the next 3 sps;
Repeat from✱ twice more;
2 tr in beginning sp; ch 2; sl st into 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 to close round. Fasten off.

Round 5, use Colour E

Insert hook into first ch-2 corner sp and pull through a loop of new colour.
Ch 3 (counts as 1 tr); 1 tr into same sp;
Work 2 tr into each of the next 4 sps along the side;
✱ (2 tr; ch 2; 2 tr) in ch-2 corner sp; work 2 tr into each of the next 4 spcs along the side;
Repeat from✱ twice more;
2 tr in beginning sp; ch 2; sl st into 3rd ch of beginning ch-3 to close round. Fasten off.

You can stop after this round if you prefer a smaller 9cm square.

Round 6, use Colour F

Insert hook into first ch-2 corner sp and pull through a loop of new colour.
Repeat round 5, working an additional group of 2 trs along each side, and turning the corners in the same way.

Round 7, use Colour G

Insert hook into first ch-2 corner sp and pull through a loop of new colour.
Repeat round 6, working an additional group of 2 trs along each side, and turning the corners in the same way.

If you are making a blanket, you can use the slip stitch “join-as-you-go” method on the final round.