



INTRODUCTION

I hope you enjoy this book of animal granny squares as much as I did writing it. I'm passionate about crochet and hope to inspire others to feel the same.

I learnt to crochet at a young age, and was taught by my mum and nan. I love the thought of a skill being passed down the generations. But, no matter how you learn, I think it is important to have a hobby, something creative you enjoy and makes you happy.

This book contains 20 animal-inspired granny squares in a contemporary colour palette, which can be joined together at the end to make a colourful blanket. The squares are simple, fun and easy to make, and are suitable for someone with a knowledge of basic crochet stitches.

I hope these animal squares leave you feeling inspired to make variations of your own, using different colourways or inventing your own animal designs. You may wish to use the squares to make something other than a blanket – perhaps you could make a cushion with them, or even a toy bag.

Whatever you decide to make, have fun!





UK ABBREVIATION	UK	US
BLO	crochet in back loop only	crochet in back loop only
ch	chain	chain
ch sp	chain space	chain space
cm	centimetre	centimetre
dc	double crochet	single crochet (sc)
dc2tog	double crochet 2 sts together (decrease)	single crochet 2 sts together
dec	decrease	decrease
dtr	double treble crochet	triple treble crochet (ttr)
FLO	crochet in front loop only	crochet in front loop only
g	gram(s)	gram(s)
htr	half treble crochet	half double crochet (hdc)
in	inch(es)	inch(es)
inc	including	including
m	metre(s)	metre(s)
mm	millimetre(s)	millimetre(s)
pc	popcorn stitch	popcorn stitch
rep	repeat	repeat
RS	right side(s)	right side(s)
skip	skip number of sts indicated	miss number of sts indicated
sl st	slip stitch	slip stitch
st(s)	stitch(es)	stitch(es)
tr	treble crochet	double crochet (dc)
tr2tog	treble crochet 2 sts together (decrease)	double crochet 2 sts together (dc2tog)
WS	wrong side(s)	wrong side(s)
yd	yard(s)	yard(s)
yrh	yarn around hook	yarn around hook
(...) or [...]	brackets indicate a group of sts to be worked in one place or a specified number of times	brackets indicate a group of sts to be worked in one place or a specified number of times
...	asterisks mark a section of instructions to be repeated	asterisks mark a section of instructions to be repeated





INSTRUCTIONS

DEER SQUARE

Using yarn A, make 4 ch.

Round 1: (first 3 ch counts as tr throughout), 11 tr in fourth ch from hook, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (12 sts).

Round 2: 3 ch, 1 tr in first st, 2 tr in each st around, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (24 sts).

Round 3: 3 ch, 2 tr in next st, (1 tr, 2 tr in next st) eleven times, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (36 sts).

Round 4: join yarn B, working in BLO, 1 ch (does not count as st), *2 dc, 2 htr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in next st, 2 htr, 2 dc, rep from * three more times, join with sl st to top of first st (48 sts).

Round 5: 3 ch, 5 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, *12 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, rep from * twice more, 6 tr, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (64 sts).

Round 6: 3 ch, 7 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, *16 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, rep from * twice more, 8 tr, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (80 sts).

Round 7: join yarn C, 2 ch (counts as htr), 9 htr, [2 htr, 2 ch, 2 htr] in corner, *20 htr, [2 htr, 2 ch, 2 htr] in corner, rep from * twice more, 10 htr, join with sl st to top of first 2 ch (96 sts).

Fasten off.

FOREHEAD

Using yarn D, make 4 ch.

Row 1: (first 3 ch counts as tr throughout), 3 tr in fourth ch from hook, turn (4 sts).

Row 2: 3 ch, 1 tr in first st, 2 tr in each st along, turn (8 sts).

Row 3: 3 ch, 2 tr in next st, (1 tr, 2 tr in next st) three times (12 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the forehead.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using yarn D, make 4 ch.

Row 1: 1 dc in second ch from hook, 1 htr, 1 dc, sl st in same st (3 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the ears.

ANTLER (MAKE 2)

Using yarn E, 2 ch, *3 ch, sl st in second ch from hook, sl st, rep from * twice more, sl st in each of first 2 ch.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the antlers.

NOSE

Using yarn E, make 2 ch.

Round 1: 4 dc in second ch from hook, join with sl st to top of first st (4 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the nose.

MAKING UP

Using the yarn tails, sew on the forehead, ears, nose and antlers (leave off antlers for the alternative colourway).

Using yarn A, embroider spots onto the forehead with small sts. Using yarn F, embroider two eyes on round 2.

Weave in all ends.

Making your deer in a different colourway, and omitting the antlers, makes a cute fawn!





TURTLE



YOU WILL NEED

Small amounts of DK (8-ply/light worsted) acrylic yarn in
bright turquoise (A), green (B), cream (C), pink (D) and black (E)





INSTRUCTIONS

UNICORN SQUARE

Using yarn A, make 4 ch.

Round 1: (first 3 ch counts as tr throughout), 11 tr in fourth ch from hook, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (12 sts).

Round 2: 3 ch, 1 tr in first st, 2 tr in each st around, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (24 sts).

Round 3: 3 ch, 2 tr in next st, (1 tr, 2 tr in next st) eleven times, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (36 sts).

Round 4: join yarn B, working in BLO, 1 ch (does not count as st), *2 dc, 2 htr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in next st, 2 htr, 2 dc, rep from * three more times, join with sl st to top of first st (48 sts).

Round 5: 3 ch, 5 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, *12 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, rep from * twice more, 6 tr, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (64 sts).

Round 6: 3 ch, 7 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, *16 tr, [2 tr, 2 ch, 2 tr] in corner, rep from * twice more, 8 tr, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (80 sts).

Round 7: join yarn C, 2 ch (counts as htr), 9 htr, [2 htr, 2 ch, 2 htr] in corner, *20 htr, [2 htr, 2 ch, 2 htr] in corner, rep from * twice more, 10 htr, join with sl st to top of first 2 ch (96 sts).

Fasten off.

EAR (MAKE 2)

Using yarn A, working in FLO, join yarn to fifteenth st on round 3 (to the left of the corner), 4 ch, 1 dc in second ch from hook, 1 htr, 1 dc, sl st in next st on round 3 (5 sts).

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail to sew the top of the ear in place. (For a more three-dimensional effect, you can leave it free if you wish.)

Rep for second ear, joining yarn to twenty-first st on round 3 (2 sts before the corner).

NOSE

Using yarn A, make 6 ch.

Round 1: (first 3 ch counts as tr), 2 tr in fourth ch from hook, 1 tr, 6 tr in last ch, working in underside of ch, 1 tr in next ch, 3 tr in same ch as first 2 tr, join with sl st to top of first 3 ch (14 sts).

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the nose.

FRINGE (MAKE 3: 1 IN D, E AND F)

Using yarn D, E or F, make 6 ch.

Row 1: 2 dc in second ch from hook, 2 dc in each st along (10 sts).

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the fringe.

MANE (MAKE 3: 1 IN D, E AND F)

Using yarn D, E or F, make 11 ch.

Row 1: 2 dc in second ch from hook, 2 dc in each st along (20 sts).

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the mane.

HORN

Using yarn G, make 6 ch.

Row 1: 1 dc in second ch from hook, 1 dc, 2 htr, 1 tr (5 sts).

Fasten off leaving a long yarn tail to sew on the horn.

MAKING UP

Optional: using the yarn tail, sew down the tops of the unicorn's ears.

Using the yarn tails, sew the horn, fringe and mane in place. Sew three quarters of each section of fringe and mane in place, leaving the ends free. Using yarn F, embroider two small sts on to nose for each nostril. Using yarn H, embroider two small V sts for eyes on round 2.

Weave in all ends.

