The Granny Rectangle

<u>Crochet Pattern</u>

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Materials	Stitch Legend
- *Hook* – 5.5 mm	Rnd – round
- *Yarn* – Medium weight 4	st(s) – stitch(es)
- *Scissors*	ch(s) – chains(s)
- Yarn needle	sl st – slip stitch
	DC – double crochet
	* - repeat

Pattern

Begin with a slip knot on your hook and ch in multiples of 3. (In this sample I chained 18.) Then chain an additional 3. (This will count as a double crochet stitch.)

Rnd – 1

- Into the 4th ch from the hook, place 2 DC (This creates the first shell along the short side of your rectangle.)
- Ch 2 and then place 3 DC (Shell stitch) into the next ch. This has created your first corner.
- Sk 2 ch, place a shell st into the next ch*
- *repeat this along your chain row until you have 1 st left
- (If you are a tight crocheter, I recommend you chain 1 in between each shell.)
- ch 2, then place 1 shell into the last st, ch 2
- continue to place 1 shell st into the bottom of the second last chain st

- continue to place one shell st into the bottom of the shells created along the top of the chain row, which is now the spine of your rectangle. In this example you will end up with 6 shells across each long side and one shell along the short sides.

- when you've placed a shell into the bottom of the last shell of the long side, ch 2 and sl st into the top of your ch 3 to join. This creates your last corner and completes your first round.

Rnd – 2

- ch 3 then go directly into the next corner space and create a corner. This means you will place 3 DC, ch 2, 3 DC into that corner space.
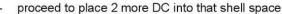
- then you will proceed to work 1 shell st into each shell space until you get to the next corner space.
- Into the corner space you will create a corner with 3 DC, ch 2 3 DC
- You will then find yourself in the next corner space since this will be the short side. Create another corner here.
- Then continue as before, placing 1 shell st into each shell space until you get to your final corner space.
- In the last corner, you will place 3 DC, ch 2, 2 DC (Remember that your ch3 at the start of this round counts as a DC.)
- Sl st to the top of the ch 3 to join your round. Round 2 is complete.

At the end of round 2, you will now have 7 shells along each long side and 2 shells along each short side. Each round you build up from here will increase by 1 shell on every side.

Rnd – 3

- slip st into the shell space right below where you joined round 2, then ch 3
- proceed to place 2 more DC into that shell space

You've created your first shell of the short side.

- into the next corner space you will create a corner. (3DC, ch 2, 3DC)

- now continue as you did in round 2 by placing a shell into each shell space and create a corner into each corner space until you create your last corner
- sl st to the top of the ch 3 to join your round.

Round 3 is complete.

Rnd – 4 and all subsequent rounds

- begin just like you did in round 3 and repeat that pattern for every round.

You can crochet as many rounds as you like, if you are creating an afghan or a shawl. You can also create a granny blanket with multiple, smaller rectangle motifs

And that's how you create a granny rectangle motif!

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