

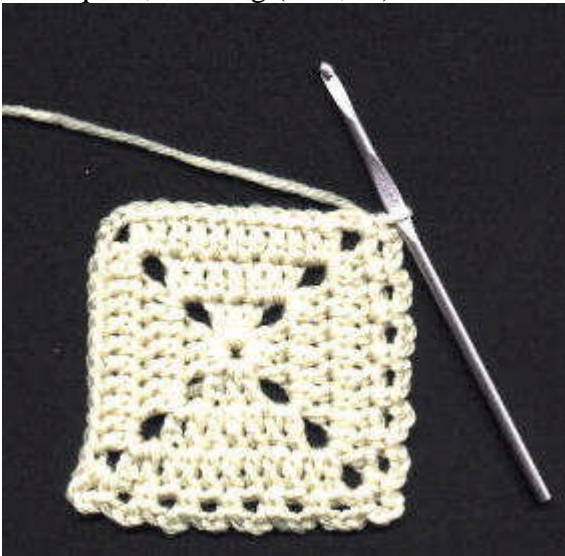
## "Flat Braid" Square Joining Method

*Directions for this simple square follow the joining illustrations*

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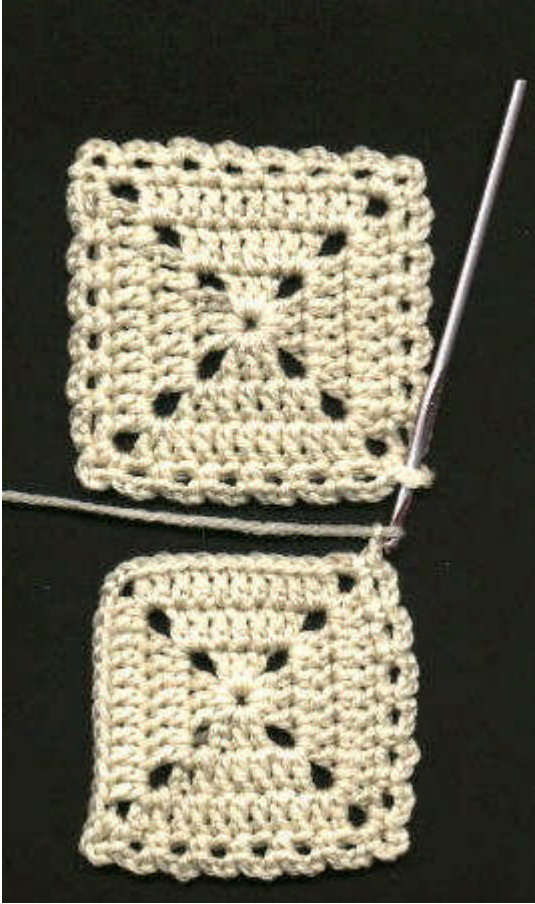
1. (Ch 3, skip next st, sc in the next st) all around first square, working (ch 3, sc) 2 times in each corner.



2. Second square - Work as for first square on two sides, stopping at one sc in a corner.



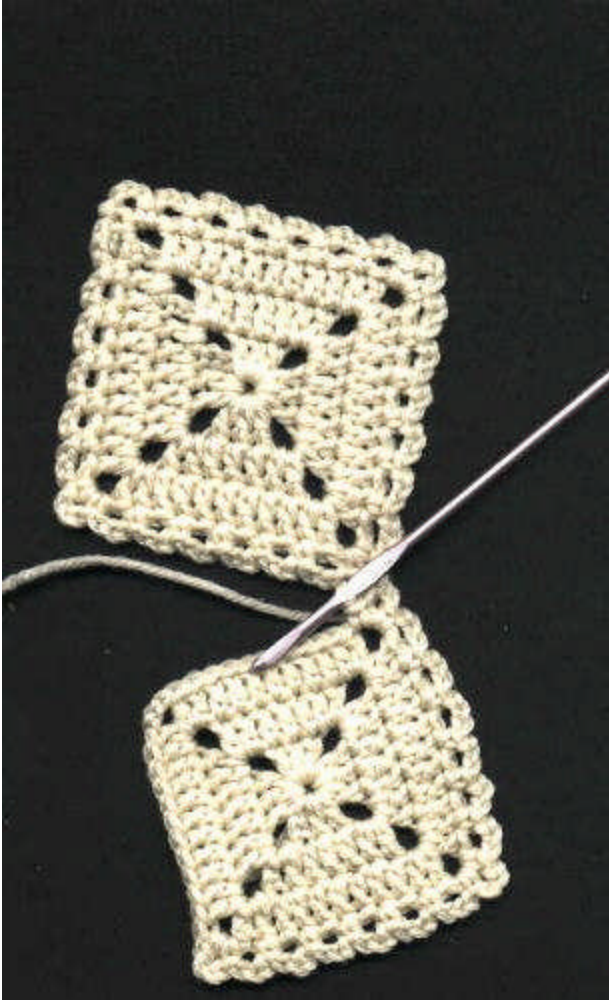
3. Ch 2, drop yarn, insert hook from top into any corner on the first square



4. Pick up dropped stitch



5. Pull st up through corner space on first square



6. Ch 1, sc in the same corner space on the second square



7. Ch 2, drop stitch, insert hook from the top into the next ch-3 space on the first square



8. Pick up dropped stitch



9. Pull stitch up through ch-3 space on the first square

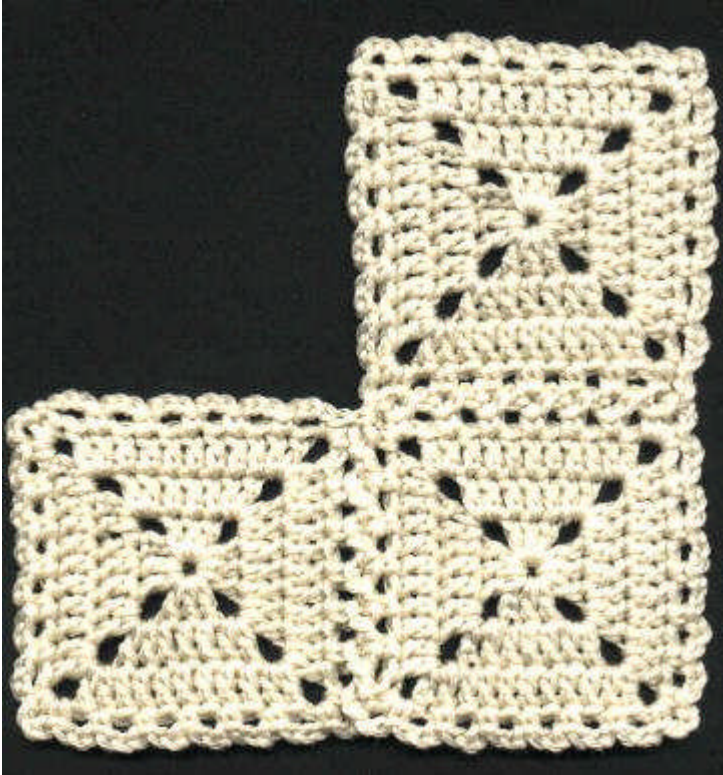




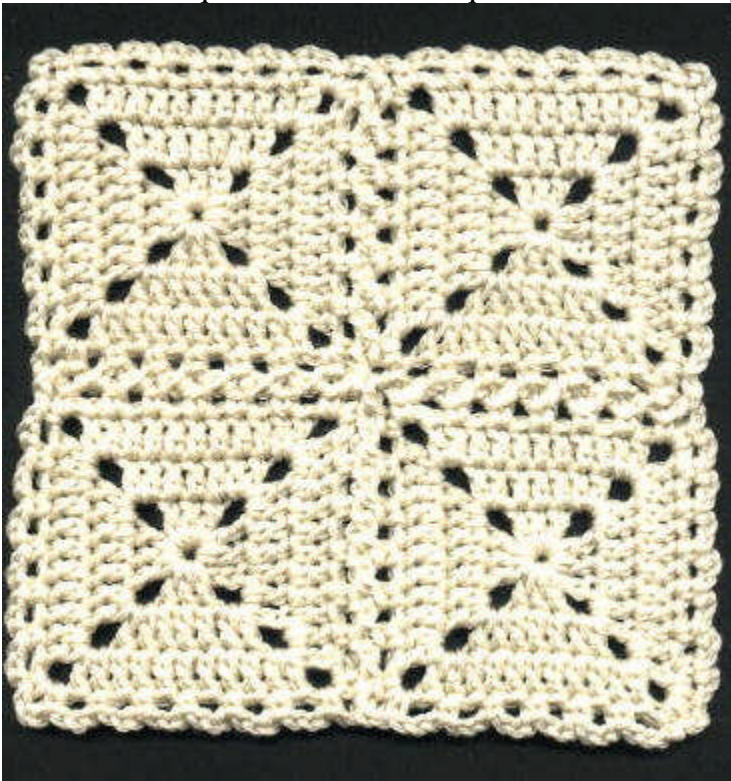
10. Ch 1, skip next st on the second square, sc in the next st on the second square



11. Repeat steps 7-10 across, then repeat steps 3-6 for corner. Continue working (ch 3, skip next st, sc in next st around last side of second square. Fasten off.



12. Join third square to the second square in the same way.



13. To join fourth square, work step 2 along one side only, then join the next side to the third square, and the following side to the first square, finishing last side as in step 11.

### Simple Square

**Ch 4; join with a sl st to the first ch to form ring**

**Round 1: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, 2 dc in the ring, (ch 3, 3 dc in the ring) 3 times, ch 1; join with a hdc to the top of the beginning ch 3 to form the last “ch-3 space”.**

**Round 2: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*dc in each of the next 3 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, dc in each of the next 3 dc, 2 dc in the same ch-3 sp as the first dc, ch 1; join with a hdc to the top of the beginning ch 3.**

**Round 3: Ch 3 to count as the first dc, dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*dc in each of the next 7 dc, (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, dc in each of the next 7 dc, 2 dc in the same ch-3 sp as the first dc, ch 1; join with a hdc to the top of the beginning ch 3.**

**Additional rounds, if desired: Work as round 3, working (2 dc, ch 3, 2 dc) in each corner and working 1 dc in each dc along the sides.**