

# Four 12" Shell Stitch Granny Square Variations



## FOUR 12" SHELL STITCH GRANNY SQUARE VARIATIONS

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*Alternating front side and back side bands add texture to these squares and make them truly reversible.*



### Materials:

- Red Heart worsted weight yarn
- Crochet hook size G (4mm) or size needed to achieve gauge

**Gauge:** Rounds 1-4 = 3 1/8" across

**Finished size:** 12" across

**To work a three-stitch dc decrease (dc dec):** Yo, insert hook in next dc and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops on hook, yo, insert hook in the next sc and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops on hook, yo, insert hook in next dc and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops on hook, yo and pull through all 4 remaining loops on hook.

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### *Variation #1*

With color A, ch 6; join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring

**Round 1:** (Front side) Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 15 more dc in the ring; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, (ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc) 3 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round; turn.

**Round 3:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the first ch-3 sp, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp) 3 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off color A. Turn. Check gauge.

**Round 5:** With front side facing you, attach color B with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp) 3 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 6:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 2 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc; join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round. Turn.

**Round 7:** With back side facing you, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the first ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 2 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next

ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 2 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 8:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 3 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 3 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off color B. Turn.

**Round 9:** With front side facing you, attach color A with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 3 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 3 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 10:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 4 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 4 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round. Turn.

**Round 11:** With back side facing you, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the first ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 4 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 4 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 12:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 5 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 5 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off color A. Turn

**Round 13:** With front side facing you, attach color B with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 5 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 5 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 14:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 6 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip

next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 6 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round. Turn.

**Round 15:** With back side facing you, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the first ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 6 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 6 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 16:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 7 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 7 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off color B. Turn.

**Round 17:** With front side facing you, attach color A with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 4 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 7 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 7 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 4 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 18:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, hdc in the same st, \*(sc in each of the next 3 dc, dc dec over the next 3 sts) 8 times, sc in each of the next 3 dc, (hdc, dc, hdc) in the next dc\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in each of the next 3 dc, dc dec over the next 3 sts) 8 times, sc in each of the next 3 dc, hdc in the same st as the first dc; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. Fasten off. Weave in ends.



### *Variation #2*

Work as for Variation #1 through round 3.

**Round 4:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc; join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round; turn. Check gauge.

**Round 5:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp) 3 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 6:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 2 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 2 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off color A. Turn.

**Round 7:** With back side facing you, attach color B with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the first ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 2 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 2 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Round 8:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 3 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip

next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 3 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc; join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round; turn.

**Round 9:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 3 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 3 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 3 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.

**Rounds 10-12:** Work the same as rounds 10-12 of Variation #1. Fasten off color B at the end of round 12.

**Round 13:** Work the same as rounds 13 of Variation #1, except attach color A at the beginning of the round.

**Rounds 14-15:** Work the same as rounds 14-15 of Variation #1.

**Round 16:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 7 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 7 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc; join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round; turn.

**Round 17:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 4 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 7 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 7 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 4 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. Do not turn.

**Round 18:** Work the same as round 18 of Variation #1.



### *Variation #3*

With color B, ch 6; join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Rounds 1-11:** Work the same as rounds 1-11 of Variation #1 with the following exceptions:

Join all even numbered rounds at the end with "ch 1, skip next dc; join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round; turn."

Begin all odd numbered rounds with "ch 3 to count as the first dc"

Do not fasten off or change colors in rounds 1-11.

**Round 12:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 5 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 5 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off color B. Turn.

**Round 13:** Work the same as rounds 13 of Variation #1, except attach color A at the beginning of the round.

**Rounds 14-15:** Work the same as rounds 14-15 of Variation #1.

**Round 16:** Ch 1, sc in the same st as joining, \*[ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the next dc] 7 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 3, skip next dc, sc in the next dc\* Repeat from \*to\* 2 times, [ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 2, skip next (dc, sc, dc), sc in the

next dc] 7 times, ch 1, skip next dc, sc in the next dc, ch 1, skip next dc; join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp of the next round; turn.

**Round 17:** Ch 3 to count as the first dc, work 4 more dc in the same ch-3 sp, \*(sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 7 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 9 dc in the next ch-3 sp\* Repeat from \* to \* 2 times, (sc in the next ch-1 sp, 5 dc in the next ch-2 sp) 7 times, sc in the next ch-1 sp, 4 dc in the first ch-3 sp; join with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3. Do not turn.

**Round 18:** Work the same as round 18 of Variation #1.



#### *Variation #4*

With color B, ch 6; join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Rounds 1-17:** Work the same as rounds 1-17 of Variation #1 with the following exceptions:

Join all even numbered rounds at the end with "ch 3, skip next dc; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off. Turn."

Begin all odd numbered rounds with "Attach new color with a sl st in any ch-3 sp, ch 3 to count as the first dc."

**Round 18:** Work the same as round 18 of Variation #1.

