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GIGI'S BLOCK PARTY | INTERMEDIATE

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Inspiration, Materials and Sizing

This is a blend of the modern granny blanket with the Hugs and Kisses concept in one.

Bernat® POP!™ 140g / 5oz,
256 m / 280 yds
- Blue Streak - 9 Balls

Hook: 5 mm / H/8

Blanket is 56" square.

ABBREVIATIONS

Beg - Beginning
Ch - Chain
Dc - Double crochet
Pc - Pocom
Rep - Repeat
Rnd - Round
Sc - Single crochet
Sk - Skip
Sl st - Slip stitch

Special Stitches

X-St - Skip next stitch and place dc; dc into skipped stitch.

Popcorn - Work 4 dc into the next st, drop the loop from the hook, insert your hook from front to back under the top 2 loops of the first double crochet of the group, grab the dropped loop and pull it through the stitch; Ch 1 to close.

Note:

Stitch counts per side. See diagram on page 2.

GAUGE: 14 sc and 15 rows = 4" [10 cm]

Sp - Space
St(s) - Stitch(es)

Instructions

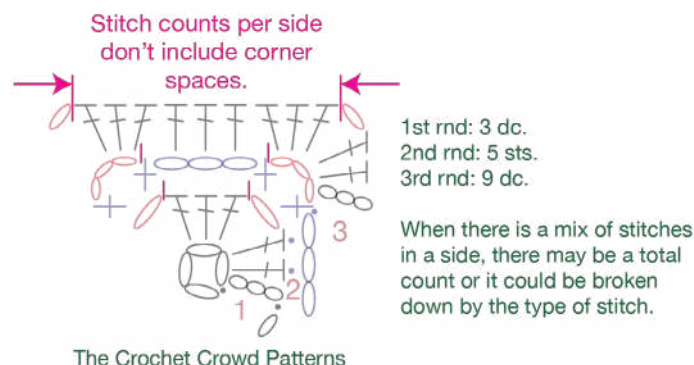
Let's start with a modern granny.

Ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring.

1st rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 1 [3 dc in ring, ch 1] 3 times; join with sl st to top of beg ch. 3 dc.

2nd rnd: Sl st in next 2 dc, [(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp (corner made), ch 3] 4 times; join with sl st in first sc. 1 ch-3 sp, 2 sc.

3rd rnd: (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in first corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in



next ch-3 sp, [(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp] 3 times; join with sl st to top of beg ch. 9 dc.

4th rnd: Sl st in next 2 dc, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next sp between corner and next 3-dc group, ch 3, sc in next sp between next 3-dc group and corner, ch 3; rep from * 3 more times; join with sl st in first sc. 3 ch-3 sps, 4 sc.

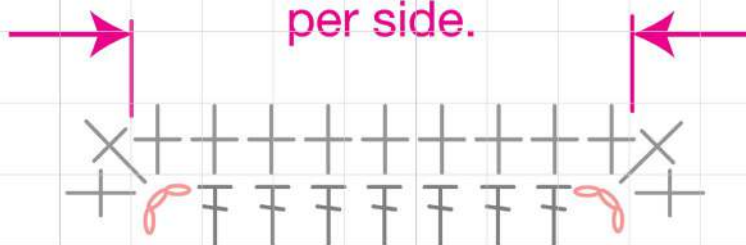
5th rnd: (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in first corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next 3 ch-3 sps, *(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next 3 ch-3 sps; rep from * 2 more times; join with sl st to top of beg ch. 12 dc.

Transition into Hugs & Kisses Section

6th rnd: Sl st in next 2 dc, (sl st, ch 1, 2 sc) in first corner sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, *3 sc in ch-1 sp, sc in each st to ch-1 sp; rep from * 2 more times, sc in same sp as beg 2 sc, sl st to beg sc. 17 sc. - see note below.

*This is when I like to place a stitch marker in the **middle sc stitch** of each corner from here out to keep track of the center stitch. See diagram.*

If corners are full without spaces, the center stitch doesn't count per side.



7th rnd: Ch 3, 2 dc in same st as join, dc in each st to marked corner, *5 dc in corner st, dc in each st to marked corner; rep from * twice more, 2 dc in same st as beg ch 3, sl st to beg ch 3. 21 dc.

8th rnd: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to marked corner, *3 sc in corner st, sc in each st to marked corner; rep from * twice more, sc in same st as beg st, sl st to beg st. 23 sc.

9th rnd: Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), 2 dc in same st as join, dc in next st, [*sk next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st (X-st), rep from * to marked corner st], **5 dc in corner, dc in next st, X-st to next marked corner; rep from ** twice more, 2 dc in same st as beg 3 dc, sl st to beg dc. 11 x-st, 5 dc. 27 dc total.

10th rnd: Rep rnd 8. 29 sc.

11th rnd: Ch 2 (counts as hdc now and throughout), hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, *pc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; rep from * to marked corner st, **[3 hdc in marked corner st, hdc in next 2 sts, *pc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; rep from * to marked corner st]; rep from ** twice more, 1 hdc in same st as beg, sl st to ch 2. 9 pc

and 22 hdc. 31 sts total.

12th rnd: Rep rnd 8. 33 sc.

13th rnd: Rep rnd 9. 16 x-sts and 5 dc. 37 sts total. **X-sts increased by 5.**

14th rnd: Rep rnd 8. 39 sc.

15th rnd: Ch 3, 2 dc in same st, dc in each st to marked corner, *5 dc in corner st, dc in each st to next marked corner; rep from * twice more, 2 dc in same st as beg ch 3, sl st to beg ch 3. 43 dc.

16th rnd: Rep rnd 8. 45 sc.

Transition back to Modern Granny Section

TIP: In the next rnd, the first ch-3 sp skip over 3 sc but the remaining ch-3 skips over 2 sc per side. This provides balance to be able to transition back to the modern granny.

17th rnd: Ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in same st, ch 3, **sk 3 sc**, *sc in next st, ch 3, **sk 2 sc**; rep from * to marked corner, ******(sc, ch 3, sc) in corner st, ch 3, **sk 3 sc**, (sc in next st, ch 3, **sk 2 sc**) to corner; rep from ****** twice more, sl st to beg sc. 16 sc, 15 ch-3 sps. Spans over 47 sts per side.

17th rnd stitch counts includes the corner stitches in the round below. Corners include same stitch to set up for the modern granny section.



Reduced Sample

18th rnd: (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in first corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in each ch-3 sp to corner, *(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in each ch-3 sp to corner; rep from * twice more, sl st to beg ch. 51 dc.

19th rnd: Sl st in next 2 dc, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next space between corner and next 3-dc group, ch 3, sc in next space between each 3-dc group to corner, ch 3; repeat from * 3 more times; join with sl st in first sc. 18 sc, 17 ch-3 sps. 53 sts total.

20th rnd: Rep rnd 18. 57 dc.

21st rnd: Rep rnd 19. 20 sc. 19 ch-3 sps. 59 sts total.

22nd rnd: Rep rnd 18. 63 dc.

23rd rnd: Rep rnd 6. 65 sc.

24th rnd: Rep rnd 7. 69 dc.

25th rnd: Rep rnd 8. 71 sc.

26th rnd: Rep rnd 9. 35 x-st, 5 dc. 75 sts total.

27th rnd: Rep rnd 8. 77 sc.

28th rnd: Rep rnd 11. 25 pc, 54 hdc. 79 sts total. **Popcorns increase 16.**

29th rnd: Rep rnd 8. 81 sc.

30th rnd: Rep rnd 9. 40 x-st, 5 dc. 85 sts total.

31st rnd: Rep rnd 8. 87 sc. 352 sc

32nd rnd: Rep rnd 15. 91 dc.

33rd rnd: Rep rnd 8. 93 sc.

34th to 50th rnds: Rep rnds 17 to 33.

51st to 66th rnds: Rep rnds 17 to 32.

Stitch counts in the repeat are provided below.

- **34th rnd:** 17 sc, 30 ch-3 sps. Spans over 93 sts per side.
- **35th rnd:** 97 dc.
- **36th rnd:** 33 sc, 32 ch-3 sps. 99 sts total.
- **37th rnd:** 103 dc.
- **38th rnd:** 36 sc. 35 ch-3 sps. 105 sts total.
- **39nd rnd:** 109 dc.
- **40rd rnd:** 111 sc.

- **41st rnd:** 115 dc.
- **42nd rnd:** 117 sc.
- **43rd rnd:** 58 x-st, 5 dc. 121 sts total.
- **44th rnd:** 123 sc.
- **45th rnd:** 41 pc, 84 hdc. 125 sts total. **Popcorns increase 16.**
- **46th rnd:** 127 sc.
- **47th rnd:** 63 x-st, 5 dc. 131 sts total.
- **48th rnd:** 133 sc.
- **49th rnd:** 137 dc.
- **50th rnd:** 139 sc.

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- **34th rnd:** 46 sc, 45 ch-3 sps. Spans over 139 sts per side.
 - **35th rnd:** 141 dc.
 - **36th rnd:** 48 sc, 47 ch-3 sps. 143 sts total.
 - **37th rnd:** 147 dc.
 - **38th rnd:** 50 sc. 49 ch-3 sps. 149 sts total.
 - **39nd rnd:** 153 dc.
 - **40rd rnd:** 155 sc.
 - **41st rnd:** 159 dc.
 - **42nd rnd:** 161 sc.
 - **43rd rnd:** 80 x-st, 5 dc. 165 sts total.
 - **44th rnd:** 167 sc.
 - **45th rnd:** 57 pc, 112 hdc. 169 sts total. **Popcorns increase 16.**
 - **46th rnd:** 171 sc.
 - **47th rnd:** 65 x-st, 5 dc. 175 sts total.
 - **48th rnd:** 177 sc.
 - **49th rnd:** 181 dc.
 - **50th rnd:** 183 sc.

Border: Ch 1, 2 sc first st, sc in next st, [sk next st, sc in next st, sc in skipped st] to marked corner, *3 sc in corner st, sc in next st, [sk next st, sc in next st, sc in skipped st] to marked corner; rep from * 2 more times, sc in sam st as beg 2 sc, sl st to beg sc. Fasten off.

