Joining granny squares and border recipe

NOTE this is not a typical pattern written step by step, stitch by stitch

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Video tutorial – http://youtu.be/79O7UoCQXLo

US terms

INTERMEDIATE

This pattern will have screen shots from the video tutorial

This method will work with granny squares with (3 dc, ch 2 or ch 3, 3dc) for the corner and 3dc in each space on the straight side

Note:

- Use the same size crochet hook that you used to make the granny squares
- The square that already has a border will be referred to as the **top square**
- The one that hasn't got a border is referred to as **bottom square**
- You slip stitch into the top square and crochet the edging as you go into the bottom square

First join – row 1

1st granny – (top square)

With joining colour work another round on your granny square – this will be exactly the same way you did your grannies – image 1

Image 1

Joining 2nd granny (bottom square)

Crochet along 1 side of your square when you get to your next corner only do 3dc ch 1 - image 2 and 3

Image 2

(Only do 3 dc, ch 1 into corner, arrow is pointing to corner) see image 3

Image 3

Slip stitch into any corner ch space of the top square – see image 4 (the square that already has a border) make sure your slip stitch is snug (if its loose it will look funny on the back of the work) ch 1,

Image 4

3 dc into the corner space of bottom square (this square will not have a border on it) see image 5

Image 5

Slip stitch into the next available space on the top square – see image 6

Make sure your slip stitch is snug (if its loose it will look funny on the back of the work)

Image 6

3 dc into the next available space on the bottom square – see image 8

Image 8

- Slip stitch into the next available space on the top square
- 3 dc into the next available space on bottom square
- Repeat the last 2 steps along the side of the square

Corner

3 dc into corner ch space on your bottom square, ch 1, slip stitch in to the corner space of the top square (see image 9) ch 1, 3 dc into the corner space of bottom square – image 10

Image 9

Image 10

Continue crocheting around your granny square, there is no more joining on this round, finish off and sew in ends

Image 11

Join 2

- Put your first edge on a granny square (like you did with the 2nd square)
- Follow the directions for **Joining 2nd granny (bottom square)**
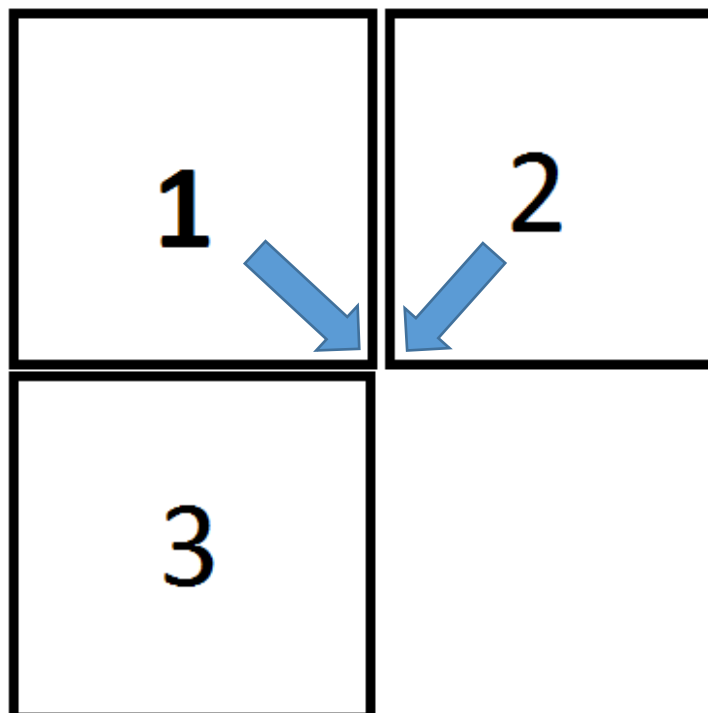
  Join as many squares as you need in a strip

Row 2

- Complete first side of granny (like you did with the 2nd square)
  Slip stitch into the ch corner space of the 2nd and 3rd square (see image 12 and 13 (blue arrows are pointing to corner spaces that you need to slip stitch into))
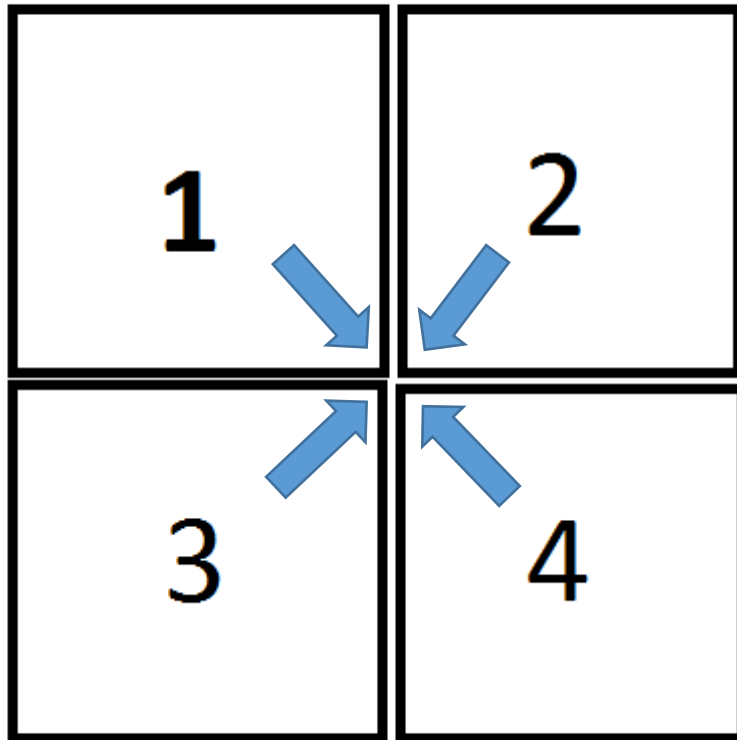
Image 12

Image 13

- 3 dc into corner of the bottom square (the one you are joining)
- Join the remaining side like you did the other squares

Joining remaining squares

The sides of the squares are joined the same, if you come to joining a corner, slip stitch to any squares that meet

Eg – if you are joining squares

Border

Join yarn into any corner

Row 1

- (Ch 3, 2 dc, ch2, 3dc) into same corner space, 3 dc into next space, when you come to where the corners of your corner grannies are joined (blue arrows below are pointing to corners of joined grannies) put 3 dc into each space (red arrow shows join) 3 dc's into each space across
- (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into corner space, 3 dc's into each space across
  Repeat around

Row 2

- (Ch 3, 2 dc, ch2, 3dc) into same corner space, 3 dc into each space across
- (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) into corner space, 3 dc's into each space across
  Repeat around

Repeat for as many rows as you want on your border – I suggest doing at least 2-3 for the edging to even out ☺

Thank you for choosing my pattern

Happy Crochet

Clare xx