




Broomstick Rodeo Granny Square

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 5 1/2 inches round (14 cm)

MATERIALS

- Caron Simply Soft 100% acrylic yarn (6 oz/170 g/315 yds/288 m)  1/2 ounce (14 gr) in color(s) of choice, shown is Strawberry #0015
- H-8/5.00mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge and #35 Knitting Needle
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle

GAUGE

Approximately 5 1/2 inches round (14 cm)

ABBREVIATIONS

beg:beginning, **ch:**chain, **dc:**double crochet, **lp(s):**loop(s), **rep:**repeat, **RS:**right side, **Rnd:**round, **sc:**single crochet, **slip st:**slip stitch, **sp(s):**space(s), **st(s):**stitch(es), **WS:**wrong side, **yo:**yarn over

SPECIAL STITCH

Popcorn (pop): 5 dc in stitch indicated, drop loop from crochet hook, insert hook in first dc made, draw dropped loop through and ch 1.

BROOMSTICK LACE INSTRUCTION

STEP 1: Row 1 or Rnd 1 process of "Looping Up" onto knitting needle. Holding the needle under your arm or between knees which ever is more comfortable for you, extend the loop already on the crochet hook to the needle (this is loop 1), *insert hook in next stitch, yarn over, draw up another loop onto needle, rep from * until as many loops are on the needle as called for in pattern. Count loops when completed, do not turn.

STEP 2: Row 2 or Rnd 2 process of "Grouping Loops" together. Gently slide all loops off needle. *Insert hook into the number of loops called for in pattern, yarn over, draw loop through the center of the loop-grouping and ch on hook, work stitches called for in the pattern into the loop-group, rep from * until all loops have been gathered. The number of stitches completed in STEP 2 should equal the number of loops completed on Row or Rnd 1.

BROOMSTICK RODEO GRANNY SQUARE INSTRUCTION

Sliding loop: Wrap yarn into a circle (leaving a 4 inch tail), insert crochet hook into center of circle, yarn over and pull up a loop and continue with stitches.

Begin with sliding loop.

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 1, 16 sc in ring, slip st to first sc. *(16 sc)*

Rnd 2: Ch 1, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc) 4 times around, slip st to first sc. *(20 sc)*

Rnd 3: Ch 1, (2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc) 10 times around, slip st to first sc. *(30 sc)*

BROOMSTICK STEP 1-Looping Up (see Broomstick Lace Instruction for more information)

Rnd 4: Insert #35 knitting needle into center of ring, (insert hook into next sc, yo, draw up lp onto knitting needle) 30 times. *The last few loops will be tight. Carefully slip all loops off needle and work last 1 or 2 off the needle. (30 lps)*

BROOMSTICK STEP 2-Gathering Loops (see Broomstick Lace Instruction for more information)

Rnd 5: (Insert hook into 5 lps, yo, join with sc, sc 4 times more in 5 lp-group, ch 3) 6 times around, slip st to first sc. *(6 5-lp groups).*

Rnd 6 (WS): Ch 1, turn, (5 sc in ch-3 sp, sc in next 5 sc) 6 times around, slip st to first sc. *(60 sc)*

Rnd 7: Ch 3 (counts as dc), dc in next 6 sc, (**pop** (see Special Stitch) in next sc, ch 1, dc in next 9 sc) 5 times, pop in next sc, dc in last 2 sc, slip st to first dc. *(6 pops, 36 dc)*

BORDER INSTRUCTION

Rnd 8: Ch 4, *skip 1 dc, sc in next dc, ch 3, rep from * around, slip st in first ch of beg ch-4. Fasten off.

FINISHING INSTRUCTION

Tighten up sliding loop and weave in ends with tapestry needle.

Block if desired. Taking time to block your finished piece will enhance the project by opening up the stitch pattern, evening out lacework and creating straight, even edges, especially as your tension naturally loosens and tightens as you crochet.