FREE PATTERN

Waratah Granny Square

A complete free crochet pattern from AlandTina



From Aussie Granny Squares Vol 1

One of 12 Aussie native flower granny square crochet patterns

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Materials

DK / light-worsted (8-ply) yarn in the colours given per pattern — the whole set uses roughly 400 g across golden yellow, waratah red, banksia gold, blossom pink, grevillea pink, orange, bluebell blue, leaf, sage and deep greens, white, cream, pale green and red; 4.0 mm (US G-6) crochet hook; tapestry (yarn) needle; stitch markers; scissors; blocking board or a clean towel and pins (optional but recommended).

Gauge

One finished square = about 12 cm (4.75 in) across after the edging round and light blocking, in DK yarn with a 4.0 mm (US G-6) hook. The motif before squaring measures about 9.5 cm across. If your square comes out smaller, go up a hook size — the stitch counts stay exactly the same, and it is the counts that make the squares join evenly.

Abbreviations (US terms)

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
inc	increase — 2 sc in one st
dec	decrease — sc2tog
MR	magic ring
st(s)	stitch(es)
rnd	round
rep	repeat
*** ***	repeat instructions between asterisks

Getting started

Every square in this book is finished the SAME way, and that is the secret to a blanket that joins without waves or gaps. Each motif is built to a 48-stitch round; then the shared SQUARING round works a corner every 12 stitches (60 dc plus 4 ch-2 corner spaces), and the EDGING round single-crochets the whole square to 72 stitches — exactly 18 stitches per side. JOINING — whipstitch: hold two squares wrong sides together and whipstitch through the back loops of both edging rounds, one stitch into each of the 18 stitches per side, easing the 3-stitch corners together. JOINING —

join-as-you-go: work the new square's squaring round in full, then on its edging round, along each side that touches a finished square, replace every second sc with a sl st into the matching edging stitch of the finished square — 18 joins per side, corners joined with a sl st into the centre corner stitch. LAYOUTS: the 12 squares of this volume join 4 wide by 3 deep into a cot or pram blanket about 48 x 36 cm; add Vol 2 for 24 squares at 6 x 4 (about 72 x 48 cm, a knee throw); 30 squares at 5 x 6 make a lounge throw about 60 x 72 cm. BORDER: with squares joined, join cream at a corner, ch 3, work 1 dc in each edging stitch around the whole blanket, working (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each corner stitch, join with a sl st to the top of the ch-3 and fasten off — one calm round is all these busy, beautiful Aussie flower squares need.



Pattern 2

Waratah Square

Bold layered red petals on a cream ground

Type	Granny square motif
Size	About 12 cm (4.75 in) square, blocked
You will make	Petal flower (to 36 sts), 2 background rounds, 2 leaves.
Yarn	Waratah red DK (flower); cream DK (background and squaring); deep green DK (leaves).
Level	Confident beginner

The waratah is the show-off of the Australian bush — a big bold red head of layered petals. Six shell petals over a red centre, ringed in cream, make a square with real presence in any blanket.

WARATAH FLOWER — centre and petals (waratah red)

Rnd 1: 6 sc in magic ring, join with sl st to first sc **(6 sts)**

Rnd 2: inc in each st around **(12 sts)**

Rnd 3: *sc, inc* rep 6 times **(18 sts)**

Rnd 4: join waratah red, *5 dc in next st, skip 1 st, sl st in next st* rep 6 times **(36 sts)**

BACKGROUND ROUNDS (cream)

Rnd 5: *5 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(42 sts)**

Rnd 6: *6 sc, inc* rep 6 times **(48 sts)**

LEAVES — make 2 (deep green, worked flat)

Ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn (8 sts)

Row 2: dec, sc in next 4 sts, dec, turn **(6 sts)**

Row 3: dec, sc in next 2 sts, dec, turn **(4 sts)**

Row 4: dec twice, turn **(2 sts)**

Row 5: dec, turn **(1 st)**

Fasten off, leaving a 20 cm tail for sewing (1 st)

SQUARING & EDGING — the shared finishing rounds (worked on every square in this book)

Squaring round: join cream if it is not already in use, ch 3 (counts as dc), *(2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, dc in next 11 sts* rep 4 times, join with sl st to top of ch-3 — corners sit every 12 sts **(60 sts)**

Edging round: ch 1, sc in each dc around, working 3 sc in each ch-2 corner space, join with sl st to first sc **(72 sts)**

Fasten off and weave in ends. Block the square flat to 12 cm (4.75 in) (72 sts)

Assembly

1. Tuck the 2 leaves behind the flower head at its base and sew them to the background rounds, pinching each shell petal tip slightly as you finish so the petals curl like a real waratah.
2. Work the shared SQUARING & EDGING rounds on the 48-stitch edge to finish the square at 72 stitches (18 per side), then block it flat to 12 cm — every square in this book finishes exactly this way, so the set joins evenly.

Maker's tip

A waratah square makes a strong blanket centre — surround it with the plainer squares of this volume.

One down, 11 to go!

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Aussie Granny Squares Vol 1

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