



MITRED GRANNY SQUARE OPTICAL ILLUSION BLANKET

“So happy to share an updated version of my popular pattern for the Mitred Granny Square (or Optical Illusion Square as some of my subscribers have described it). I first published this pattern on my blog in February 2013 after coming up with the design for this square while planning a blanket for my teenage son. I wanted the blanket to have the feel of a granny square blanket but the look needed to have a more modern take on the traditional look to suit him. The square pattern I envisaged using also needed to be easy for crocheting while watching television. With a bit of fiddling about and some experimenting my Mitred Granny Square evolved. I'm really pleased with the shading or optical illusion this square gives to the completed blanket. So if you have an empty hook and some yarn looking for a project then this could be the one for you.”



Please note: At the time typing up this pattern I had already completed the blanket months before and using oddments of yarn from my stash. I have calculated the amounts required as best I can.”

To make a single-bed sized blanket (160cm x 128cm/approximately 80 squares) in one colour (ie blue with accompanying shades of blue) you will need:

3.5mm hook

Stylecraft Special Double Knit 100g yarn in your choice of colours:

- Colour A (white) - 1 ball
- Colour B (light) - 2 balls
- Colour C (medium) - 3 balls
- Colour D (dark) - 3 balls
- Colour E (darkest) - 4 balls
- Colour F (black) - 4/5 balls



If you wish to make the blanket using several different colours like my blanket (ie blue, pink, green and yellow) you will need the same number of balls for Colours A and F, however you will only need a ball or two for each of the associated shades of a colour (B-E) and not the same amount as listed above.

Aran or Chunky yarn will work just as well to make bigger squares, but you will need to adjust your hook size and number of balls of yarn accordingly.

My completed square measures 16cm. Yours may differ slightly in size due to your personal working tension which may also affect the number of squares you need overall.

UK Crochet Terms used in this pattern:

Ch = Chain SS = Slip Stitch
Tr = Treble DC = Double Crochet

To make:

Round 1: Using first colour of yarn Ch5, join with SS to form ring.

Round 2: Ch3 (this acts as first Tr), Tr11, SS into space between first and second Tr's to join.

Round 3: Ch3 (this acts as first Tr) Tr2 Ch2 Tr3 into same space, *Ch2, skip 3 Tr's Tr3 Ch2 Tr3 into space*, repeat *to* twice more. Ch2, SS into space between first and second Tr to join. Tie off yarn.

Row 4: Join next colour of yarn into the corner space. Ch3 (this acts as Tr) Tr2 into same space. Ch2, Tr3 into centre space, Ch2, Tr3 ch2 Tr3 into corner space, Ch2, Tr3 into centre space, Ch2, Tr3 into corner space.

Row 5: Ch4, turn piece over so you are working back along the row just created, Tr3 into space, Ch2, Tr3 into space, Ch2, Tr3 Ch2 Tr3 into corner space, Ch2, Tr3 into space, Ch2, Tr3 into space, Ch4, join with DC into top of last Tr (previous round). Tie off yarn. Turn piece so that the right side is forward facing once more.

Row 6: Join next colour of yarn into the first space (this space was created by the Ch4 at the end of row 5). Ch3 (this acts as Tr) Tr2 into same space. *Ch2, Tr3 into next space* repeat *to* once more into the following space, Ch2, Tr3 ch2 Tr3 into corner space, *Ch2, Tr3 into next space* repeat *to* once more into the following space, Ch2, Tr3 into corner space.

Row 7: Ch4, turn piece over so you are working back along the row just created, Tr3 into the first space, *Ch2, Tr3 into next space* and repeat *to* once more, Ch2, Tr3 Ch2 Tr3 into corner space, *Ch2, Tr3 into space* and repeat *to* twice more, Ch4, join with DC into top of last Tr. Tie off yarn. Turn piece so that the right side is forward facing once more.

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Rows 8 to 11: Repeat in the style of rows 6 and 7. I have used four colours in addition to the white centre (Colour A) and black (Colour F) for the final round.

Round 12: Join yarn into the corner space, Ch3 (this acts as first Tr) Tr2 Ch2 Tr3 into same space, *Ch2 Tr3 into space and repeat four times more, Ch2, Tr3 Ch2 T3 into corner space*, repeat *to* twice more, Ch2 Tr3 into space and repeat four times more, Ch2 and SS into space between first and second Tr to join. Tie off yarn.

I have a follow-along video tutorial available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/@ThistleheartCreations>

To assemble the blanket:

Make the first square inclusive of Round 12. Make further squares for the preferred width of your blanket but these must *not* include Round 12. You will now join the second square to the first one using the join-as-you-go method while completing Round 12 of this second square. Repeat for all squares that you join together in this first row of squares of the blanket. (*There are many helpful videos on YouTube showing how to do the join-as-you-go method*).

Make enough squares for your next row then join them to the previous row of squares.

You can of course complete each square for the whole blanket, inclusive of Round 12, and then join them all together later. Whichever method you choose is up to you.

Different effects and patterns can be achieved across the whole blanket by placing the squares in different layouts and using different colour combinations.

Wishing you lots of fun and enjoyment making your special blanket.

Love,
Karen x

I'd love to see what you make so please remember to tag me in your social media posts using #thistleheartcreations

If you have enjoyed using this pattern i'd love it if you would treat me to a coffee or new ball of yarn by visiting Ko-fi at <https://ko-fi.com/thistleheartcreations>



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