

# The "Plush Waffle" Granny Square: A Crochet Pattern

This pattern creates a luxuriously textured granny square, perfect for blankets, pillows, or even garments. The combination of basic crochet stitches with front post stitches creates a delightful "waffle" texture that's irresistible to the touch!

**Skill Level:** Easy

## Materials:

- **Yarn:** Worsted weight yarn in your desired colors.
  - Sample uses Schachenmayr Merino Extrafine 120 (100% merino wool) and Schachenmayr Merino Extrafine 120 Cotton (merino/cotton blend).
- **Crochet Hook:** Size 4.5 mm (or size needed for gauge)
- **Scissors**
- **Yarn Needle**

**Gauge:** Not critical for this pattern, but adjust hook size if needed for desired fabric drape.

## Abbreviations (US Terms):

- ch - chain
- sc - single crochet
- dc - double crochet
- fpdc - front post double crochet
- fpdc - front post single crochet
- sl st - slip stitch
- st(s) - stitch(es)

## Notes:

- Pattern is written in US crochet terms.
- Each row starts with a ch 3 (counts as a dc) and ends with a sl st in the top of the beginning ch 3.
- Numbers in parentheses at the end of rounds/rows indicate the total stitch count for that round/row.
- Color changes occur at the end of rows.
- For a larger square, simply continue repeating Rows 3 and 4.
- For a smaller square, stop repeating Rows 3 and 4 whenever you reach your desired size.

## Instructions:

### Round 1:

1. Ch 4, sl st in first ch create a ring.
2. Ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, (dc, ch 1, dc, ch 1, dc) in ring. (5 dc, 4 ch-1 spaces)
3. Repeat Step 2 three more times. (20 dc, 16 ch-1 spaces)
4. Sl st in top of beginning ch 3.

### Round 2:

1. Sl st into first ch-1 space.
2. Ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, dc in same ch-1 space.

3. (Dc 3, ch 1, dc 2) in next ch-1 space.
4. Repeat Step 3 around. (40 dc, 16 ch-1 spaces)
5. Sl st in top of beginning ch 3.

#### **Row 3 (Right Side):**

1. Sl st into first ch-1 space.
2. Ch 3 (counts as dc), ch 1, dc in same ch-1 space.
3. Fpsc around next dc.
4. Dc in next 2 dc.
5. Fpsc around next dc.
6. Dc in next 2 dc.
7. (Dc 2, ch 1, dc 2) in next ch-1 space.
8. Repeat Steps 3-7 around. (60 dc, 16 ch-2 spaces)
9. Sl st in top of beginning ch 3.

#### **Row 4 (Wrong Side):**

1. Sl st into first ch-1 space.
2. Ch 3 (counts as dc), work 2 fpdc around next 2 dc posts.
3. Sc in next dc.
4. Work 2 fpdc around next 2 dc posts.
5. Sc in next dc.
6. Work 2 fpdc around next 2 dc posts.
7. (Sc, ch 2, sc) in next ch-1 space.
8. Repeat Steps 2-7 around. (80 sc, 16 ch-2 spaces)
9. Sl st in top of beginning ch 3.

#### **Continue in Pattern:**

- **Row 5:** Repeat Row 3.
- **Row 6:** Repeat Row 4.
- Continue repeating Rows 3 & 4 achieve your desired size.

#### **Finishing:**

- Fasten off, leaving a long tail for weaving in ends.
- Weave in all loose ends on the wrong side of work.

#### **Color Variations:**

- **Stripes:** Change colors every 2 rows for a classic striped look.
- **Gradients:** Gradually transition between different shades of the same color family.
- **Solid Color:** This pattern is equally stunning in a single color, letting the texture take center stage.

**Enjoy your gorgeous "Plush Waffle" Granny Squares!**