

# Granny Square Cardigan and Purse Crochet



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## Granny Square Cardigan and Purse Details

1. **Gather the Supplies:** I used **scissors, six skeins of yarn** in five colors, a **5mm (H) crochet hook, stitch markers,** and a **large-eye, blunt-tip needle** (for weaving in the ends). I also used T-pins, blocking mats, and a spray bottle for blocking the squares when I finished crocheting them to make sure all of the granny squares were the same size before sewing them together.



*I used Lion Brand Re-Spun 100% recycled polyester yarn in the following colors: wine (red), alpine (green), cornsilk (yellow), deep denim (blue), and hazelwood (beige).*

2. **Choose a Pattern.** I used this pattern: <https://crochetverse.com/free-endless-granny-square/> Each granny square I made had **4 rounds**. I crocheted a total of **84 granny squares**. I made the majority of those while riding in the back seat of our car while on our way to the National Beta Convention in Savannah, GA. One thing I did was figure out all of the color combinations I wanted to use, and I labeled baggies with the different color combinations I used. **Each granny square was approximately 4 inches.**



3. **Blocking the Squares:** Once I finished crocheting all of the squares and wove in all of the ends, I used **blocking mats and t-pins to block each square**. To block the squares, I used t-pins to pin each square to the blocking mats, making sure that they were each **exactly 4 inches square**. Once I filled my blocking mats with granny squares, I spritzed each square with water and let them dry. I had to repeat this process multiple times because I could only fit a few squares on the blocking mats at a time.

It is important to block each square. Check out the second photo for the reason why. The square on the left was blocked, but the one square on the right was not.



4. **Cardigan:** To make the cardigan, I laid out as many granny squares as I thought I would need. My inspiration for this project was the cardigan at <https://hayhavcrochet.com/crochet-patterns/cardigans/crochet-cozy-granny-square-cardigan/>, but I didn't make it exactly the same because my squares were smaller, and I didn't want to use a different size for the sleeves. I thought my original design was going to work, but I accidentally used too many squares, so I marked them out on the picture. I used a total of 64 granny squares for the cardigan. (I wear a small, and it is a cropped style.)

I also made a **template out of paper** after laying out all of these squares. I taped it into a cardigan shape to see if my design would be the right size. 😊



5. **Assembling the Cardigan:** I used a needle and the beige color, that I used for the last round of each square, to **join all of the squares using an invisible seam in the back loops only**. This method of joining did not create ridges in the seams like using a slip stitch with a crochet hook would have. I also decided to add a **single crochet border around the inner opening, bottom, and sleeves** for a more finished look.



6. **Blocking the Cardigan:** After I finished sewing all of the granny squares together, I blocked the sweater using the same method as I did in step 3. It was bigger than my mats, so I used a blanket and towel under the sleeves.



7. **Assembling the Purse:** I used **12 granny squares** to make the purse, and I laid them out in the manner shown in the photo to the right. Three of the middle squares have another square underneath them.



8. I folded six of the squares in half and doubled up the three inner squares to get the basic purse shape. I ended up trying a different method of joining the squares than I did for the cardigan. I used my **crochet hook and a slip stitch**. Because I actually made the purse first, I decided to use a needle and the invisible join method for the cardigan to avoid ridges that the slip stitch method made.



9. I used a **single crochet** stitch to add a **border** to the purse, and then I used a **double crochet** stitch to make the **handle**.

10. I then **blocked the purse** like I did the sweater.



I had a lot of fun making this granny square cardigan and purse. I learned how to crochet in 2022, but I didn't get serious about it until December 2023. I normally crochet stuffed animals, so this project was a little bit out of my comfort zone. However, I think it is really cool that I can crochet clothes, too. I can't wait to wear my new cardigan and carry my new purse!



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