

Papel Picado Granny Square

This is a granny square worked in thin 4-ply cotton to resemble papel picado, which is used to celebrate Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead) in Mexico.

Suggested hook size: 3.5mm

Yarn weight: 4-ply, cotton.

Suggested yarn: Drops safran #55 cerise (50g).

Gauge: Not important for this project.



Start with skull at centre:

Ch6, join with slst. Ch6, join with slst to previous stst. This makes two loops for the eyeholes.

Round 1: ch1, dc13 into first eyehole, skip the slst, dc13 in second eyehole. Join to beg of round with slst.

Round 2: Work a standing tr or a ch3. Then [tr3, htr2, dc3, htr, tr] over next 10 sts, Skip 6 sts under the eyes to form the nose, then [tr, htr, dc3, htr2, tr3] over next 10 sts. Join round with slst.

Round 3: Ch1, 2dc into next st, dc7, 2dc into next st, dc2, 2dc into bottom of nose between trs from previous round. Then dc2, 2dc into next st, dc7, 2dc into next st, join round with slst. Cut yarn.

Row 4: to make teeth, join yarn into the dc 3sts away from the 2dc in centre of nose. Work [htr, ch1, skip 1 st] x 3, htr, turn piece.

Round 5: (wrong side) repeat row 4 over the top of row 4, aligning the htrs. Then continue the round by working ch4, skip side of teeth and the next dc of round 3. Then work [tr, ch2, skip 1] around skull until last 2 stitches of round 3 before other side of teeth. Work tr, ch4, and join to other side of teeth with slip st. Turn piece back with right side facing..

Round 6: (right side) ch2, dc5 into 4chsp, then [dc into next tr of round 5, dc3 into 2 chsp] until



End of Round 3.

stitch before next 4chsp. dc into next tr, 5dc into 4 chsp. Work 2htr in next stitch, then (htr, [2htr], htr, [2htr], htr2) over last 6 sts at bottom of teeth. Join round with slst.

Round 7: ch2, tr3 in first 3 sts, then ([hdtr, dtr, ch2, dtr, htr] in same st, tr3,* htr8, tr3). Then repeat () twice and then a third time until *, then 7htr, join to first st with slst. Slst over first 3tr of row until you reach the 2chsp corner of square.

Round 8: Ch3, tr, *[ch1, skip 1st, tr] x 8, work [ch1,2tr, ch2, 2tr] in 2chsp*, repeat ** 3 times, except on last 2chsp work [ch1, 2tr, ch1] then join with slst to start of round.

Row 9: Ch3, tr, *[ch1, skip 1st, tr] x 10, work [ch1,2tr, ch2, 2tr] in 2chsp*, repeat ** 3 times, except on last 2chsp work [ch1, 2tr, ch1] then join with slst to start of round.

Round 10: ch2, htr, then *htr in every st along side (24 sts), [htr2, ch2, htr] in 2chsp*. Repeat ** 3 times, except on last 2chsp work [htr2, ch1] then join with slst to start of round.

Round 11: Work v-stitches around the edge. Ch3, tr4, then *[skip 2sts, work (tr,ch1,tr) in same st] six times. tr2, then work [tr2, ch2, tr2] in 2chsp*. Repeat ** 3 times, except on last 2chsp work [tr2, ch1] then join with slst to start of round.

Round 12: ch1, *dc into all sts until net 2chsp. Work [dc, ch2, dc] into 2 chsp*. Repeat ** 3 times, except on last 2 chsp work [dc, ch1] and join with slst to start of round.

Round 13: ch1, dc into 2chsp, *dc, work [ch3, skip 3 sts, dc] x 8, dc, [dc,ch2,dc] into 2 chsp.* Repeat ** 3 times, except in last 2chsp work dc, then ch1, join with slst to start of round and bind off yarn.



End of Round 9.