

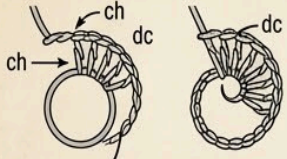


# Crochet Cat Face Granny Square Block – Full Step-by-Step Tutorial

This adorable crocheted cat-face granny square is a perfect project for anyone who loves cute designs and textured crochet. Based on the diagram you provided, this tutorial will guide you carefully from the very beginning all the way to the finished square — even if you're a beginner.

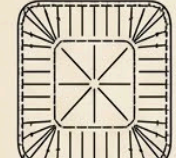
## TUTORIAL: CROCHETED CAT-FACE GRANNY SQUARE BLOCK

### Step 1: Magic Ring & First Row.



1. Begin with a Magic Ring. Ch 3, then work 11 dc into the ring. Join with sl st.

### Step 2: Start the 3x3 Grid.



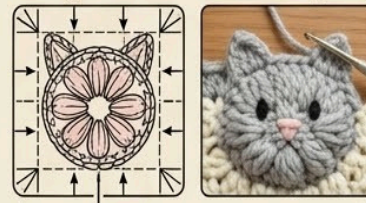
2. Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as dc). Work corner clusters [dc, ch 2, dc] and side dc to start the grid base.

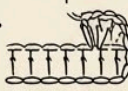


### Step 3: Define Cat Face Areas.

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|------|------|-------|
| Gray | Gray | Gray  |
| Gray | Pink | White |
| Gray | Pink | White |

3. Plan the grid. The pattern is a 3x3 grid of 9 small squares. Use bobbins for each cat color.


### Step 4: Creating the Cat Features (The Bobble-like Texture)

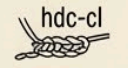



**A.**   


4a. Crochet the grid blocks following the chart. Change color with 'join' or carry-over method.


4b. Crochet the grid blocks following the chart. Change color with 'join' or carry-over method.

**B.**  **Puff-like Stitch (Cat face center):** 4 hdc-cl (half double crochet cluster) or similar textured stitch (e.g., small bobble).

 **Cat Eyes:** Placement of small sl st or French knot detail (or a bead).

 **Cat Ears:** Ch 2, hdc, ch 2 into a stitch, or slip stitch detail.


 **Joining Stitches:** Use sl st or a join method that doesn't add bulk.



5. Inner Border & Finishing Cats.

5. Inner Border (Cream): Use a row of sc or hdc around each finished color block to unify and prepare for the final border.

### 6. Step 6: Gray Final Border.



6. Final Border (Gray): Use sc and dc in corners to square the block. Work 2 rounds. Corner = [dc, ch 2, dc].

### KEY CROCHET TERMINOLOGY & STITCHES (US TERMS)

**Sl St:** Slip Stitch. Insert hook, YO, pull through all loops.


**Ch:** Chain. YO, pull through loop.

**Sc:** Single Crochet. Insert hook, YO, pull through, YO, pull through both loops.

**Hdcl:** Half Double Crochet. YO, insert hook, YO, pull through, YO, pull through two through all three loops.

**Dc:** Double Crochet. YO, insert hook, YO, pull through, YO, pull through two loops, YO, through, YO, through remains, pull through remaining two.

**Hdc-cl:** Half Double Crochet Cluster (for the textured faces). For each together, (Yarn Over, insert hook, pull up a loop) 4 times in the same stitch. Yarn Over and pull through all loops. Ch 1 to close.

**Magic Ring:** Adjustable ring method for starting. 

**Change Color:** Detailed instructions colors on seamlessly change colors for end of a stitch. From tenting the change at a stitch until change momy colors, or seamlessly change at the end of a stitch.

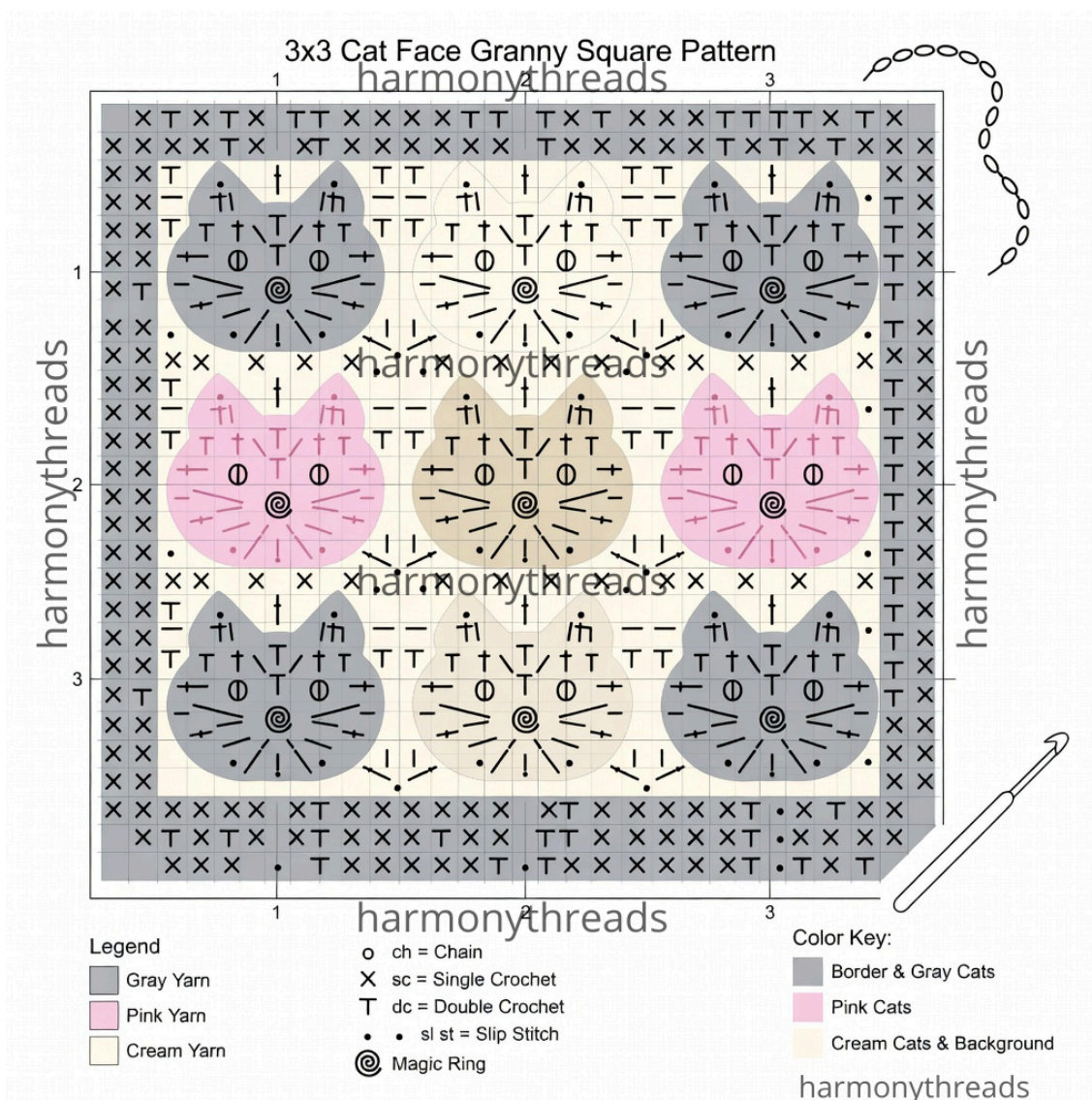
Grab your yarn, hook, and let's start creating your charming cat block! 🐱✨

## Step 1: Magic Ring & First Round

To begin, you will create the center of your first small square (which will later become part of the 3x3 grid).

Start with a **magic ring**.

1. Wrap yarn around your fingers to form a ring.
2. Chain 3 (this counts as your first double crochet).
3. Work **11 double crochets (dc)** into the ring.
4. Pull the tail to tighten the ring.
5. Join with a **slip stitch (sl st)** into the top of the chain-3.



 You should now have a small circular base with 12 stitches.

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## **Step 2: Start the 3x3 Grid**

Now you will begin shaping the square and preparing the layout for the cat faces.

1. Chain 3 (counts as dc).
2. In the same stitch, work **1 dc**.
3. Chain 2 (this creates a corner).
4. In the same stitch, work **2 dc** again.

Repeat this pattern around:

- (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each corner space.
- Between corners, work **dc stitches along the sides**.

Join with a slip stitch at the end of the round.

👉 At this point, your circle has transformed into a square base.

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## **Step 3: Define the Cat Face Areas**

Now it's time to plan your 3x3 grid layout using color changes.

You will create **9 small squares**, arranged like this:

- Top row: Gray – Gray – Gray
- Middle row: Gray – Pink – White
- Bottom row: Gray – Pink – White

💡 Use **bobbins** or separate yarn strands for each color to keep your work neat.

### **Important Tips:**

- Change colors at the **last yarn-over of the previous stitch**.
- You can use the **carry-over method** (carry yarn behind stitches) or cut and rejoin yarn.

This grid will define where each cat face appears.

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## **Step 4: Creating the Cat Features (Bobble Texture)**

This is the most fun and creative part! 🎉

Each cat face is made using textured stitches that give a soft, raised effect.

### **A. Follow the Grid Pattern**

Work each small square according to the chart:

- Use the correct color for each section.
- Maintain consistent stitch tension.

### **B. Puff-Like Stitch (Cat Face Center)**

To create the fluffy face texture, use a **half double crochet cluster (hdc-cl)**:

1. Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop.
2. Repeat this **4 times in the same stitch**.
3. Yarn over and pull through all loops.
4. Chain 1 to close.

👉 This creates a soft bobble effect that forms the cat's face.

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## **Cat Eyes**

There are two options:

- Make a **small slip stitch (sl st)** using black yarn.
- Or create a **French knot** with a needle.
- Optional: sew on tiny beads for a realistic look.

## **Cat Ears**

To form the ears:

1. Chain 2.
2. Work 1 half double crochet (hdc).
3. Chain 2 again.
4. Slip stitch into the same stitch.

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👉 This creates a small triangular ear shape.

## **Joining Stitches**

When moving between sections:

- Use **slip stitches** to join.
- Or use a **join-as-you-go method** to avoid bulk.

Keep everything flat and even for a clean look.

## **Step 5: Inner Border & Finishing the Cats**

Once all 9 squares are complete and joined:

1. Switch to **cream yarn**.
2. Work a round of **single crochet (sc)** or **half double crochet (hdc)** around the entire piece.

This step:

- Unifies the squares
- Smooths out edges
- Prepares for the final border

👉 Make sure to place **3 stitches in each corner** to maintain the square shape.

## **Step 6: Final Gray Border**

Now it's time to finish your granny square with a clean, sturdy border.

1. Switch to **gray yarn**.
2. Work **single crochet (sc)** evenly around.
3. In corners, use: *(dc, ch 2, dc)* to keep corners sharp.
4. Continue for **2 full rounds**.

Finish with:

- Slip stitch to close
- Cut yarn and weave in ends

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## Crochet Stitch Guide (US Terms)

Here's a quick reference to help you:

- **ch (Chain):** Yarn over, pull through loop
- **sl st (Slip Stitch):** Pull through all loops
- **sc (Single Crochet):** Insert hook, yarn over, pull through, yarn over, pull through both loops
- **hdc (Half Double Crochet):** Yarn over, insert hook, pull through, yarn over, pull through all loops
- **dc (Double Crochet):** Yarn over, insert hook, pull through, yarn over, pull through 2 loops, yarn over, pull through remaining 2

## ♥ Final Tips for Success

- ✨ Keep your tension consistent for even squares
- ✨ Use stitch markers to track corners
- ✨ Block your square lightly for a polished finish
- ✨ Experiment with colors for different cat styles

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