Crochet Tutorial – Cat Granny Square & Grape Granny Square (Beginner-Friendly, Fully Detailed)



Introduction

This guide teaches you step-by-step how to crochet two charming motifs:

- 1. Cat Granny Square
- 2. Grape Granny Square (with bobble grapes)

The instructions are extremely beginner-friendly, explaining every stitch and movement clearly.

Both motifs can be joined to create scarves, blankets, bags, table runners, and more.

Materials Needed

- DK or 4-ply yarn in:
 - White or cream (cat)
 - Light lilac, gray, or pastel tones (background)
 - Purple shades (grapes)
 - o Green (leaves)
- Crochet hook 2.5 mm to 3.5 mm
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Stitch marker (optional)

Abbreviations — US Crochet Terms

- ch chain
- sl st slip stitch
- sc single crochet
- **hdc** half double crochet
- dc double crochet
- **tr** treble crochet
- **st(s)** stitch(es)
- **sk** − skip
- rep repeat
- **bo** bobble stitch (explained below)

Understanding Special Stitches

Bobble Stitch (for Grapes)

- 1. Yarn over, insert hook into the stitch.
- 2. Pull up a loop (3 loops on hook).
- 3. Yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- 4. Repeat steps 1–3 **five times** into the same stitch.
- 5. Yarn over and pull through **all loops** on the hook.
- 6. Tighten slightly to raise the bobble.

Increase & Decrease (for Cat Shape)

- **Increase:** Work 2 stitches into the same stitch.
- **Decrease:** Insert hook into next stitch, pull up a loop, insert into next stitch, pull up a loop, yarn over, pull through all loops.

CAT GRANNY SQUARE PATTERN

Square Background (Base)

You may use any pastel tone.

Round 1

- Ch 4, sl st to form a ring.
- Ch 3 (counts as dc).
- Work **11 dc** inside the ring.
- Join with sl st. (12 dc total)

Round 2 — Forming a Square

- Ch 3, dc in same st.
- Dc in next 2 sts
- (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st (corner).

 Repeat the sequence around until you have 4 corners.

 Join with sl st.

Round 3

Work dc in every stitch around, and (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each corner.
 Join with sl st.

At this stage you have a simple granny square base ready for the cat appliqué.

Crocheting the Cat Shape (Worked Separately)

Body — Row 1

- Ch 9
- Sc in 2nd ch from hook and across.
 (8 sc)

Row 2

- Ch 1, turn.
- Increase in first st, sc 6, increase in last st.
 (10 sc)

Rows 3-5

Sc across all stitches.
 (10 sc each row)

Row 6 — Upper Body Curve

- Ch 1, turn.
- Dec, sc 6, dec. (8 sc)

Row 7

• Sc across. (8 sc)

Tail Curve

- Ch 12
- Work sl st, sc, sc, hdc, hdc, dc, dc, tr, tr along the chain.
- Attach back to body with sl st to create the curled tail.

Head

- Ch 6
- Sc in 2nd ch from hook
- Sc 3, hdc 1
 Turn and work around the shape to form an oval.

Ears

On top of the head:

- Ch 3, sl st to base (makes first ear).
- Skip 1 st, ch 3, sl st (second ear).

Finishing

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing.

Attaching the Cat to the Square

- 1. Position the cat centered on the square.
- 2. With a yarn needle, whip stitch around the entire outline.
- 3. Add a tiny embroidery stitch for the eye (optional).
- 4. Weave in ends.

Your cat granny square is finished.

GRAPE GRANNY SQUARE PATTERN

Square Background

Round 1

- Ch 4, sl st to form a ring.
- Ch 3, work 11 dc inside the ring.
- Join.

Round 2

Work as in cat square:

• Dc around with (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in each corner.

Round 3

Repeat the same to complete the square.

Crocheting the Grapes (Bobble Clusters)

Placement

The grapes are made directly onto the square, not separately.

Grape Cluster Layout

Work 4–6 bobbles arranged like a triangle or cluster:

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Making Each Grape

Choose purple yarn.

In the chosen stitch:

Work 1 bobble stitch (bo).
 Pull it forward so it pops out.

Repeat in the next stitches according to your layout.

Crocheting the Grape Leaves

Leaf 1

- Attach green yarn above the top grape.
- Ch 4
- SI st in first chain (forms a petal).

Leaf 2

- Ch 5
- SI st back to the start to form the second leaf.

Optional: add a tiny ch 3 stem.

Finishing the Grape Square

- Weave all ends neatly.
- Block the square gently for shape.

Your grape granny square is complete.

Joining Squares (Optional)

To achieve the look of the reference scarf:

Whip Stitch Join

- Hold two squares together, wrong sides touching.
- With matching yarn, sew through both loops.

Flat Join (More Elegant)

• Work sc across the edges connecting the squares.

Final Notes

- Both motifs can be enlarged simply by adding more rounds around the square.
- Colors can be customized for seasonal or themed designs.
- These squares can become scarves, bags, blankets, pillow covers, placemats, and more.