



# GRANNY MANDALA INSTRUCTIONS

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## Materials

DK or thinner yarn in cotton if possible, in rainbow colours OR rainbow yarn, start rainbow colours with purple/violet

Tools: Size 3.5mm Crochet Hook, Scissors

25cm wooden hoop or embroidery hoop (or larger if you have enough yarn!)

## How to start

Begin with a slip knot on your crochet hook.

Next, chain 6

Insert the needle into the first stitch you made, yarn over, pull yarn through both stitches. (making a slip stitch) You will have made a loop of crochet stitches.

## Making the First Treble Crochet Cluster

Groups of TR (Treble Crochet) stitches are the basis of this pattern.

Each set consists of three treble stitches and a single chain. – the 'chain 3' below counts as the first TR stitch to start you off

1. Chain 3
2. Treble (TR) 2 into centre loop
3. Chain 1 .

You should now have what looks like three TR stitches next to each other in your first group and a chain of one to separate from your next cluster

## Crocheting the Second TR Cluster

1. 3 tr stitches into the loop (the same spot where you made the other treble crochet stitches from the previous grouping but working around the loop)
2. Chain 1.

## Finishing Round One of the Granny Mandala

Repeat the previous step two more times. You should have four clusters of double crochet with a chain one space between each of them, and the last chain two hanging on the end.

To close the round and create the square shape, slip stitch into the top of the first ch 3. This ends the first round.

All those steps can sound confusing. Here's a simplified version of the first round:

1. Ch 3
2. 2 tr into the centre loop
3. Ch 1
4. 3 tr into centre loop
5. Ch 1
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 twice each
7. Sl st to top of ch 3 to close round

## Starting Round Two

If you wish to change colour do this now by tying new colour yarn to original yarn. Make a knot close to the last stitch you made and snip old yarn

## Round Two of the Granny Square

To start round two and all other rounds, ch 3

As with the first round, this serves as the first treble crochet of the very first set  
2 Trebles (TR) into this space (SP) then chain (CH) 1

In the next space (between the next two clusters of 3 you made in the last round) – 3 TR,  
chain 1, 3 TR

Do this twice more. The last cluster takes you back to the the first space -3 TR, CH1

Slip stitch to the top of the first chain 3 to close the round. The final corner should now look like all the others.

Round two all together:

1. Ch 3. 2 tr in same corner sp.
2. Ch 1
3. Working in next corner sp: 3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr, ch 1.
4. Repeat step 3 twice.
5. 3 tr in starting corner.
6. Ch 1.
7. Sl st to top of first ch 3 to close round.

## Round Three

This is where things move away from squares and into a more interesting shape for your Mandala.

Begin the third round the same as the previous round, changing colour as above if required.  
Chain 3, then make 2 tr stitches in the same space. Chain 1

## Working Treble Crochet Clusters on the Side

In this round, crochet TWO clusters of 3 TR stitches in the space on the side of the square with a chain of one between them, then chain 1

# Crocheting Around the Third Round

Work into the corner with one cluster of three TR and one chain.

As you work your way around the granny square, repeat the previous steps so you get two clusters on each side and one clusters in each corner.

When you reach the last corner, which was also the starting corner, SL Stitch to close

Round three all together:

1. Ch 3, 2 TR in same corner sp. CH1
2. 3 TR in next ch-1 sp. CH 1, 3 TR, CH1
3. Working in next corner sp: 3 TR, CH1
4. Repeat steps 2 and 3 twice.
5. 3 TR in next ch-1 sp. CH 1, 3 TR, CH1
6. Sl st to top of first ch 3 to close round.

## Fourth round

From now on we'll be putting 2 clusters of 3 TR in each 1 chain space and 1 Cluster of 3 TR in each corner space

Round 4 all together:

1. In the same sp, Ch 3, 2 TR CH1
2. In next ch-1 sp. 3 TR, CH 1, 3 TR, CH1
3. Working in next corner sp: 3 TR, CH1
4. Repeat step 2
5. Repeat steps 2, 3 and 4 twice
6. As step 2
7. As step 3
8. In last ch-1 sp. 3 TR, CH 1
9. Sl st to top of first ch 3 to close round.

## Fifth round

To make the mandala grow continue as above. Importantly, in the space between TWO clusters, (a corner cluster) crochet ONE cluster of TR 3 and this time also only one cluster in the SPACE BETWEEN any two corner clusters.

In in the other spaces put TWO clusters of TR3, remembering to add a chain of one in between each cluster you make.

1. In same sp. Ch 3, 2 TR, CH1
2. In next 2 spaces 3 TR, CH1
3. In next 2 spaces 3 TR, CH1, 3 TR, Ch1
4. In next 3 spaces 3 TR, Ch1
5. In next 2 spaces 3 TR, CH 1, 3 TR, CH 1
6. Repeat steps 4 and 5 twice
7. Sl st to top of first ch 3 to close round.

## Sixth Round

1. In same sp. Ch 3, 2 TR, CH1
2. 3 TR, CH1 in each space all the way round
3. SL St to the top of first Ch3 to close round

## Last Round

As Sixth Round

Tie off the ends, attach to embroidery hook either by stitching on or using a crochet stitch:

Hook through edge stitch

Yarn over Hook

Pull through

Yarn over hook outside hoop

Pull through both stitches

Do this all the way round.

Use a chain stitch to create a hanging loop

## Finishing the Granny Mandala or Growing it Larger

Or you can grow the granny square larger. With each round, you'll have more spaces and groups of tr along each edge.

Keep adding them to grow the granny as big as you want.

Have fun making your mandala.



# WRAPPED GOD'S EYE MANDALA INSTRUCTIONS

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## Materials

DK or thinner yarn in cotton if possible, in rainbow colour OR rainbow yarn.

Tools: 4 x wooden skewers, Scissors.

You can make this with 2 skewers to make a more simple mandala.

## How to Start (Diamond Shape)

Take two skewers, snap off the pointed ends. Mark the centres, put them in a cross.

Double Knot the first coloured yarn (red) onto the centre of the cross and wrap the yarn round the centres 4 times in a x shape to securely bind the skewers (over the loose yarn end if you can).

Once they feel firm, wrap the yarn right round each skewer going front right, across the back and across, to the next skewer. Do this all the way round, wrapping one skewer then the next in an anti-clockwise motion until you have 1cm of wrapped diamond shape on the centre of your skewers. Keep making sure your sticks are perpendicular.

Knot the yarn and knot on a new yarn if changing colour (orange) and wrap in a diamond shape again for another 1cm along the skewer.

Next take the other 2 skewers Repeat the above but start with orange and change to red.

Turn the second set of skewers over so you see the back, and place behind the first set so you now have 8 equally spaced skewers with the diamonds directly on top of each other.

## Making the Wheel Shape

With the orange on the top stick, go over and under each stick again as above working around each one, turning the work anti-clockwise each time. Make sure you hold the centres really tight for the first row. You should have wrapped all 8 sticks and have a wheel shape. Check the tension on the sticks now and make sure it is tight.

Keep working the orange yarn around each of the sticks until you have 1cm wheel shape round the sticks. Add another colour (yellow) and continue as above for ½ cm.

## Coloured Tip Shape

When you get right round, wrap the yarn around the stick again where you finished last. Then take the yarn straight across the back of the mandala to the opposite stick and wrap it around once. Bring the yarn across the back again to the original stick, and wrap these two sticks this way until you have a 1cm point on each one.

Move to the next empty stick with the yarn at the back so it's not visible from the front. Do as above so those two opposite sticks have a 1cm point. Keep moving across the back to the next sticks wrapping round opposite sticks until the all 8 points of the mandala are 1cm.

## Wheel Shape

Add another colour (green) and make another wheel as above working around all 8 sticks until you have 1cm of yarn on them – this time work the yarn Round the back of each stick before you wrap, this makes it look more interesting.

## Square Shape

Change colour (light blue) and wrap as with the first wheel, but this time just wrap around every other stick taking the yarn behind the missing ones as you work around for 1 cm to make a square shape.

Continue with this colour and do as above but with sticks you missed first time around.

## Wheel Shape

Use the next colour (dark blue) to create ½ cm wheel shape.

## Star Shape

Continue with this colour and wrap round the stick you finished on. Miss out 2 sticks and wrap around the next one, miss two sticks again and wrap around the next one. Keep doing this until you have wrapped all the sticks with 1cm points.

## Wheel Shape

In the next colour (purple) for ½ cm then wrap yarn around each tip to near the end to tidy them up, working round – you can add beads at this point or by threading them on at any point during the wrapping. Glue or thread in any loose ends using a needle.

Have fun making the wrapped mandalas!