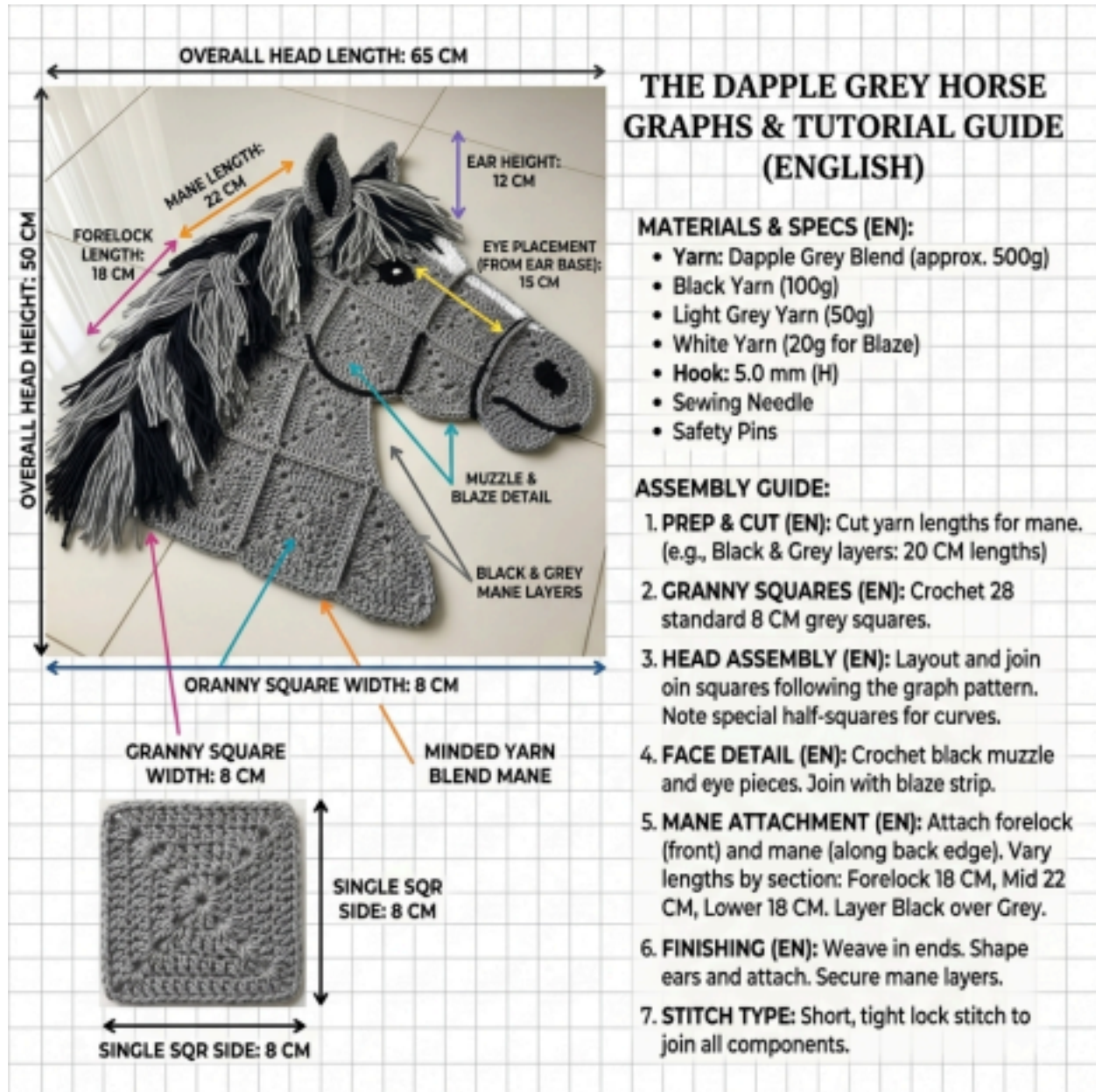


Crochet Horse Rug – Full Tutorial



❖❖ Project Overview

This stunning crochet horse design is made using **granny square motifs** joined together to form a horse head silhouette, finished with a textured mane. It can be used as:

- A rug
- Wall decoration
- Nursery or kids' room decor

❖❖ Finished Size (Approx.)

- Height: **65–75 cm (25–30 inches)**
- Width: **55–65 cm (22–26 inches)**

❖❖ Materials Needed

Yarn

Use medium weight yarn (**Worsted / Aran – 4** وزن 4)

- Main color: **Light gray** → 400–500 g
- Secondary color: **Dark gray / black** → 100–150 g
- White yarn → small amount (for face marking)

Hook

- **4.0 mm – 5.0 mm** crochet hook

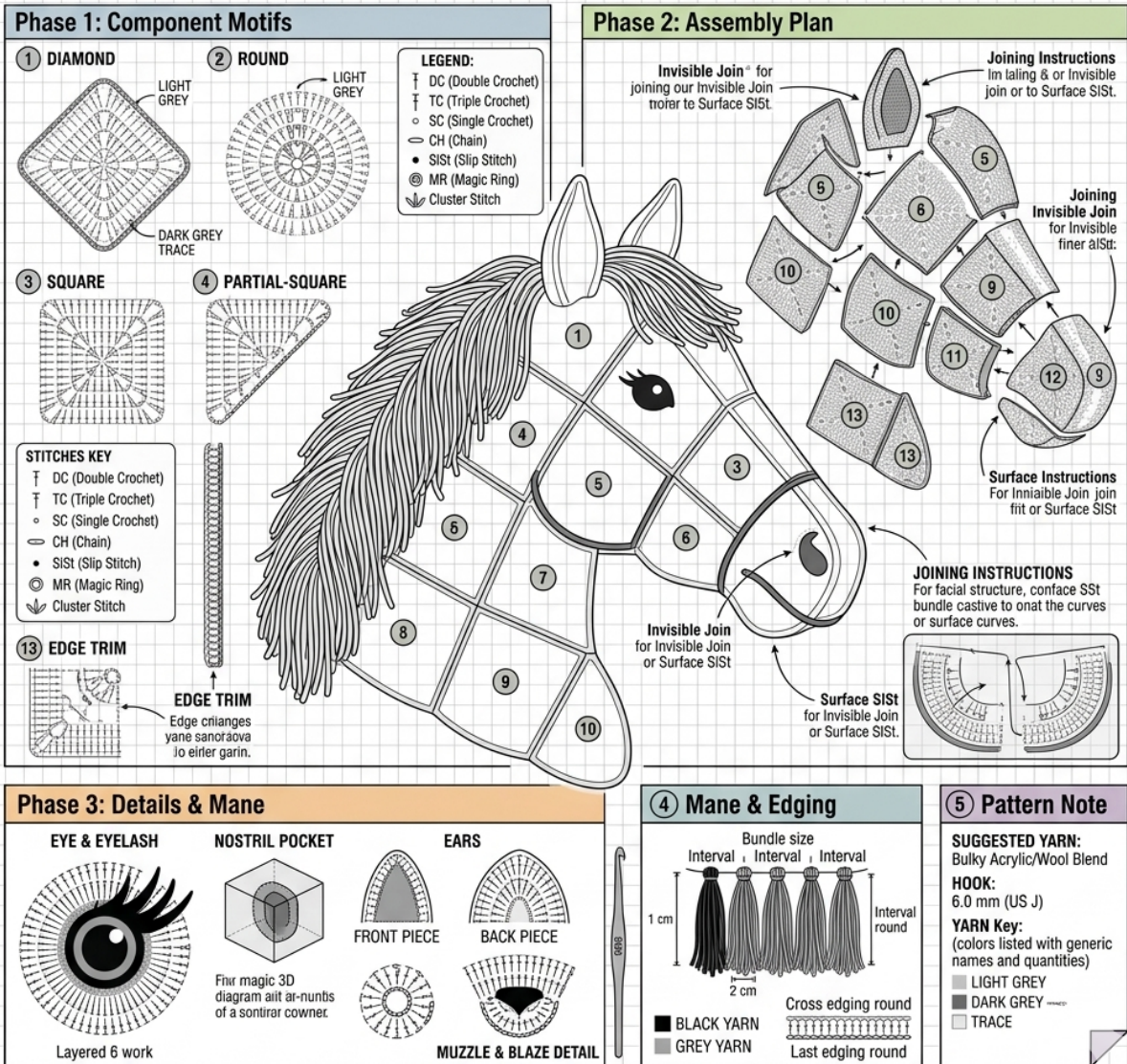
Tools

- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

❖❖ Color Guide (Based on Image)

- Body: Light gray
- Mane: Mix of **light gray + black**
- Eye & nostril: Black
- Face stripe: White

PROFESSIONAL CROCHET PATTERN DIAGRAM: *GRIS CROSS HORSE HEAD RUG*



Pattern Structure

The horse is built from:

- Granny squares (base structure)
- Custom shaping pieces (head & nose)
- Ears (2 pieces)
- Mane (attached strands)

◆◆ Abbreviations (US Terms)

- ch = chain
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- st = stitch
- sp = space

◆◆ Step 1: Make Granny

Squares You will need approximately **12–14 granny squares**

Standard Granny Square Pattern

Round 1:

- Magic ring
- ch 3 (counts as dc)
- 2 dc into ring
- ch 2
- 3 *dc*, *ch 2* → repeat 3 times
- sl st to close

Round 2:

- sl st into corner space
- ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc (corner)
- 3 *dc in next space*, *corner (3dc, ch2, 3dc)* repeat around
- sl st to close

◆◆ Make squares approx. **10–12 cm (4–5 inches)**

❖❖ Step 2: Layout Assembly

Arrange squares in a **horse head shape**:

Suggested layout:

[] []

[] [] []

[] [] []

[] []

[]

❖❖ Adjust placement to form:

- Neck curve
- Head angle

❖❖ Step 3: Join Squares

Use one of these methods:

- Slip stitch join (visible seams like image)
- Single crochet join
- Sewing with yarn needle

❖❖ Join all squares securely following your layout.

❖❖ Step 4: Shape the Head & Nose

Nose (Oval Shape)

Round 1:

- ch 8
- sc across
- 3 sc in last stitch
- continue on other side
- 3 sc in last stitch

Round 2+:

- increase evenly to form oval

◆◆ Make until size matches image (~12–15 cm)

Face Extension

- Crochet rows to connect nose to granny squares
- Use **dc rows** and decrease slightly to shape

◆◆ Step 5: Add Eye & Details

- Eye: small oval in black yarn
- Sew onto face
- Add:
 - White highlight stitch
 - Black outline (surface crochet or embroidery)

◆◆ Step 6: Crochet the Ears (Make

2) Round 1:

- Magic ring, 6 sc

Round 2:

- Increase to 10–12 stitches

Round 3–6:

- Work even to form oval shape

◆◆ Fold slightly and sew to top of head

Optional:

- Inner ear in darker yarn

◆◆ Step 7: Create the

Mane

This is the key feature ✨

Method:

1. Cut yarn strands (~20–25 cm long)
2. Use hook to pull strands through stitches
3. Fold and knot (like fringe)

Placement:

- Along neck
- Top of head

◆◆ Alternate colors:

- Light gray
- Black

◆◆ Step 8: Outline &

Finishing

- Use black yarn to:

- Outline face

- Define mouth line
- Add border around entire piece using **single crochet**

◆◆ Step 9: Final Blocking

- Lightly steam or wet block
- Shape edges evenly
- Let dry flat

◆◆ Safety & Usage Tips

- If used as rug:
 - Add anti-slip backing
- If used for baby/kids:
 - Avoid loose long strands
 - Secure all knots tightly

◆◆ Care Instructions

- Hand wash recommended
- Lay flat to dry
- Do not machine dry

◆◆ Customization Ideas

- Make larger using bulky yarn
- Turn into pillow by adding backing
- Use different horse colors:
 - Brown + beige
 - White + gray

- Black + white

◆◆ Final Result

You'll create a beautiful crochet horse with:

✓ Textured granny square body ✓

Sculpted head shape

✓ Soft flowing mane

✓ Modern handmade look

•