

Flower Power Granny Square Tote Bag

Create a beautiful vintage-inspired granny square tote bag with bold floral details, sturdy handles, and a roomy structure perfect for everyday use. This tutorial follows the exact structure shown in the diagram and explains every step carefully so even beginners can complete the bag from start to finish.

THE FLOWER POWER GRANNY SQUARE TOTE BAG: STEP-BY-STEP CROCHET TUTORIAL (US TERMINOLOGY)

MATERIALS & TOOLS

- YARN:
Medium-weight cotton yarn in **Red (R)**, **Green (G)**, and **Cream (C)**. (Estimated 2 skeins each Red and Green, 3 skeins Cream)

- HOOKS:
• US G/6 (4.0mm)
• US H/8 (5.0mm)

ACCESSORIES:
• Tapestry needle, scissors

Central Square

~9 inches tall

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~9 inches wide

Finished Bag: ~11 inches wide x ~9 inches tall (excluding handles)

STITCH LEGEND
(US terminology)

- Ch** Chain
- Sl St** Slip Stit
- MR** Magic Ring
- Sc** Single Crochet
- Hdc** Half Double Crochet
- Dc** Double Crochet
- Popcorn St** 5 Dc cluster

1 STEP 1: MAIN SQUARE (The Flower)

- **Round 1 (R):** Magic Ring (MR), 8 sc inside. (8 sc)
- **Round 2 (R):** Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), 4 dc in same st. Complete Popcorn Stitch. *Ch 1, 5-dc Popcorn* around. Join. (8 Popcorns)
- **Round 3 (G):** Ch 2, hdc in same st. *2 hdc* in next st, repeat around. Join.
- **Round 4 (G):** Corner (Ch 3, 2 dc, ch 2, 3 dc) in corner sp. Skip 2, *3 dc* in next space. Join.
- **Round 5 (C):** Dc in each st, corner (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc). Join.

2 STEP 2: MINI SQUARE PANELS (x4)

- Simplified mini-flower
 - R1: 8 sc
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 - R2: 8 popcorns
- Simple dc borders in Green and Cream.
- **Layout:** 2 top and 2 bottom mini-squares.

3 STEP 3: HANDLES (x2)

- Ch 60 (or length for ~14 inches).

Length: ~14 inches.

- Work 4 rows of dc in Cream. Length: ~14 inches.
- Sew 4 rows, dc in nertch or targo graned duration.

4 STEP 4: ASSEMBLY

- Join Main Square to 2 side columns (each column = 2 vertical mini-squares).
- Repeat for back panel.
- Join front, back, and base (simple dc rows).
- Use slip stitch join or tapestry needle.

5 STEP 5: TOP BORDER & ATTACH HANDLES

- Work 2 rows of sc in Cream around the entire top edge of the tote.
- Sew or crochet handles to the inner side of the border.

The finished tote measures approximately:

- **11 inches wide**
- **9 inches tall** (without handles)

This pattern uses classic granny-square construction combined with floral popcorn stitches for a textured flower center.

Materials & Tools

Yarn

Use medium-weight cotton yarn in the following colors:

- **Red (R)** – flower petals
- **Green (G)** – leaf and border sections
- **Cream (C)** – background and finishing

Suggested amount:

- Approximately 2 skeins Red
- 2 skeins Green
- 3 skeins Cream

Cotton yarn works best because it gives structure and durability to the tote.

Hooks

- US G/6 (4.0 mm)
- US H/8 (5.0 mm)

Other Supplies

- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional)

Stitch Abbreviations (US Terms)

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- **Sl St** – Slip Stitch
- **MR** – Magic Ring
- **Sc** – Single Crochet
- **Hdc** – Half Double Crochet

- **Dc** – Double Crochet
- **Popcorn Stitch** – 5 dc cluster worked in the same stitch



STEP 1: Make the Main Flower Granny Square

This large square becomes the center panel of the tote.

You will make:

- 1 large flower granny square

Round 1 – Create the Flower Center (Red)

Using Red yarn:

1. Start with a Magic Ring.
2. Work **8 single crochet stitches** into the ring.
3. Pull the ring tightly closed.
4. Join with a slip stitch to the first sc.

You should now have:

- 8 sc stitches total

The center should look small and round.


Round 2 – Popcorn Flower Petals (Red)

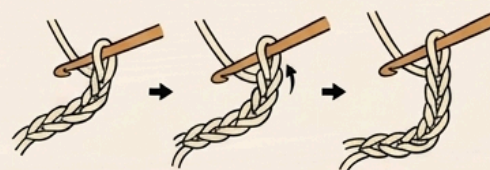
Still using Red yarn:

1. Chain 3.
 - This counts as your first dc.
2. In the same stitch, work:
 - 4 additional dc


You now have 5 dc in the same stitch.


VISUAL CROCHET STITCH GUIDE: THE FLOWER POWER TOTE BAG (US TERMINOLOGY)

1  **Ch (Chain)**
Cream Yarn




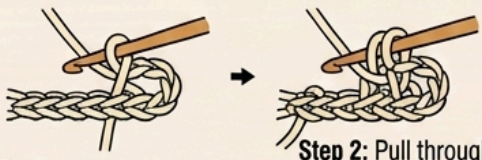
Step 1: Loop **Step 2:** Pull through **Step 3:** Chain stitch

2  **Hdc (Half Double Crochet)**
Cream Yarn





Step 1: Insert **Step 2:** Yarn over and pull up loop **Step 3:** Yarn over and pull through three loops

3  **Sl St (Slip Stitch)**
Cream Yarn




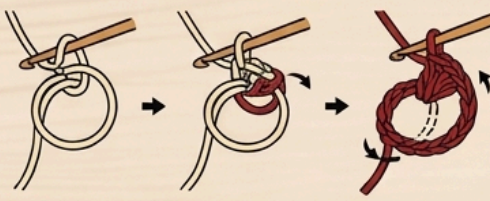
Step 1: Insert **Step 2:** Pull through loop and chain

4  **Dc (Double Crochet)**
Red Yarn




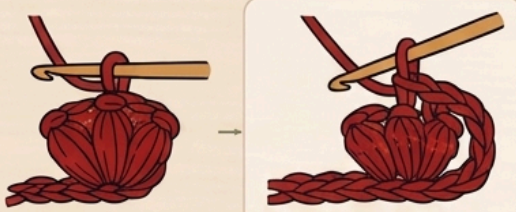
Step 1: Insert **Step 2:** Yarn over and pull up loop **Step 3:** Yarn over and pull through two loops, repeat

4  **MR (Magic Ring)**
Cream Yarn





Step 1: Wrap Cream Yarn **Step 2:** Make the first sc **Step 3:** Pull on the tail tight

5  **Popcorn St (Popcorn Stitch)**
Red Yarn



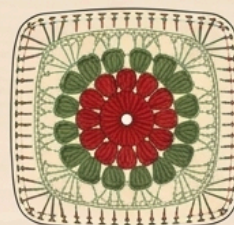
Step 1-2: Make 5 Dc in one st, insert hook, and pull through fir first Dc

1  **Sc (Single Crochet)**
Green Yarn



Step 1: Insert Green Yarn **Step 2:** Yarn over and pull up loop **Step 3:** Yarn over and pull through two loops

Step 3: Remove hook **Step 3:** Insert in the first Dc **Step 3:** Pull in then loop through



**Context Flower:
Round 2 (R)**



Yarn and hook for Context Round 2

How to Make the Popcorn Stitch

1. Remove your hook from the loop carefully.
2. Insert the hook into the top of the first dc.
3. Grab the dropped loop.
4. Pull it through.

Your popcorn stitch is complete.

Continue Around

1. Chain 1.
2. In the next stitch, work another popcorn stitch.
3. Repeat around all 8 stitches.

At the end:

- You should have 8 popcorn petals.
- Join with slip stitch.

The flower should now look raised and textured.



Round 3 – Add Green Around the Flower

Switch to Green yarn.

1. Attach Green yarn between petals.
2. Chain 2.
3. Work 1 hdc in the same space.
4. Work 2 hdc in each space around.

Continue evenly around the flower.

Join with a slip stitch.

This round fills the spaces and begins transforming the flower into a square shape.

Round 4 – Shape the Square (Green)

You will now create corners.

Corner Instructions

In each corner space work:

- 3 dc
- Ch 2
- 3 dc

Between Corners

Work:

- Skip 2 stitches
- 3 dc in the next space

Repeat around.

When complete:

- The flower should now clearly form a square.

Join with a slip stitch.

Round 5 – Cream Border

Switch to Cream yarn.

In each stitch:

- Work 1 dc

In every corner:

- 2 dc
- Ch 2
- 2 dc

TECHNICAL DIAGRAM: FLOWER POWER TOTE BAG AND ITS STITCHES



Continue around evenly.

Join with slip stitch and fasten off.

Your main granny square is finished.

STEP 2: Make the Mini Flower Squares (Make 4)

These smaller flower panels go on the sides of the tote bag.

You will create:

- 4 mini flower granny squares

The mini squares are simplified versions of the main flower.

Mini Square Round 1

Using Red yarn:

1. Create a Magic Ring.
2. Work 8 sc into the ring.
3. Join with slip stitch.

Mini Square Round 2 – Small Popcorn Flower

1. Create 8 small popcorn stitches around.
2. Chain 1 between each popcorn.

Join with slip stitch.

Mini Square Borders

Switch to Green yarn.

Work simple dc rounds around the flower until the square shape forms.

Then switch to Cream yarn and add one final border round.

Each mini square should be much smaller than the main square.

Layout of the Bag Panels

Arrange the pieces as follows:

Front Panel

- 1 large square in the center
- 2 mini squares vertically on one side
- 2 mini squares vertically on the opposite side

Repeat this same layout for:

- Back panel



STEP 3: Create the Handles (Make 2)

The handles are long crocheted straps.

Starting the Handle

Using Cream yarn:

1. Chain 60
 - Or chain until the strap measures approximately 14 inches.

Be careful not to twist the chain.

Handle Rows

1. Work dc stitches across the entire chain.
2. Chain 2 and turn.
3. Continue working rows of dc.

Make:

- 4 rows total

The strap should feel sturdy and thick.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Repeat for the second handle.



STEP 4: Assemble the Tote Bag

Now it's time to join all the panels together.

This step transforms the flat crochet pieces into a real tote bag.

Assemble the Front Panel

Lay out:

- 1 large center square
- 2 mini squares on the left
- 2 mini squares on the right

Make sure everything is aligned neatly.

Joining Methods

You can use:

- Slip stitch joins
OR
- Tapestry needle sewing

Joining the Pieces

Attach:

- The mini squares to the sides of the main square
- One square edge at a time

Keep stitches even and tight.

Repeat the same process for the back panel.

Join Front and Back Panels

Place:

- Front panel
- Back panel

With right sides facing outward.

Join:

- Both side seams
- Bottom seam

You can use:

- Single crochet joins
OR
- Slip stitch joins

Leave the top open.

The tote should now hold its shape.

✨ **STEP 5: Top Border & Attach Handles**

This finishing step strengthens the bag and gives it a polished appearance.

Add the Top Border

Using Cream yarn:

1. Attach yarn at the top edge.
2. Work 1 round of sc evenly around the opening.
3. Join with slip stitch.
4. Work a second round of sc.

This creates:

- Stability
- Cleaner edges
- Better support for the handles

Attach the Handles

Position each handle:

- Evenly spaced
- On the inside of the tote

Make sure both handles are aligned symmetrically.

Sewing the Handles

Using the tapestry needle:

1. Sew each end securely to the inside border.
2. Reinforce with extra stitches.

3. Weave in all loose ends carefully.

Because tote bags carry weight, strong stitching is important.

Finishing Tips

Block the Squares

Light blocking helps:

- Straighten edges
- Shape the squares
- Improve the final structure

Reinforce the Bag

Optional:

- Add fabric lining inside
- Sew interfacing for extra strength

Customize Colors

You can easily personalize the tote by changing:

- Flower colors
- Background colors
- Border shades

Vintage palettes look especially beautiful for this design.

Final Result

You now have a gorgeous handmade Flower Power Granny Square Tote Bag with:

- Textured popcorn flower center
- Vintage granny square style
- Strong crochet handles
- Spacious everyday design

Perfect for:

- Farmers markets
- Crochet project storage

- Everyday casual use
- Handmade gifts

Happy crocheting! 🧶 🌸