

Granny Square-Like Butterfly

(Autumn Walker deconstructed a butterfly brought to class to create these instructions)

Abbreviations used:

Beg=beginning

ch=chain

ch-sp=chain space

dc=double crochet

rep=repeat

sl st=slip stitch

yo=yarn over

Materials

Bits of leftover yarn in 3 colors; all colors should be the same weight for best results. Choose an appropriate hook for the weight of the yarn. Use one .5-1 mm smaller for a tighter finished product.

To begin, ch 8, then sl st into the first ch to make a ring.

Round 1

Ch 3 (counts as a dc), then work 2 dc into the ring, ch 2; *3 dc into the ring and ch 2; rep from * 6 more times for a total of 8 dc clusters; after the last ch 2, sl st into the top of the beg ch-3. Fasten off (cut the yarn, yo, and pull tail all the way through loop on hook).

Round 2

Note: You can add the new color into any ch-sp. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), then work 2 dc into the same ch-sp, ch 3, then work 3 dc into the same ch-sp, ch 1. *Into the next ch-sp: 3 dc, ch 3, 3 dc, ch 1; rep from * 6 more times until you've gone all the way around; sl st into the top of the beg ch-3.

Round 3

Add a new color in any ch-3 space. Ch 3 (counts as a dc), 7 dc into same ch-sp, sc in next ch-1 space; *8 dc in next ch-3 space, sc into the next ch-1 space; rep from * 6 more times until you've gone all the way around; sl st into the top of the beg ch-3.

Fold your work in half and, ta-da, you made a butterfly.

You can wrap brown or black pipe cleaner around the center to make the body and the antennae. Alternatively, ch 20 to 30 in yarn color of your choice to make the body; snip ends off near the knots; wrap it around the center and tie a knot at the top to form the two antennae; optionally, secure with a stitch or two.

