



## Thread Crochet

### Working with Thread – Granny Square Bookmark Tutorial



Working with thread can seem intimidating. I know the first time I picked up a tiny steel hook and #10 cotton thread I thought *isn't thread for sewing?! I felt out of my element. There were a few rough moments, I won't kid you, but with a little perseverance I discovered the magic feeling you get when bits of thread suddenly come together into a recognizable work of art that you created!*

As an avid reader, bookmarks always seem in short supply at our house. How better to combine my two passions than by designing a pattern for thread crochet bookmarks!

For the thread newbies out there I've taken lots of pictures to show you how it's done. If you're very new to crochet, and have never made a granny square before I do

recommend that you make a few with worsted weight yarn and an H hook before you try the thread. As long as you're comfortable with basic crochet techniques, and know the standard stitches than you should have no problem entering the wonderful world of thread.



1. Don't be afraid! I know the hook and thread seem impossibly small, but give it a chance.
2. All projects look messy and are hard to hold/work during the first few rows or rounds. Keep going and it will come together.
3. Always work in good light and when you're not tired.
4. Many patterns for yarn can be adapted to thread, and doilies are always in fashion.
5. Take the time to use an [invisible join](#) instead of a slip stitch to join rounds.
6. Use [standing stitches](#) to start rows/rounds instead of starting chains.
7. Learn the [join-as-you-go technique](#) for motifs and grannies.
8. Weave in ends as you go.
9. If your hook is too thin to hold comfortably try wrapping the end with scrap yarn for an easy custom handle.
10. Blocking and stiffening your finished project are worth the time.

# The Classic Granny Square Bookmark

## All the Little Details

### Thread

Classic Crochet Thread by Threadart  
Size 10 Mercerized Cotton

- Yellow (A)
- White (B)
- Pink (C)

### Crochet Hook

Size 4/1.75mm steel hook or size needed to obtain gauge.

### Notions

Tapestry Needle  
4 Stitch Markers

### Finished Measurements

Width: 2 ¾ inches  
Length: 9 inches  
(unblocked)

### Gauge

Gauge is not important for this project.

### Skill Level

Confident Beginner

## Stitches & Notes

### Stitches

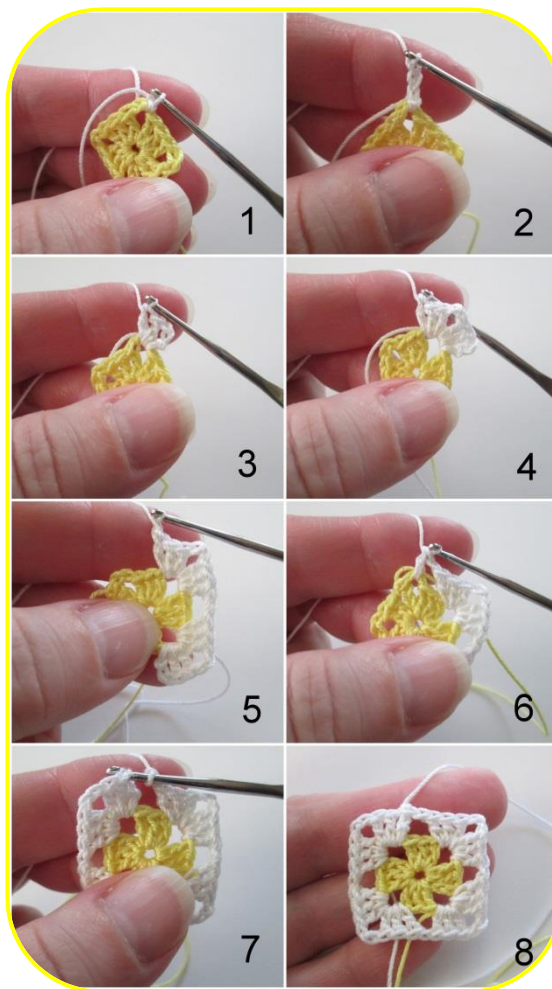
- Magic Loop or ch 4 and join with sl st to form a loop
- slip stitch (sl st), chain (ch), single crochet (sc), double crochet (dc), triple crochet (tr)

We're going to make 5 granny squares, joining as we go and then surround them with a border.

## The Squares (make 5)

**Rnd 1:** With A make magic loop (or ch4 and join with sl st to form loop), ch3, 2dc in loop, ch2, (3dc in loop, ch2) 3 times. Join with sl st in top of starting ch3. Fasten off.

**Rnd 2:** Join B in any ch2 corner space. (ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc) in same ch2 space, ch1. (3dc, ch2, 3dc, ch1) in next 3 ch2 sps. Join with sl st in top of starting ch3. Fasten off.



Tip

I like to make all of my squares through round 2. Then I'm ready to start joining with round 3 and it all comes together in no time!





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To save time and keep things neat, weave in the ends as you go. When starting a new round hold the (new) end along the top edge of the previous round and work the stitches over the thread to secure it.



**Rnd 3:** Join C in any ch2 corner sp. (ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc) in same ch2 sp, ch1. \* 3dc in next ch1 sp, ch1, (3dc, ch2, 3dc) in next ch2 corner sp, ch1. Repeat from \* 3 times. 3dc in last ch1 sp, ch1. Join with sl st to starting ch3. Fasten off.

### Joining As You Go

**Joining Rnd 3:** Join C in any ch2 corner sp. (ch3, 2dc, ch2, 3dc) in same ch2 sp, ch1. 3dc in ch1 sp, ch1. (now we start the joining edge) 3dc in ch2 corner sp of working square, ch1, sc to join in any ch2 corner of finished square, 3dc back in same ch2 corner sp of working square. Sc to join in first ch1 sp of finished square. 3dc in ch1 sp of working square, Sc to join in next ch1 sp of finished square. 3dc in ch2 corner sp of working square, ch1, sc to join in next ch2 corner sp of finished square, 3dc back in same ch2 corner sp of working square, ch1. (join is finished) 3dc in next ch1 sp, ch1. (3dc, ch2, 3dc) in next ch2 corner sp, ch1, 3dc in last ch1 sp, ch1. Join with sl st in top of starting ch3. Fasten off.

Attach remaining squares in the same fashion.





## The Border

**Rnd 1:** Join B in any ch2 corner sp. (ch3, 2dc, ch 2, 3dc) in corner, ch1, (3dc, ch1) in each ch1 sp and each joining sc around. (3dc, ch2, 3dc) in each corner. Join with sl st in starting ch3. Fasten off.

**Rnd 2:** Join A in any ch2 corner sp. Ch1, \*3sc in corner (mark center sc with st marker), sc in each dc and ch1 sp to next corner. Repeat from \* around. Join with sl st in starting ch1. Fasten off. (168 st)

**Rnd 3:** Join C 2 sts to the left of any marked corner st. Ch1, sc in same st, tr in next st, \*(sc in next st, tr in next st) to corner, (sc, tr, sc) in marked corner st (mark tr with st marker), tr in next st. Repeat from \* around. Join with sl st in first sc. Fasten off.

**Rnd 4:** Join A 2 sts to the left of any marked corner st. Ch4 (counts as tr), \*(sc in next tr, tr in next sc) to corner st, (sc, tr, sc) in marked corner st, tr in next sc, sc in next tr. Repeat from \* around leaving out last tr. Join with sl st to top of starting ch4. Fasten off.

Weave in any remaining ends.

To really make your stitches stand out, take the time to either block or stiffen your book mark. It's worth the effort!

