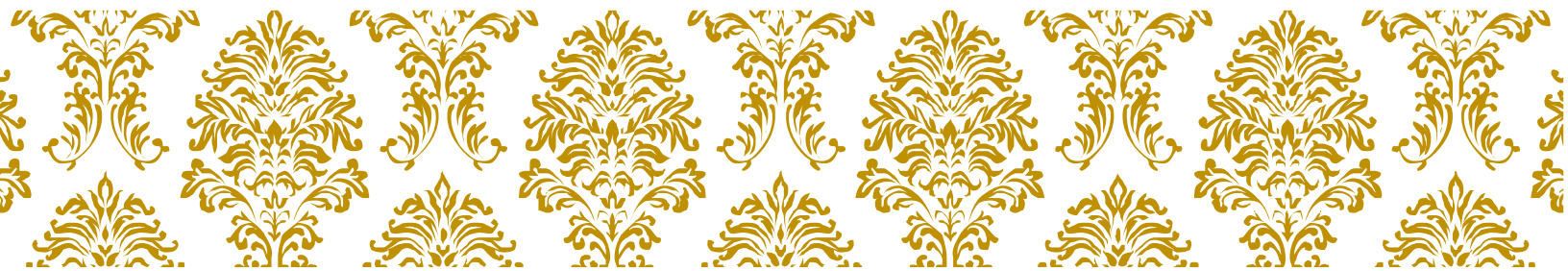# Pippin Poppycock

Simply Squares - "Fade"

Intro

Simply Squares – Fade is prefect for beginners as its uses one of the most basic squares, The solid granny square. Seven rounds of dc's and chain 2 corners. Using just 2 colors you can achieve an illusion of fading squares, going from dark on one end to light of the other. You can use any yarn you choose, just use the recommended hook size. I have used a #4 worsted weight yarn, remember if you choose a lighter weight you over piece will come out slightly smaller.

I have included charts and written instructions also color sequence charts.

Yarn: Caron Simply Soft in Bone (A) and Off White (B) (6 of each)
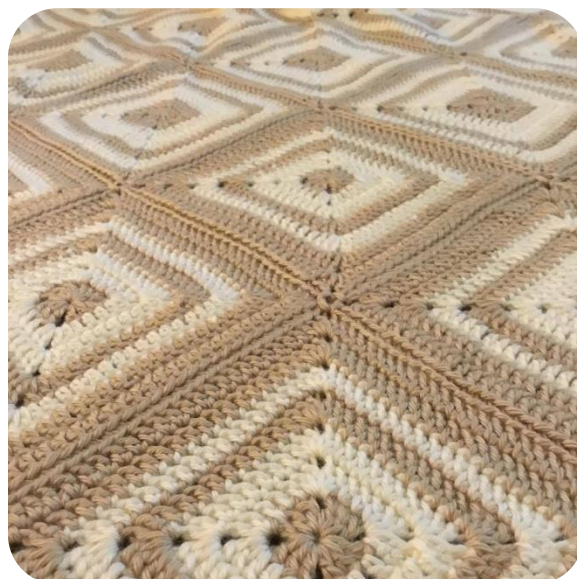Hook: 5mm
Size: 60" x 50"

Stitches Used:

ch   Chain
sc   Single Crochet
dc   Double Crochet
ml   Magic Loop/Ring
sl st   Slip Stitch

All Squares are the same the only difference is the color sequence

Square One – Make 14
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color B
Round 3 Color A
Round 4 Color A
Round 5 Color B
Round 6 Color A
Round 7 Color A

Square Two – Make 13
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color B
Round 3 Color B
Round 4 Color A
Round 5 Color B
Round 6 Color A
Round 7 Color A

Square Three – Make 14
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color A
Round 3 Color B
Round 4 Color B
Round 5 Color A
Round 6 Color B
Round 7 Color A

Square Four – Make 9
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color A
Round 3 Color B
Round 4 Color B
Round 5 Color A
Round 6 Color B
Round 7 Color B

Written Pattern Solid Granny

Follow Color Sequence above.

4ch, ss to 1st ch to make a loop or make a magic loop.

Round One: ch5 (counts as 1st dc plus ch2), *3dc into loop, 2ch, repeat from * twice more, 2dc into loop, ss into 3rd chain of beginning ch5. Fasten off

Round Two: Attach yarn in any ch2 corner space. Ch5, 2dc in same sp, *1dc in each st, (2dc, 2ch, 2dc) in corner sp, repeat from * twice more, 1dc in each st, 1dc in beginning corner sp, ss to 3rd chain of beginning ch5. Fasten off

Repeat Round 2 five more times – Total of 7 rounds

Stitch Count - Squares

Round 1: 3 dc each side
= Total 12 dc, 4 ch2
Round 2: 7 dc each side
= Total 28 dc, 4 ch2
Round 3: 11 dc each side
= Total 44 dc, 4 ch2
Round 4: 15 dc each side
= Total 60 dc, 4 ch2
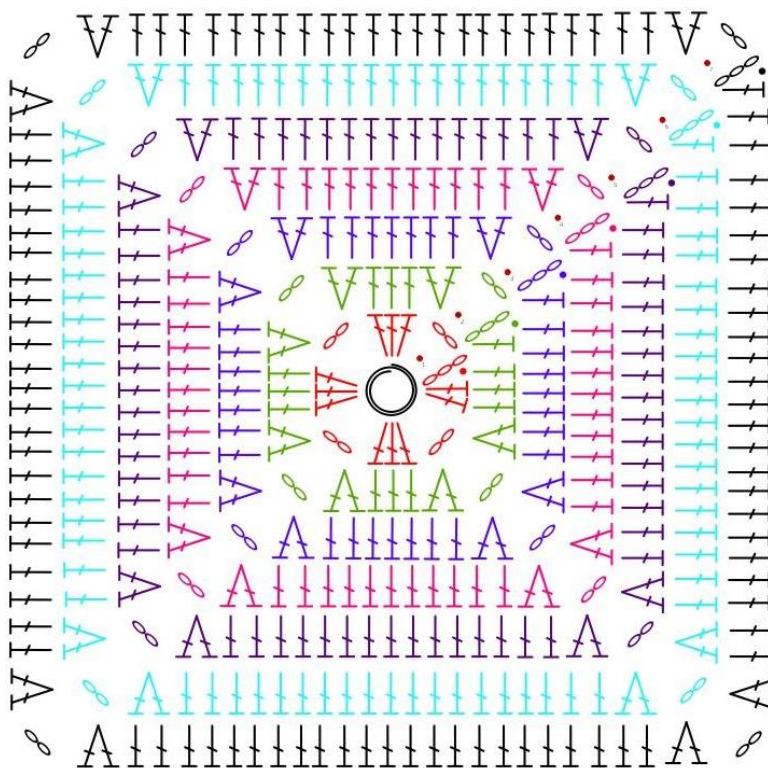Round 5: 19 dc each side
= Total 76 dc, 4 ch2
Round 6: 23 dc each side
= Total 92 dc, 4 ch2
Round 7: 27 dc each side
= Total 108 dc, 4 ch2

Solid Half Granny One– Make 6
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color B
Round 3 Color A
Round 4 Color A
Round 5 Color B
Round 6 Color A
Round 7 Color A

Solid Half Granny Two – Make 4
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color B
Round 3 Color B
Round 4 Color A
Round 5 Color B
Round 6 Color A
Round 7 Color A

Solid Half Granny Three – Make 2
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color A
Round 3 Color B
Round 4 Color B
Round 5 Color A
Round 6 Color B
Round 7 Color A

Solid Half Granny Four – Make 6
Round 1 Color A
Round 2 Color A
Round 3 Color B
Round 4 Color B
Round 5 Color A
Round 6 Color B
Round 7 Color B

Written Pattern – Solid Half Granny

Make a Magic ring

Row 1: Ch3, 3dc, ch2, 4dc into ring, Fasten off

Row 2: Join with a standing dc (or ch3) in to 1st st, 1dc in same st, dc in each st
In ch2 corner (2dc, ch2, 2dc), dc in each st, 2 dc in last st. – Fasten off

Row 3: Join with a standing dc (or ch3) in to 1st st, 2dc in same st, dc in each st
In ch2 corner (2dc, ch2, 2dc), dc in each st, 3 dc in last st. – Fasten off

Repeat Row 3 four more times – Total of 7 rounds

Stitch Count – Half Squares

Row 1: 4dc each side, 1 ch2
= Total 8 dc
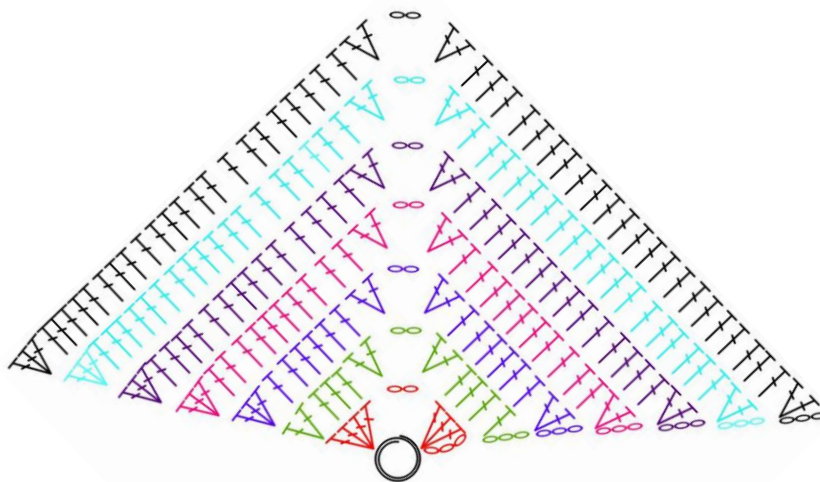Row 2: 7dc each side, 1 ch2
= Total 14 dc
Row 3: 11dc each side, 1 ch2
= Total 22 dc
Row 4: 15dc each side, 1 ch2
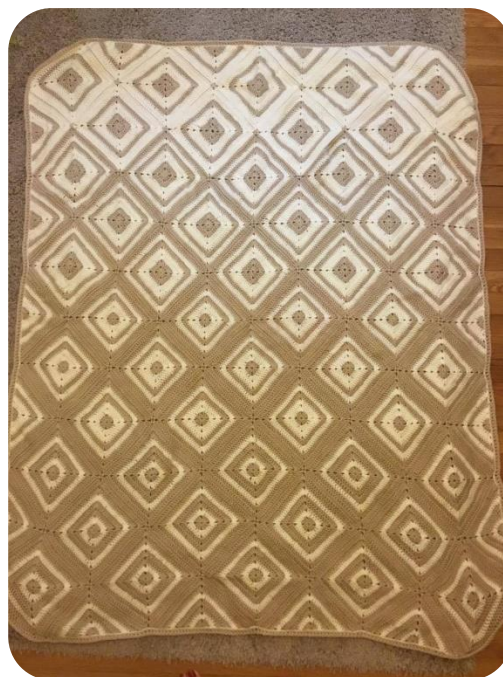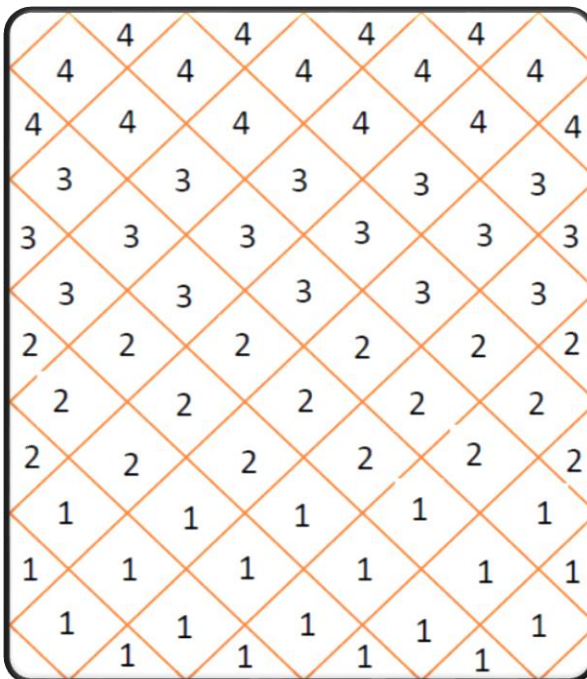= Total 30 dc
Row 5: 19dc each side, 1 ch2
= Total 38 dc
Row 6: 23dc each side, 1 ch2
= Total 146 dc
Row 7: 27dc each side, 1 ch2
= Total 54 dc

Construction

Lay your squares out using the diagram below before joining.

Join

With color A Join with the front sides facing, 1sc into the back loops of each st (which will be the 2 loops furthest from each over), 1sc in each ch2 corner space

Border

To start I find it easier to neaten up the rough edges of the half squares with color B, 2 slip stitches around the last dc of each row along the sides.
Start in the 1st st of any corner square, dc in each st, then 1dc in each of the slip