Granny Love #1

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This sample was worked up with Caron Simply Soft and Red Heart Soft yarns, using a size H (5mm) hook. The end result should be within ¼ inch of 6x6 inches square.

The scalloped edges provide an opportunity to use unique joining techniques. Enjoy!

Row 1-Start with an adjustable ring. Slip stitch in ring.

Chain 3 (this will be the beginning of your Dc3tog)

Dc2tog (ch3 plus Dc2tog counts as Dc3tog)

YO and pull through all three loops. (First Dc3tog complete)

Ch1 do another Dc3tog in ring

Two Dc3tog complete, chain3

Create three more *Dc3tog, ch1, Dc3tog, ch3* in ring. Pull adj ring partially closed.

Join with sl st to beginning of row. Finish off, weave in ends.

Row 2-Join new yarn in any ch1 then ch3

In next space:*Dc3tog, ch3, Dc3tog, ch3

Sc in ch1 sp, ch3. Repeat from *around, join with sl st INTO$^{Tip 1}$ the middle of the first single crochet (see Tip 1 below)

Finish off, weave in ends.

Row 3-Join new yarn INTO MIDDLE of any sc of previous row

Ch 3, Dc2tog, ch 3 (counts as *Dc3tog plus ch3 in sc)

In corner sp: Dc3tog, ch3, Dc3tog, ch3, Dc3tog, ch3
Repeat from *around.

Join with sl st to beginning of row. Finish off, weave in ends.

Row 4-Join new yarn INTO TOP$^{Tip 2}$ of Dc3tog (see Tip 2 below)

Ch3, Dc2tog, ch2 (counts as *Dc3tog plus ch2), sc into next sp

In nxt two sps Dc3tog, ch2, Dc3tog, ch2.
Sc into nxt sp, ch2.

Repeat from *around. Join with sl st to beginning of row. Finish off, weave in ends.

Join next yarn with sl st to any sp, ch1, sc2 in same sp. Sc3 in each space around EXCEPT CORNERS.
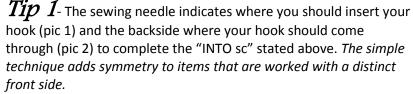
CORNERS: In each corner sc2, ch2, sc2. Repeat sc pattern around. Join with sl st to beginning of row. Finish off, weave in ends.

Tip 1- The sewing needle indicates where you should insert your hook (pic 1) and the backside where your hook should come through (pic 2) to complete the "INTO sc" stated above. *The simple technique adds symmetry to items that are worked with a distinct front side.*

Tip 2-The sewing needle indicates "INTO TOP" as stated above. This is where you will insert your hook to create the side Dc3togs in Row 4.

You have completed your granny square! Congrats, I hope you enjoyed this tutorial, please visit
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