CGOA 2025 CHAPTER CHALLENGE
Flying Discs

In support of Ronald McDonald House Charities

March 17th to June 20th, 2025

First Place Winner - $150
Second Place Winner - $125
Third Place Winner - $100
3 Runner Ups - $30 each
2 CGOA Membership Renewals

This year's challenge is in support of Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) and their affiliated Ronald McDonald Houses' (RMH) objective to help families feel they are at home even when they can't be.

Each affiliated Ronald McDonald House operates independently. The individual RMH will determine if they wish to receive flying discs donation. With this type of structure there is no central point of information. CGOA chapters will need to contact their nearest RMH to ask if they are interested in receiving flying discs. To assist the chapters, the Chapter Challenge team has created a list of RMH that are near CGOA chapter locations. This RMH list is included with the 2025 Chapter Challenge materials. Refer to file 'RMH near Chapters Final 250214.pdf' on the Chapter Challenge page in the Chapters section of CGOA's website (www.crochet.org).

Each CGOA chapter can still decide where best to donate their flying discs if donating to a Ronald McDonald House is not practical. For example, they can be donated to family services organizations, hospitals, women shelters or other charities or organizations.

Although this is a chapter-level event, only the participation of chapter members who are also Crochet Guild of America members will be counted for the competition. Each participant's CGOA membership ID number needs to be recorded on the chapter's monthly tally sheet.

Chapters come in a variety of sizes. Winners will be based on the average number of flying discs made based on the chapter's total number of CGOA members. That is, the number of flying discs created by the chapter's CGOA members will be divided by that chapter's total number of CGOA members. For example:

♦ If 8 of a chapter's 25 CGOA members make 50 flying discs then the average number of flying discs per CGOA member is 2 (50 discs ÷ 25 CGOA members = 2). If all 25 CGOA members made 50 flying discs then the average number of flying discs per CGOA member is 2.

Awards will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners and three runner-up chapters. New this year are two CGOA membership renewal prizes going to the 2 CGOA members who made the most flying discs. The winning chapters and individuals will be announced at the annual CGOA Members Meeting planned for later this year. A short summary video about 2025 Chapter Challenge will be posted to CGOA's website, Facebook and other social media platforms.

RULES:
1. **Chapter Challenge registration is required no later than June 6th**. Register your chapter by sending an eMail to the Chapter Challenge team at chapterchallenge@crochet.org. Include:
   - Your Chapter's name and location.
   - The total number of CGOA members in your chapter. This number should also be included on your monthly tally sheet.
   - The contact person for the Challenge, their eMail address and phone number.
   - Who the winning check should be made out to and a mailing address for sending the Challenge's prize winnings check.
2. Flying discs should be made to the following guidelines:
   - Acrylic, cotton or cotton blend yarn should be used. These fibers are both soft to the touch and easy to clean.
   - Flying discs' diameter should measure approximately 7 to 8 inches.
3. There is no one pattern or color palette required so use your creativity. The internet has a number of sites to give you inspiration. Two flying disc patterns have also been included below.
4. Use the TALLY SHEET on page 4 to keep track of the chapter's participating CGOA members, their **CGOA membership ID number**, monthly totals and any donations made. If you prefer, an interactive digital version of the tally sheet can be used by downloading a copy of the '2025 Chapter Challenge Tally Sheet 250302.pdf' file from the Chapter Challenge page of CGOA's website (www.crochet.org/page/ChapterChallenge). Be sure to rename the file by adding your chapter's name at the end of the file name and save it to your computer/tablet/phone.

   At the end of each month eMail your updated tally sheet to the Chapter Challenge team (eMail ID – chapterchallenge@crochet.org).
5. With your monthly tally sheet submission also include where donations were made and pictures of the flying discs created. These photos may be posted on CGOA's Facebook site during the Challenge, be a part of the Chapter Challenge summary video, used in the winner announcements made during CGOA's annual Members Meeting and/or posted on CGOA's social media sites.
6. By **June 20th, 11:59pm your local time email your FINAL TALLY SHEET** with **all** totals to the Chapter Challenge team (eMail ID - chapterchallenge@crochet.org). On your final tally sheet be sure that your chapter's **total number of CGOA members** and participant's membership ID numbers are included. **Member ID numbers are required** for that person's flying discs to be included in the chapter's total. Flying discs made by non-CGOA members will NOT be counted toward a chapter's total. **Please let the Chapter Challenge team know if you will not be able to send your final tally sheet by the deadline date and time.**

7. 1ˢᵗ, 2ⁿᵈ and 3ʳᵈ place winners and the 3 runner-up chapters will be decided by the average number of flying discs based on the chapter's total number of CGOA members. The CGOA membership renewal prizes will be based on the number of flying discs made by individuals. In case of ties, the final tally sheet email's time stamp will be used to determine the winner.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
- ♦ Chapters are encouraged to donate their flying discs to their local Ronald McDonald House, however it is not necessary to do so for the discs to be included in your totals.
- ♦ On page 11 you will find **GIFT TAGS** that can be included when making donations.
- ♦ To find a CGOA member's ID number:
  - o Go to the CGOA web page (www.crochet.org) and sign in.
  - o On the right side of the page, select Profile Home from the My Profile list.
  - o Your Member ID is listed here.

  The member's ID number is also found on the member's CGOA membership card. This card can be found by selecting Membership Info from the My Profile list.
- ♦ If you need assistance in determining a local Ronald McDonald House refer to the 'RMH near Chapters.pdf' file on the Chapter Challenge page in the Chapters section of CGOA's website (www.crochet.org).

Please contact the Chapter Challenge team if you have any questions.

2025 Chapter Challenge Team Members and eMail ID:

Valerie Long – Board Liaison	Kathy McLaughlin – Team Member
Karen Navoy – Team Lead	Lyn Leshner – Team Member

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TALLY SHEET (The tally sheet's digital version can be downloaded here)

Chapter Name _____ **Location:**_____

Chapter's Total Number of CGOA Members _____

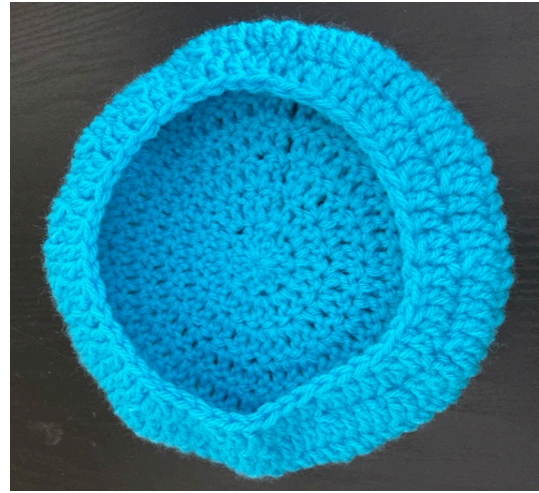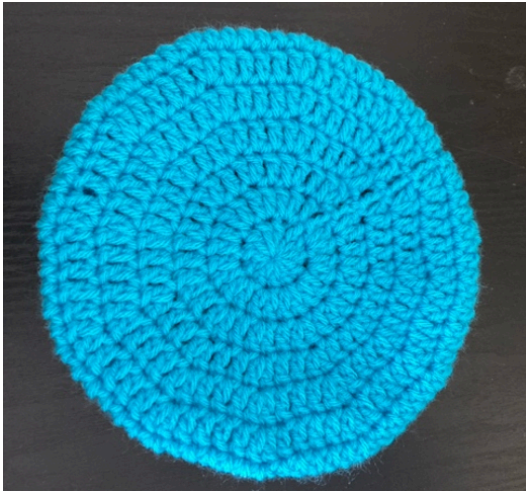| Participating CGOA Member Name & Member ID Number		Monthly Totals of Flying Discs Made				Total # Flying Discs made by CGOA Member
Member Name	Member ID #	March	April	May	June	

Donations made to (include how many flying discs were donated and to whom):

PATTERNS DESIGNED FOR THIS CHALLENGE:

NOTE: The following two patterns are available for your use courtesy of the Chapter Challenge team and are intended for use during CGOA's 2025 Chapter Challenge. **They are only suggestions and not required to be used**. Should you wish to use either pattern for a commercial purpose, reach out to CGOA and we will put you in touch with the designer.

SIMPLE FLYING DISC PATTERN
From CGOA's Chapter Challenge Team

MATERIALS:
- Yarn: approximately 55 yards of size 4/medium yarn or any 4 ply yarn of your choice
- Hook: size G/4.5mm or a size smaller than recommended for the yarn selected

SIZE: Approximately 7 inch in diameter

GAUGE: Gauge does not pertain to this pattern.

ABBREVIATIONS: Pattern is in US terms
- ch – chain
- dc – double crochet
- dc2tog – double crochet 2 stitches together
- sl st – slip stitch
- st(s) – stitch

PATTERN NOTES:
- This pattern is worked in the round with a join at the end of each round.
- Ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc.
- Rounds are joined with a sl st at the top of the starting ch 3.
- Yarn colors can be changed on any round you like.

DIFFICULTY: Easy

DIRECTIONS:

Make a magic circle

ROUND 1: Ch 3, 11 dc in ring. Join with a sl st into the at top of the beginning ch 3. (12 DC)

ROUND 2: Ch 3, 1 dc in same st, 2 dc in each st around. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (24 DC)

ROUND 3: Ch 3, 2 dc in next st, *1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st*. Repeat * to *. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (36 DC)

ROUND 4: Ch 3, 1 dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, *1 dc in each of next 2 sts, 2 dc in the next st*. Repeat * to * around ending with 2 dc in last st. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (48 DC)

ROUND 5: Ch 3, 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, *1 dc in each of the next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st*. Repeat * to * around. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (60 DC)

ROUND 6: Ch 3, 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, *1 dc in each of next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st*. Repeat * to * around. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (72 DC)

ROUND 7: Ch 3, 1 dc in each of the next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, *1 dc in each of next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st. Repeat * to * around. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (84 DC)

ROUND 8: Ch 3, 1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, *dc2tog (decrease made), 1 dc in each of the next 3 sts*. Repeat * to * around ending with 1 dc in the last stitch. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (68 DC)

ROUND 9: Ch 3, 1 dc in the next st, dc2tog (decrease made), *1 dc in each of the next 2 sts, dc2tog*. Repeat * to * around ending with a dc2tog. Join with a sl st into the top of the beginning ch 3. (51 DC)

Fasten off and weave in ends. GIVE IT A TEST FLIGHT!

GRANNY CLUSTER FLYING DISC
From CGOA's Chapter Challenge Team

MATERIALS:
- Yarn: A total of approximately 70 yards of size 4/medium yarn of your choice is needed. Each round is made in a different color.
- Hook: size H/5 mm or a size smaller than recommended for the yarn selected

SIZE: Approximately 8 inch in diameter

GAUGE: Gauge does not pertain to this pattern.

ABBREVIATIONS: Pattern is in US terms.
- ch - chain
- cl-inc - granny cluster increase
- dc - double crochet
- gcl - granny cluster
- hdc - half double crochet
- sl st - slip stitch
- st(s) - stitch(s)
- sp(s) - space(s)
- beg - beginning
- BLO - Back loop only
- FLO - Front loop only
- FO - finish off

SPECIAL STITCHES:
- Granny cluster - 3dc in same sp.
- Granny cluster increase - 4dc in same sp.

PATTERN NOTES:
- Read pattern carefully before starting.
- This pattern is worked in the round with a join at the end of each round.
- Rounds are joined with a sl st at the top of the starting chain stitches.
- Fasten off and join a new color after each round.
- The ch 3 at the start of a round counts as a dc. The ch 2 at the start of a banding round counts as a hdc.
- If you wish to make your granny cluster flying disc in a solid color, simply sl st to the next sp instead of joining a new color at the start of a round.

DIFFICULTY: Intermediate

DIRECTIONS:

In color 1, ch4 and join with sl st to form a ring.

ROUND 1: Ch3 (counts as dc), make 11dc into the ring. Join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch. (12dc)

ROUND 2: Join color 2 in any sp between stitches. Ch3, dc in same sp, [2dc in next sp] repeat around. Join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch. (24dc)

ROUND 3: Join color 3 in any sp between groups of sts, ch3, 2dc in same sp, gcl in next sp and every sp around, join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch. (12gcl)

ROUND 4: Join color 4 in any sp, ch3, 3dc in same sp, [gcl in next sp, cl-inc in next sp] repeat around ending with gcl in last sp, join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch. (6gcl, 6cl-inc)

ROUND 5: Join color 5 in any sp after gcl, ch3, 2dc in same sp, [gcl in sp in middle of cl-inc, gcl in next 2 sps] repeat around ending with gcl in sp in middle of cl-inc, gcl in last sp, join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch. (18gcl)

ROUND 6: Join color 6 and repeat round 4. (9gcl, 9cl-inc)

ROUND 7: Join color 7 and repeat round 5. (27gcl)

If your disc is the desired size, weave in ends and **continue with Banding the Flying Disc**.

To make a larger flying disc continue with ROUNDs 8 and 9. ROUNDs 8 and 9 are repeated until your granny cluster flying disc is the desired size. However, the number of sps in ROUND 8 **must be increased by 1 each time**. For example, when repeating ROUND 8, where ROUND 8's directions say [gcl in next **2 sps**, cl-inc in next sp], the **number 2 must be increased by 1.** The repeated ROUND 8 (the new ROUND 10) would be [gcl in next **3 sps**, cl-inc in next sp].

ROUND 8: Join a new color in any sp, ch3, 3dc in same sp, [gcl in next 2 sps, cl-inc in next sp] repeat around ending with gcl in last sp, join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch.

ROUND 9: Join a new color in any sp, ch3, 2dc in same sp, gcl in every sp and glc in every sp in middle of cl-inc, join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch.
Repeat ROUNDs 8 and 9 until your flying disc is the desired size. Weave in ends and continue to Banding the Flying Disc.

Banding the Flying Disc

ROUND 1: In the color of your choice, ch2, hdc in the FLO of each st around. Join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch.

Note: The back loop of ROUND 1 will be sewn to the free loop of the band's ROUND 3.

ROUNDs 2, 3 and 4: Ch2, hdc in the BLO of 1st st and around. Join with a sl st into the top of the beg ch.

FO after ROUND 4 leaving a 40" yarn tail for sewing.

Note: ROUND 4 will not show on the finished flying disc, it is enclosed by sewing ROUND 1 to ROUND 3. If you wish, you can omit ROUND 4 and the flying disc will still fly but the weighted banding makes its flight a bit better.

Finishing: Fold ROUND 4 to the back side of the disc. Fold ROUND 3 so its free loops touch ROUND 1's free loops and ROUND 4 is tucked inside. Using the yarn tail, sew the free loops together with a whip stitch. That is, sew the free loops of ROUND 1 to the free loops of ROUND 3 by putting the needle under ROUND 1's free loop and up through the corresponding free loop on ROUND 3.

Continue sewing the loops of ROUND 1 and 3 together. As you go around keep folding ROUND 4's stitches to the back side of the disc and tucking it between Banding ROUNDs 1 and 3.

Fasten off and weave in the ends. ENJOY THROWING YOUR FLYING DISC.

GIFT TAGS:

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