

## 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.

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| ● ch - chain                       | ● st(s) - stitch(s)     |
| ● cl-inc - granny cluster increase | ● sp(s) - space(s)      |
| ● dc - double crochet              | ● beg - beginning       |
| ● gcl - granny cluster             | ● BLO - Back loop only  |
| ● hdc - half double crochet        | ● FLO - Front loop only |
| ● sl st - slip stitch              | ● 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 gcl 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.

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