

Not Your Granny's Granny Square Clutch



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Materials:

- US G/6 hook
- 50g (92 yds) of Caron Simply Soft in Peach 9737
- Tapestry needle
- Measuring tape
- Fabric scissors/rotary cutter with cutting mat & straight-edge
- Iron & ironing board
- Sewing pins
- Fabric for lining (about 10"x10" in, or 25x25 cm)
- 7" (18 cm) Coats All Purpose Zipper in 57 Nile Green
- Sewing needle or sewing machine & thread to match yarn

Gauge:

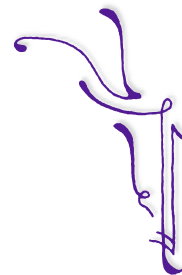
Each square should be slightly above 3 1/2" (about 9 cm) after being stretched to open up the lacy pattern

Finished size:

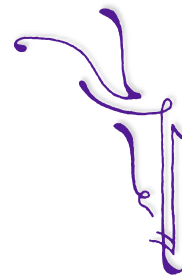
4" (10 cm) tall, 7 1/2" (19 cm) wide
Could fit a checkbook inside, or an iPhone 6 in a case.

Special crochet stitches:

- **2-dc cluster:** begin making a regular dc st, but before you pull your last loop through to finish the stitch, begin another dc st in the same sp. When it's time to finish the 2nd dc, pull the loop through it as well as the unfinished 1st dc.
- **Puff stitch:** yo, insert into sp you're working into, yo & pull up loop to the height of your hook, yo, insert into same sp you're working into, yo & pull up loop to the height of your hook, yo, pull through all 5 loops on hook.
- **Popcorn stitch:** dc 4, loosen the loop on the hook and carefully remove the hook, and insert it from front to back through the top of the 1st dc. Put the hook back through the working loop, and pull the loop through the top of the 1st dc.



The Flower Stitch Sampler Granny Square:



(Make 4)

Setup: ch 4, ss in 1st ch to form a ring

Rnd 1: ch 2, dc in the ring (counts as 1st cluster), ch 1, *make 1 2-dc cluster in the ring, ch 1, rep from * 4 more times, ss in 1st dc of the rnd, ss in following ch sp (total of 6 clusters)

Rnd 2: ch 1, puff st in the same sp, ch 1, puff st in same sp, ch 1. Continue putting 2 puff sts into each sp of the clusters below (each separated by 1 ch), ss in 1st puff st, ss in following ch sp (total of 12 puffs)

Rnd 3: ch 3, dc 3 in same sp. Treating the ch 3 as the 1st of 4 dcs, make a popcorn st, then ch 2.

Continue making a popcorn st in the space between each puff of the row below, separating them by 2 chs, until reaching the end. After the last 2 ch, ss in 1st popcorn st, ss in following ch sp (total of 12 popcorns)

Rnd 4: ch 3 (counts as 1st dc), dc 2, ch 2, dc 3, ch 1. This is a corner. In the next sp, hdc 3, ch 1, & do this in the next sp as well. In the next sp, make another corner. Work in this way around until you're back at the 1st corner, ss in 3rd ch

Rnd 5: ch 1, sc in same sp, sc in each of next 2 sts. In corner, sc 2, ch 2, sc 2. Work 1 sc in each dc, hdc, & chain of the row below, working the corners as the first. Complete the rnd in this way, ss in 1st sc, secure & tie off

Finishing: Weave in ends securely, then, holding the sides of your square, stretch it out to reveal the pattern better. Do this in all directions so that the square measures slightly over 3 1/2" (9 cm)



****Note: stretching the squares brings out the beauty in the square and also insures that your squares won't stretch much (if at all) after the whole project is complete. This is an important step, and if your gauge is incorrect, adjust hook size or tension accordingly. If you prefer to block the squares, feel free to do so. Remember, you'll want the zipper to fit inside of these squares once connected.*

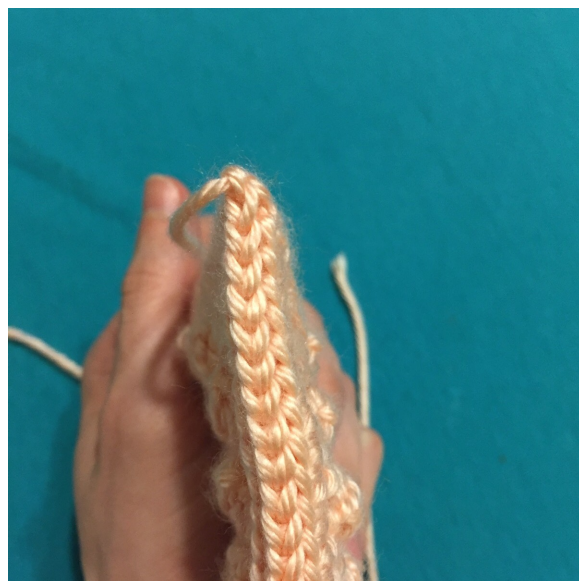
Connecting the squares:



Place two squares face up side by side. You'll be working into the tops of the ch and sc sts, but only the back loops. Make a slip knot on your hook, and put it through the back loop of the bottom chain of each square. With your working yarn in the back, yo and pull through all loops. Do the same in each sc and the ch at the top. It's basically a slip stitch coming from the top, and it gives this nice neat knitted-looking finish. When you've gone up the sides of the squares, cut your yarn, tie off, & weave in ends.

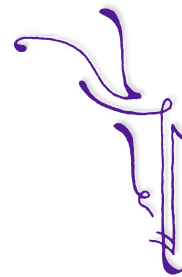
Connect each square like this so you have a circle of granny squares connected by these top slip stitches (make sure you do them all in the same direction).

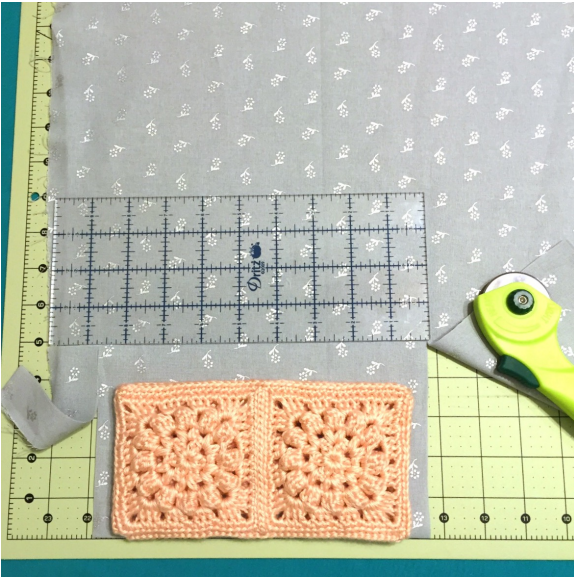
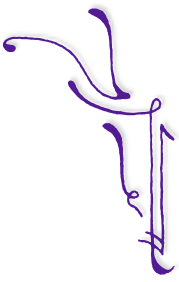
Using this same method of slip stitching from the top, connect all 4 squares, forming the bottom of the clutch. Tie off and weave in ends.



Finishing:

Connect your working yarn to the top edge of the clutch and sc in each sc & ch all the way around. When you tie off and weave in ends, try to weave them down the sides of the work instead of under that top row – you'll be sewing into the top row of sts so you don't need it thicker than it already is.





Making the lining:

1. Iron the chosen fabric & zipper.
2. Fold lining in half and place on cutting mat with folded edge at the bottom. Lay your clutch on top with the bottom lining up with the bottom fold of the lining.
3. Eyeball about 1/2" (1.25 cm) out from the sides of the lining and cut the sides. Allow at least 1" (2.5 cm) at the top, and you should use a straight edge when cutting that part.

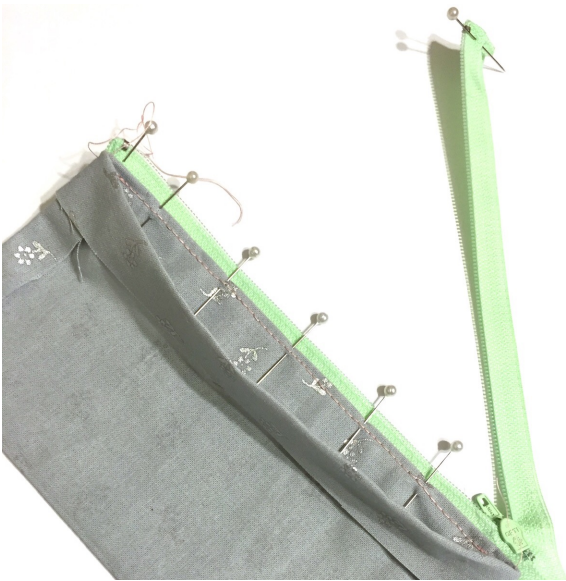
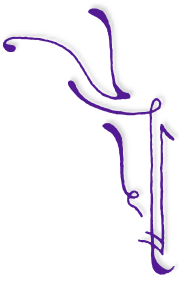
4. With the

right sides of the fabric together, sew the side seams w/ 5/8" (1.6 cm) seam allowance, backstitching at the top and bottom of each seam to secure.

5. Fold the seams open (you'll have to sort of turn the corner inside-out) & iron.
6. Put your lining in your clutch, noting where you want your lining to end (ideally close or slightly under the top of the clutch). Fold it over to that point and iron.



****Note: I'm no seamstress, so if you know of an easier or nicer looking way to sew the lining, zipper, and outside of the clutch together, feel free to do it your way, or look up a YouTube tutorial for assistance if my instructions don't work for you. This is just what I personally found to be the easiest way for me.*



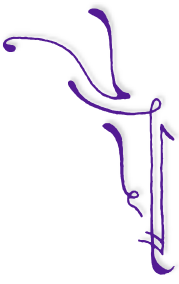
Putting it together:

1. With zipper open, pin one side of the zipper to the lining as shown (it looks neater if you fold the end tabs of the zipper down and pin those, too) and sew it, getting as close to the side seams as you can and backstitching to secure your work.
2. Repeat with the other side of the zipper.
3. Prepare to sew this into the outside of the clutch by positioning the lining in the clutch and pinning the edges in place.
4. Putting the zipper tab behind the foot of your sewing machine (but as close as you can get it), sew slowly all the way around the top of the clutch. Use the wheel to manually go over the thickest parts of the clutch, like the zipper folds and the side seams, so that you can take your time and make it neat and also avoid any potential needle breakage on your pins.
5. Hand-sew the area under/around the zipper tab, since it's too hard to get to with the machine. Secure and snip ends, remove your pins, and you're done!



Optional finishing touches:

If you want to add a little something extra, consider adding a wrist strap or maybe a tasseled zipper-pull.



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