



# Clusters in the Center Square

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This 8 inch granny square is fun and easy to make and would look great made into an afghan made up of various colors of multicolored yarn with white. It is also a great way to use scraps. I used 2 different plies of yarn. The white is sport and the multi is worsted weight. The thickness of the 2 yarns is so close that you almost cannot tell the difference.

## Materials Needed

Worsted weight acrylic yarn in a multi color. Red Heart Super Saver in Bikini was used in the example.

3 Ply Sport acrylic yarn in White. Red Heart Sport was used in the example

Size G/6 or 4.25mm aluminum crochet hook

Yarn needle for weaving in ends

**Yarn Thickness:** 3mm

**Gauge:** 5sc=1"

**Finished Size:** 8" x 8"

**Skill Level:** Beginner

## Special Stitches

**Starting Cluster (stcl):** Ch3, \*yo, insert hook in stitch indicated draw up a loop, yo draw through 2 lps on hook then rep from \* one more time, then yo and draw yarn through all 3 lps on hook.

**Cl (cluster):** \*yo, insert hook in stitch indicated draw up a loop, yo draw through 2 lps on hook then rep from \* two more times, then yo and draw yarn through all 4 lps on hook.

## Instructions

**RND 1:** With multicolored yarn, ch8, join w/slst to first ch to form ring. Stcl in ring. Ch2. \*Cl in ring. Ch2. Rep from \* 6 times more. Join w/slst to top of stcl. (8clusters)

**RND 2:** Slst into the first ch2 sp. Stcl in same sp, ch2, cl in same sp. Ch2. \*Cl, ch2, cl in next ch2 sp. Ch2. Rep from\* around. Join w/slst to top of stcl.

**RND 3:** Slst into the next ch2 sp. Stcl, ch2, cl in same sp. Ch2. Cl in next ch2 sp. Ch2. \*Cl, ch2, cl in next ch2 sp. Ch2. Cl in next ch2 sp. Ch2. Rep from\* around. Join w/slst to top of stcl. Fasten off multi.

**RND 4:** Join white in first ch2 sp after slst. Ch4. \*Sc in next ch2 sp. Ch3. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first ch of ch4.

**RND 5:** Slst into the first ch3 sp. Ch1, sc in same sp. (3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch3 sp. Sc in next ch3 sp. 3sc in each of the next 3 ch3 sps.) \*Sc in next ch3 sp. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to first sc.

**RND 6:** Ch3. (Dc in each of the next 3dc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch2 corner sp. Dc in each of the next 13 sts.) \*Dc in next sc. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3.

**RND 7:** Ch4. Sk next dc. (Dc in next dc. Ch1, sk1 dc, twice. Dc in next dc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch2 corner sp. Dc in next dc. Ch1, sk 1 dc, 8 times.) \*Dc in next dc, ch1, sc next dc. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to 3rd ch of ch4.

**RND 8:** Ch3. (Dc in next ch1 sp, dc in next dc, 3 times. Dc in each of the next 3dc. 3dc, ch2, 3dc in next ch2 sp. Dc in each of thenext 4 dc. Dc I next ch1 sp, dc in next dc, 7 times. Dc in next ch1 sp.) \*Dc in next dc. Rep bet () once. Rep from \* around. Join w/slst to top of ch3. Fasten off white.

**RND 9:** Join multi in same sp as slst. Ch1. Sc in each st around but work a sc, ch2, sc in each ch2 corner sp. Join w/slst to ch1. Fasten off and weave ends into back of work.

