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crochet



Flat Braid Join

A Sunflower Cottage Crochet Pattern

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Gauge

Does not matter as long as tension is consistent.

Abbreviations

St – stitch
 CH – Chain
 Rep – Repeat
 Sk – skip
 SS – slip stitch
 SC – Single Crochet
 FO – Fasten Off

Pattern Notes

Written in US terms
 Chain 1 does not count as a stitch.
 There are no special stitches used in this pattern.
 I have written this pattern in steps.
 There is a photo tutorial after the written instructions. Links to the video tutorials are below.

Video Links

I have video tutorials for this joining method.
 Right handed – <https://youtu.be/fBvRi8cSBIg>
 Left handed - <https://youtu.be/ZL0liOjcfhw>

My Links

Blog	www.sunflowercottagecrochet.com
Facebook Group	Sunflower Cottage Crochet Community
Ravelry	https://www.ravelry.com/people/SunflowerCCBiz
Lovecrafts	https://www.lovecrafts.com/en-us/user/Sunflower-Cottage-Crochet
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Pattern

Preparing your Squares:

- Step 1: You may find it easier to create a border around your squares using either SC or HDC and working [SC, CH2, SC] into each corner.
Make sure you have the same number of sts on each side of each square. For this a multiple of 3+1 works well but do not worry if you have not got that number – you can make it work at the end of each side of your square, just make sure to do the same on each side of each square. The important thing is to have the same number of CH3 spaces.

Note: you will work this step for every square, so each of the next sections start at step 2.

Working the first Square:

- Step 2: Attach yarn to corner CH1 space, SC, CH3, sk2 sts, *SC in next st, CH3, sk2 sts*. Rep from * to * across to corner.
- Step 3: [SC, CH3, SC] in corner space, sk2 sts, *SC in next st, CH3, sk2 sts*. Rep from * to * across to corner.
- Step 4: Rep step 3 on all sides until you reach the last corner, SC, CH3, SS to first SC to join.

Working square that need to be joined on one side:

- Step 2: On the first of the two sides that you are not joining
 Attach yarn to corner CH1 space, SC, CH3, sk2 sts, *SC in next st, CH3, sk2 sts*. Rep from * to * across to corner.
- Step 3: [SC, CH3, SC] in corner space, sk2 sts, *SC in next st, CH3, sk2 sts*. Rep from * to * across to corner.
- Step 4: Rep step 3 on the two side that you are not joining until you reach the corner to be joined.
- Step 5: SC in corner sp, CH1, pull up your loop and remove your hook. In the corresponding corner of the square you are joining to, insert your hook from the front to the back of the CH3 space, re-attach your loop to your hook and pull through, CH2, SC in same corner space of square you are joining.



- Step 6: CH1, pull up your loop and remove your hook. In the next CH3 space of the square you are joining to, insert your hook from the front to the back of the CH3 space, re-attach your loop to your hook and pull through, CH2, sk2 from the square you are joining, SC in next st
- Step 7: Rep step 6 until you reach the last corner spaces, SC in square you are joining, CH1, pull up your loop and remove your hook. In the next corner CH3 space of the square you are joining to, insert your hook from the front to the back of the CH3 space, re-attach your loop to your hook and pull through, CH2, ss to top of first SC in square you are joining.

Attaching squares on two sides:

- Step 2: On the first of the two sides that you are not joining
Attach yarn to corner CH1 space, SC, CH3, sk2 sts, *SC in next st, CH3, sk2 sts*. Rep from * to * across to corner.
- Step 3: [SC, CH3, SC] in corner space, sk2 sts, *SC in next st, CH3, sk2 sts*. Rep from * to * across to corner.
- Step 4: Rep step 3 on the next side that you are not joining until you reach the first corner to be joined.
- Step 5: SC in corner sp, CH1, pull up your loop and remove your hook. In the corresponding corner of the square you are joining to, insert your hook from the front to the back of the CH3 space, re-attach your loop to your hook and pull through, CH2, SC in same corner space of square you are joining.
- Step 6: CH1, pull up your loop and remove your hook. In the next CH3 space of the square you are joining to, insert your hook from the front to the back of the CH3 space, re-attach your loop to your hook and pull through, CH2, sk2 from the square you are joining, SC in next st
- Step 7: Rep step 6 across the side until you reach the corner space.
- Step 8: In the corner space, SC, CH1, pull up your loop, remove hook, insert hook from the front to the back of the corresponding square diagonally opposite to the square you are joining, reattach hook, pull through, CH2, sk 2, SC in the same st of the square you are joining.
- Step 9: Rep steps 6 - 8

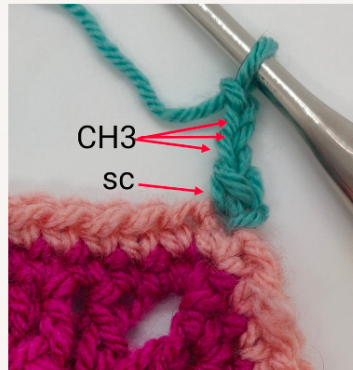


Photo Tutorial:

Square 1



Attach your yarn to any corner stitch



CH3
SC

SC and CH3



SC in the same st



*CH 3



Sk2

Sk2 sts



SC in next st*

Repeat from *to * across. Don't worry if you don't have 2 sts left at the end of the side - just make the best of it as you will never notice! Be sure to do the same on all side of all squares.



[SC, CH3, SC] in corner sp



CH3, sk2 sts



SC in next st

Repeat from *to * across to next corner space and follow the same process all of the way around your square. In final corner so SC, CH3, SS to first SC to join.



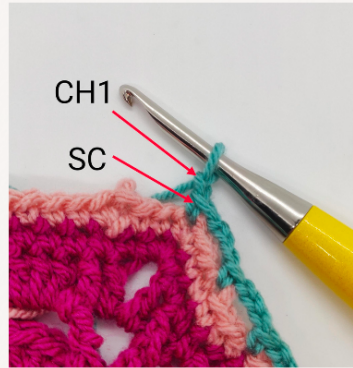
Repeat for each side, in final corner space work SC, CH3 and ss to first SC.



Square 2



Repeat steps 1-6 from Square 1 across the 3 sides of your square that you are not joining to the first square.



In that corner work a SC and CH1



Pull your loop on your hook so that it is longer and remove the hook.



Insert hook from the front to the back of Square 1, *attach loop to hook and pull through. CH2



On the square you are joining, Sk 2 sts and SC in the next st.



CH1, pull your loop longer, remove hook.



Insert hook into next CH3 sp from the front to the back.

Repeat steps 4 and 5 along, making sure to work the last corner CH3 spaces. Fasten off.



fasten off as soon as you have hooked the last corner CH3 sp



Attaching 2 sides - (Square 4)

Note: I have changed to smaller squares for the photos here



Repeat steps 1-6 from Square 1 across 2 sides of your square.



Follow steps 2-7 of Square 2 until you reach the corner.



SC in corner sp, ch1

Repeat from * to * to last sc



Pull up your loop and remove hook



Insert you hook from front to back in the corner CH3 sp of the square diagonally opposite



Continue as per previous sides.