# Gigi's Block Party Blanket

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## Yarn
Bernat POP!  - 140g / 5oz, 256 m / 280 yds
Blue Streak - 9 Balls

## Abbreviations
Beg - Beginning
Ch - Chain
Dc - Double crochet
Rep - Repeat
Rnd - Round
Sc - Single crochet
Sk - Skip
Sl st - Slip stitch
Sp - Space
St(s) - Stitch, stitches

## Hook
• 5.0 mm / H Hook

## Sizing
• 56" square

## Special Stitches
• **X-St** - Skip next stitch and place dc; dc into skipped stitch.
• **Popcorn** - Work 4 dc into the next st, drop the loop from the hook, insert your hook from front to back under the top 2 loops of the first double crochet of the group, grab the dropped loop and pull it through the stitch; 1 pc made.

*This is a blend of my Hugs & Kisses and Modern Granny patterns. See The Crochet Crowd website for more of my designs.*

## Instructions
*Start with the Modern Granny section.*

Ch 4; join with sl st in first ch to form a ring, or use magic circle.

**Rnd 1**:  Ch 3 (counts as dc here and throughout), 2 dc in ring, ch 1 [3 dc in ring, ch 1] 3 times; join with sl st to top of beg ch.  - Four 3-dc groups, 4 ch-1 sps.

**Rnd 2**:  Sl st in next 2 dc, [(sc, ch 3, sc) in next ch-1 sp (corner made), ch 3] 4 times; join with sl st in first sc.  - 4 corners, 4 ch-3 sps.

**Rnd 3**:  (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in first corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp, [(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next ch-3 sp] 3 times; join with sl st to top of beg ch.  - 4 corners, four 3-dc groups.

**Rnd 4**:  Sl st in next 2 dc, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next sp between corner and next 3-dc group, ch 3, sc in next sp between next 3-dc group and corner, ch 3; rep from * 3

more times; join with sl st in first sc.  - 4 corners, 12- ch-3 sps.

**Rnd 5**:  (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in first corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next 3 ch-3 sps, *(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in next corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in next 3 ch-3 sps; rep from * 2 more times; join with sl st to top of beg ch.  - 4 corners, 12 - 3-dc groups.

*Transition into Hugs & Kisses section.*

**Rnd 6**:  Sl st in next 2 dc, (sl st, ch 1, 2 sc) in first corner sp, sc in each st to next ch-1 sp, *3 sc in ch-1 sp, sc in each st to ch-1 sp; rep from * 2 more times, sc in same sp as beg 2 sc, sl st to beg sc.  - 72 sc
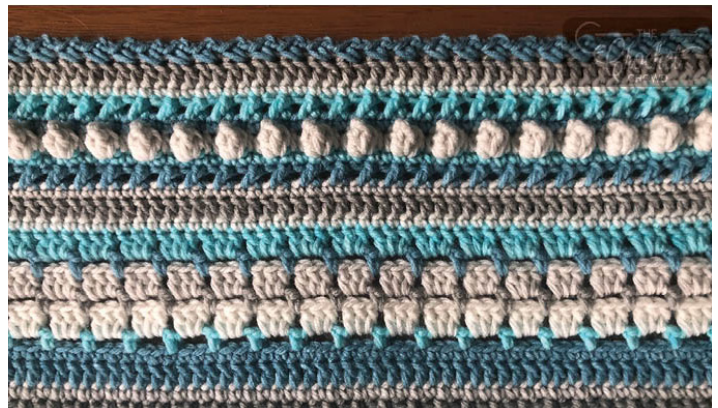
*This is when I like to place a stitch marker in the middle stitch of each corner from here out to keep track of the center stitch.

**Rnd 7**:  Ch 3, 2 dc in same st as join, dc in each st to marked corner, *5 dc in corner st, dc in each st to marked corner; rep from * twice more, 2 dc in same st as beg ch 3, sl st to beg ch 3. - 88 dc

**Rnd 8**:  Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to marked corner, *3 sc in corner st, sc in each st to marked corner; rep from * twice more, sc in same st as beg st, sl st to beg st.  - 96 sc

**Rnd 9**:  Ch 3 (counts as dc now and throughout), 2 dc in same st as join, dc in next st, [*sk next st, dc in next st, dc in skipped st (X-st), rep from * to marked corner st], **5 dc in corner, dc in next st, X-st to next marked corner; rep from ** twice more, 2 dc in same st as beg 3 dc, sl st to beg dc. - 11 X-st per side/ 44 X-st, 24 dc

**Rnd 10**:  Rep rnd 8.  - 120 sc

**Rnd 11**:  Ch 2 (counts as hdc now and throughout), hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, *pc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; rep  from * to marked corner st, **[3 hdc in marked corner st, hdc in next 2 sts, *pc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts; rep  from * to marked corner st]; rep from ** twice more, 1 hdc in same st as beg, sl st to ch 2.  - 9 pc per side/ 36 pc total, 92 hdc

**Rnd 12**:  Rep rnd 8. - 136 sc

**Rnd 13**:  Rep rnd 9. - 16 X-st per side/ 64 X-st total, 24 dc

**Rnd 14**:  Rep rnd 8. - 160 sc

**Rnd 15**:  Ch 3, 2 dc in same st, dc in each st to marked corner, *5 dc in corner st, dc in each st to next marked corner; rep from * twice more, 2 dc in same st as beg ch 3, sl st to beg ch 3. - 176 dc

**Rnd 16**:  Rep rnd 8. - 184 sc

***Transition back to Modern Granny***

**Rnd 17**:  Ch 1, (sc, ch 3, sc) in same st, ch 3, sk 3 sc, *sc in next st, ch 3, sk 2 sc; rep from * to marked corner, **(sc, ch 3, sc) in corner st, ch 3, sk 3 sc, (sc in next st, ch 3, sk 2 sc) to corner; rep from ** twice more, sl st to beg sc. - 4 corners, 60 ch-3 sps

**Rnd 18**:  (Sl st, ch 3, 2 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in first corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in each ch-3 sp to corner, *(3 dc, ch 1, 3 dc) in corner ch-3 sp, 3 dc in each ch-3 sp to corner; rep from * twice more, sl st to beg ch. - 15(3-dc groups) per side/ 60 (3-dc groups total), 4 corners

**Rnd 19**:  Sl st in next 2 dc, *(sc, ch 3, sc) in next corner ch-1 sp, ch 3, sc in next space between corner and next 3-dc group, ch 3, sc in next space between each 3-dc group to corner, ch 3; repeat from * 3 more times; join with sl st in first sc. - 4 corners, 68 ch-3 sps

**Rnd 20**:  Rep rnd 18. - 17 (3-dc groups) per side/ 68 (3-dc groups) total, 4 corners

**Rnds 21 - 22**:  Rep rnds 19 and 20.

**Rnd 23**: Rep rnd 6. - 264 sc

**Rnd 24**: Rep rnd 7. - 280 dc

**Rnd 25**: Rep rnd 8. - 288 sc

**Rnd 26**: Rep rnd 9. - 35 X-st per side/ 140 X-st total, 24 dc

**Rnd 27**: Rep rnd 8. - 312 sc

**Rnd 28**: Rep rnd 11. - 25 pc per side/ 100 pc total, 220 hdc

**Rnd 29**: Rep rnd 8. - 336 sc

**Rnd 30**: Rep rnd 13. - 40 X-st per side/ 160 X-st total, 24 dc

**Rnd 31**: Rep rnd 8. - 352 sc

**Rnd 32**: Rep rnd 15. - 368 dc

**Rnd 33**: Rep rnd 8. - 376 sc

**Rnds 34 - 50**:  Rep rnds 17 - 33.

**Rnds 51 - 66**:  Rep rnds 17 - 32.

**Border**

**Rnd 1**:  Ch 1, 2 sc first st, sc in next st, [sk next st, sc in next st, sc in skipped st] to marked corner, *3 sc in corner st, sc in next st, [sk next st, sc in next st, sc in skipped st] to marked corner; rep from * 2 more times, sc in sam st as beg 2 sc, sl st to beg sc.  Fasten off.