

Cropped Chunky Granny Stitch Cardigan

Updated crochet pattern with clarified neckline, yoke setup, and raglan granny-stitch instructions



A relaxed waist-length cardigan with chunky open granny clusters, roomy sleeves, and a clean cropped fit.

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Pattern Overview

This cropped chunky granny stitch cardigan is designed as a modern, waist-length layering piece with bold openwork texture, roomy sleeves, and a relaxed handmade finish. It is worked from the top down so you can check the yoke, armholes, and cropped length as you go.

This version is cropped only. There is no hood, no long body option, and no oversized coatigan length. The shape is short, boxy, and easy to wear over high-waisted jeans, skirts, dresses, or wide-leg pants.

Photo note: The listing images are styled mockups to show the intended finished look, fit, texture, and styling. Your finished cardigan may vary depending on yarn choice, gauge, hook size, size made, and personal fit adjustments.

Skill level	Confident beginner to intermediate
Construction	Top-down raglan yoke; body worked flat; sleeves worked in joined, turned rounds
Fit	Relaxed cropped fit with 6-8 in / 15-20 cm positive ease
Main stitch	Chunky granny clusters with larger open spaces
Sizes	XS to 5XL, using finished chest measurements

Finished Chest and Yarn Guide

Choose a finished chest measurement that is 6-8 inches larger than your actual bust/chest measurement. The cardigan is meant to be relaxed, not fitted.

Size	Finished chest	Suggested ease	Approx. yarn
XS	38 in / 96.5 cm	6-8 in	720-875 yd / 650-800 m
S	42 in / 106.5 cm	6-8 in	720-875 yd / 650-800 m
M	46 in / 117 cm	6-8 in	875-1095 yd / 800-1000 m
L	50 in / 127 cm	6-8 in	875-1095 yd / 800-1000 m
XL	54 in / 137 cm	6-8 in	1095-1365 yd / 1000-1250 m
2XL	58 in / 147 cm	6-8 in	1095-1365 yd / 1000-1250 m
3XL	62 in / 157.5 cm	6-8 in	1365-1640 yd / 1250-1500 m
4XL	66 in / 167.5 cm	6-8 in	1365-1640 yd / 1250-1500 m
5XL	70 in / 178 cm	6-8 in	1640-1860 yd / 1500-1700 m

Materials

- Chunky weight yarn / category 5 yarn. Choose a soft yarn with enough structure to show the open granny clusters.
- Large crochet hook to match gauge. Start with the hook recommended on your yarn label, then adjust after swatching.
- Smaller crochet hook, 1-2 sizes smaller, for the hem, cuffs, and front bands.
- Stitch markers, at least 6.
- Tape measure.
- Yarn needle and scissors.
- Optional: 3-5 large buttons, 1 to 1.25 in / 2.5 to 3 cm wide.

Gauge

4 granny clusters and 5 rows = approximately 4 in / 10 cm in chunky granny stitch, lightly blocked.

A granny cluster means 3 double crochet stitches worked into the same chain space. The open spaces are part of the look, so avoid using a hook that makes the fabric stiff or dense.

Abbreviations - US Terms

ch	chain
dc	double crochet
sc	single crochet
sl st	slip stitch
st/sts	stitch/stitches
sp/sps	space/spaces
rep	repeat
RS/WS	right side / wrong side

Special Stitches

Chunky granny cluster: Work 3 dc into the same ch-space.

Open granny spacing: Ch 2 between clusters for a bolder, more open fabric. Use ch 1 if your yarn is very loose or stretchy.

Raglan corner increase: Work 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc into the marked raglan corner space.

Edge stitch: The first and last stitches of each row help create a clean cardigan opening. Keep these edges even so the front band sits neatly.

Yoke Setup - Updated for Clarity

The yoke begins at the neckline and is divided into five garment sections: right front, right sleeve, back, left sleeve, and left front. Four marked raglan corner stitches create the shaping. The markers are placed on the corner stitches, not between sections.

Size group	Foundati on chain	Row 1 sts	Right front	Cor ner	Right sleeve	Cor ner	Back	Cor ner	Left sleeve	Cor ner	Left front
XS/S	54	52	6	1	8	1	20	1	8	1	6
M/L	58	56	7	1	9	1	20	1	9	1	7
XL/2XL	62	60	7	1	10	1	22	1	10	1	7
3XL/4XL	66	64	8	1	10	1	24	1	10	1	8
5XL	70	68	9	1	11	1	24	1	11	1	9

Foundation: With larger hook, ch the number listed for your size group.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across. The skipped ch counts as the first dc. Turn.

Place markers: Starting at the right front edge, count the stitches shown in the table. Place a marker directly into each corner stitch. Example for XS/S: count 6 front sts, place marker in next st, count 8 sleeve sts, place marker in next st, count 20 back sts, place marker in next st, count 8 sleeve sts, place marker in next st, 6 front sts remain.

Important neckline note: The first rows may look more solid than the finished mockup. The cardigan opening and neckline become cleaner after the yoke grows and the front band is added at the end.

Row 2 - Begin Granny Stitch Yoke

Ch 3 (counts as the first dc). Work 2 dc in the first stitch to complete the first edge granny cluster. Ch 2, skip 2 sts, work 3 dc in the next st; repeat across the right front. Near a marked corner, adjust the final skip to 1-3 sts if needed so the marked stitch remains the raglan corner.

At each marked corner stitch, work 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in the marked stitch. Move the marker into the new centre ch-2 corner space. Ch 2 and continue across the next section in the same way, keeping clusters evenly spaced. Work the same corner increase at all four markers. Across the left front, space the final clusters evenly and work 3 dc in the last stitch. Turn.

Row 3 - Offset Edge Row

Ch 5 (counts as 1 dc + ch 2). Work 3 dc in the first ordinary ch-2 space. Ch 2, work 3 dc in the next ch-2 space; repeat across. At each marked raglan corner space, work 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc and move the marker into the new corner ch-2 space. After the final granny cluster, ch 2 and work 1 dc into the top of the beginning ch-3 from the previous row. Turn.

Row 4 - Full Edge Cluster Row

Ch 3 (counts as the first dc). Work 2 dc into the first edge ch-2 space. Ch 2, then work 3 dc into each ordinary ch-2 space across, with ch 2 between clusters. At each marked raglan corner, work 3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc. Finish with 3 dc in the final edge ch-2 space. Turn.

Repeat Rows 3 and 4, continuing the four raglan corner increases, until the yoke reaches the suggested depth and fits comfortably from the back neck to the underarm.

Size group	Yoke depth from back neck to underarm
XS/S	7-8 in / 18-20 cm
M/L	8-9 in / 20-23 cm
XL/2XL	9-10 in / 23-25.5 cm
3XL/4XL	10-11 in / 25.5-28 cm
5XL	11-12 in / 28-30.5 cm

Fit check: Before separating sleeves, try the yoke on. The raglan corners should sit near the underarm and the fronts should reach comfortably toward the centre front. If the yoke pulls across the bust, back, or upper arms, add one more increase row before separating sleeves.

Separate Sleeves and Body

Separation row: Work in granny stitch across the first front section to the first raglan corner.

First underarm: Ch 4 for XS/S and M/L, ch 5 for XL/2XL, or ch 6 for 3XL/4XL and 5XL. Skip the sleeve section and the next raglan corner, then work into the first ch-space of the back section to join to the back.

Back: Continue across the back in granny stitch to the next sleeve section.

Second underarm: Ch the same number used for the first underarm. Skip the second sleeve section and the next raglan corner, then continue across the second front.

Turn and check: Try the cardigan on again. If the armholes feel tight, add extra underarm chains or work one more yoke row before separating.

Cropped Body

Body rows: Continue in the established granny pattern across both fronts, the underarm chain spaces, and the back. Place granny clusters evenly into the underarm chains and keep ch 2 between clusters.

At the cardigan opening, keep alternating the Row 3 offset edge treatment and the Row 4 full edge-cluster treatment. Repeat these two row styles until the cardigan reaches your preferred cropped length from the underarm.

Cropped length option	Length from underarm	Approx. granny rows after separation
Short crop	7-8 in / 18-20 cm	8-10 rows
Classic waist crop	9-10 in / 23-25.5 cm	10-12 rows
Relaxed crop	11-12 in / 28-30.5 cm	12-14 rows

For the cleanest cropped look, stop the body around the natural waist or just below it. Add the hem band only after trying it on.

Bottom Hem Band

Row 1: Change to smaller hook. Ch 1, sc evenly across the bottom edge. Turn.

Rows 2-5: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.

Optional firmer hem: Add 1-2 extra sc rows if the cropped edge flips upward.

Fasten off.

Front Opening Band

Row 1: With RS facing and smaller hook, join yarn at the lower right front corner. Sc evenly up the right front edge, around the neckline, and down the left front edge. A good starting rate is 2 sc into the side of each granny row, adjusting so the edge lies flat. Turn.

Rows 2-4: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Turn.

Optional buttonholes: On Row 3, ch 2 and skip 2 sts at each buttonhole position. On the next row, work 2 sc into each buttonhole chain space.

Fasten off.

Sleeves

Sleeves are worked in joined, turned rounds so the texture matches the body. Turn after each round unless you prefer the look of unturned rounds.

Round 1: With larger hook, join yarn at the centre underarm. Ch 3, work granny clusters evenly around the armhole, including into the underarm chain spaces. Join with sl st to beginning of round. Turn.

Round 2: Ch 3, work 3 dc in each ch-space around, ch 2 between clusters. Join. Turn.

Decrease rounds: To taper the sleeve, skip one ch-space near the underarm on rounds 3, 6, and 9. Keep decreases at the underarm so they are less visible.

Continue even: After the decrease rounds, continue in granny stitch until the sleeve is about 2 in / 5 cm shorter than your desired sleeve length.

Repeat for the second sleeve, matching the number of rounds and decrease placement.

For a modern cropped cardigan, full-length sleeves look cozy, while bracelet-length sleeves give a lighter transitional-season style.

Sleeve Cuffs

Round 1: Change to smaller hook. Ch 1, sc evenly around sleeve opening. Join.

Rounds 2-6: Ch 1, sc in each st around. Join.

Fasten off. Repeat for second cuff.

Optional Small Pockets

Pockets are optional. For a cropped cardigan, keep them small so they do not overwhelm the short shape.

Make 2: With larger hook, ch 14-18 depending on desired pocket width.

Row 1: Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across. Turn.

Row 2: Ch 3, work granny clusters across, ch 2 between clusters. Turn.

Rows 3-5: Continue in granny stitch.

Final round: Change to smaller hook and sc evenly around pocket edge.

Attach: Pin pockets to the fronts while wearing the cardigan. Sew around the sides and bottom, leaving the top open.

Accuracy Check and Maker Notes

This updated version corrects the confusing yoke wording by making the first granny-stitch row and all following raglan increase rows clearer. The cardigan is still a fit-as-you-go garment pattern, so the maker should use the yoke depth, finished chest, and try-on checks as the final guide.

The pattern sections needed to complete the cardigan are included: materials, gauge, sizing, yoke, sleeve/body separation, cropped body, bands, sleeves, cuffs, optional pockets, finishing, and troubleshooting.

Finishing

- Weave in all ends securely.
- Lightly steam or block the cardigan if needed. Do not over-stretch the open granny stitch fabric.
- Check that the front bands, bottom hem, and cuffs sit flat.
- Sew on buttons if using.
- Try on the finished cardigan and gently shape the cropped hem while drying if you blocked it.

Fit Troubleshooting

Issue	Adjustment
Yoke pulls across bust or upper back	Add 1-2 more yoke increase rows before separating sleeves.
Armholes feel tight	Add extra underarm chains or add one more yoke row.
Body feels too wide	Use a smaller hook for the hem band or work a slightly firmer band.
Sleeves feel too loose	Add an extra decrease round near the underarm.
Front band ripples	Use fewer sc stitches along the front edge.
Hem flips upward	Add 1-2 more rows to the bottom hem band.

Customization Ideas

- Use one solid yarn colour for the most wearable everyday cardigan.
- Use a self-stripping chunky yarn for an easy statement piece.
- Add large wooden buttons for a rustic handmade finish.
- Skip pockets for the cleanest cropped shape.

Thank you for making this pattern. Handmade garments are at their best when they are checked against your own measurements as you go, so try on often and enjoy making the cropped fit your own.