Grannies Quilt-Style:
Square-in-a-Square
12″ square, when worked to gauge

materials:

y 25 gm (50 yds) of 3 different colors
   worsted weight yarn

y crochet hook G (US),
   or hook and yarn the size necessary to achieve gauge

gauge: 14s=4″

all yarn requirements are approximate

abbreviations:	
ch: chain	*sp:* space
dc: double crochet	*st(s):* stitch)es)
hdc: half double crochet	*tr:* treble crochet
sc: single crochet	*Cx:* each color
sl st: slip stitch	*note:* ch-3 at beg of any round serves as a dc, ch-4 serves as a dc and ch-1

instructions:

center square (5 ½"):
with C1, ch-4. sl to in first ch to form a circle.

1: ch-3, work 15 dc into center of circle. sl st in top of ch-3 to join.

2: sl st in top of next st in prev rnd. ch-3. dc in top of next 2 st. work 2 dc, ch-2, 2dc between next 2 st *(cluster)*. *dc in top of next 3 st. work cluster between next 2 st. repeat from * twice. sl st in top of ch-3 to join. (3 st btwn corners)

3: sl st in top of next st in prev rnd. ch-3. dc in top of next 3 st. work cluster. *dc in top of next 6 st. work cluster between next 2 st. repeat from * twice. dc in next 2 st. sl st in top of ch-3 to join. (6 st btwn corner sp)

4: sl st in top of next st in prev rnd. ch-3. dc in top of next 4 st. work cluster. *dc in top of next 9 st. work cluster between next 2 st. repeat from * twice. dc in next 4 st. sl st in top of ch-3 to join. (9 st btwn corner sp)

5: sl st in top of next st in prev rnd. ch-3. dc in top of next 5 st. work cluster. *dc in top of next 6 st. work cluster between next 2 st. repeat from * twice. dc in next 6 st. sl st in top of ch-3 to join. (12 st btwn corner sp)

triangles (make 4)
with C2, ch-4. sl to in first ch to form a circle.

1: ch-3. work 3 dc, ch-3, 3 dc in center sp. ch-3, turn.

2: dc in next 3 st. work 3 hdc, ch-2, 3 hdc in center sp. dc in next 4 st - last st is in top of ch-3 from prev row. ch4, turn.

3: dc in next 7 st. work 2 hdc, ch-2, 2 hdc in center sp. dc in next 7 st. ch-1, work dc in top of ch-3 from prev row. ch-3, turn.

4: dc in ch-1 sp. ch-1, dc in next 9 st. work 2 hdc, ch-2, 2 hdc in center sp. dc in next 9 st. ch-1, dc in sp and in 3rd ch from prev row. clip yarn, leaving a 12" tail for joining.

joining triangles to center square -
with right sides of both pieces facing, pin lower edge of triangle to top edge of one side of square so the points of the triangle end in the corner space. overlap just enough of the edges to allow sewing.

thread the tail into a tapestry needle. bring the needle from back to front of the chain in the corner. *take the needle from front to back in the next st. bring the needle from back to front in the next st (resembles a running st). repeat from * across, with the last st from front to back ending in the ch at the other end of the square's edge. weave end securely from WS and clip.

attach remaining triangles in a similar manner. the points of the triangles should touch at each corner of the square.

outer border:
1: join C3 in the ch-2 sp of any triangle. work ch-2, hdc, ch-2, 2 hdc in space. *hdc in next 11 st. dc in next 3 st. tr in sp where triangle points join. dc in next 3 st. hdc in next 11 st. 2 hdc, ch-2, 2 hdc in corner space (*hdc cluster*). repeat from * around. end with a sl st to the top of the ch-2. (33 st btwn corner sp)

2: ch-2, hdc in next st. *work hdc cluster in corner then hdc in each st across to next corner. repeat from * around. end with a sl st to the top of the ch-2. clip C3. (36 st btwn corner sp)

3: *this round requires the previous round to have an even number of st between corner spaces.*

   join C2 in the ch-2 sp of any corner, ch-1. work 2 sc, ch-2, 2 sc in corner. *ch-2, skip 2 st, sc between the next 2 st. repeat from * to corner. work 2 sc, ch-2, 2 sc in corner. repeat from * around. end with a sl st in the top of the ch-1.

   (18 ch-2 spaces btwn corner sp)

4: join C3 in the ch-2 sp of any corner, ch-2. work hdc, ch-2, 2 hdc in corner sp. *hdc in next sc. work 2 hdc in each ch-2 space across to corner. hdc in next sc. work hdc cluster. repeat from * around. end with sl st in top of ch-2 to join.

   (42 st btwn corner sp)

5: ch-1. sc in each st around, working 4 sc in each corner space.

finishing:
weave in all ends and block.