Sunshine In The Window Granny Square
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I first made this granny square for a swap hosted by Hannah Blavins of http://spans-stitchin.blogspot.com/. It owes inspiration to the soft flower-square pattern which can be found at http://www.bevscountrycottage.com/softsquare.html, itself adapted from an older pattern. I just loved the idea of capturing the bright sunny colours I was using to make Mr Sun toys into a window shape so it could be added to a cuddly blanket for those grey, depressing days (of which there are all too many in the NW of England!).

The following pattern makes a Granny Square 6ins square. It is made with basic 100% acrylic yarn (100g/320m); I used a 4mm hook (but I work tightly so experiment to get your own tension). PLEASE NOTE I am using UK crochet terms so American crocheters should read "dc" for "tr".

Centre
With yellow, ch6 and slst into ch1 to form a ring.

Ch3 (counts as first treble), tr2 into ring. Turn, tr into each tr (there is no turning chain, this is important for the shape), ch3. Turn. This gives you the pointed shape of the ray and a ch3 space at the back of each one.

[Tr3 into ring, turn, tr into each tr, ch3, turn] seven more times to give eight yellow rays in total. Slst into 3rd ch and FO.

Outer Rays
Using orange, join eith a slst into any ch3 space.

Ch3 (counts as first treble), tr2 into ch space. Turn, tr into each tr (no turning chain), ch3, turn. Again, this makes the pointed shape and gives you a ch3 space to work into later.
[Tr3 into each ch3 space turn, tr into each tr, ch3, turn] seven more times to give eight orange rays in total. Slst into 3rd ch and FO.
Blue Sky
Round 1: Join blue yarn with a slst into any orange ch3 space. Ch3 (counts as first tr), tr2 into ch space.

[Ch2, tr3] into each orange ch3 space for one round. Slst into 3rd ch.

Round 2: Turn, ch3 (counts as first tr), tr 2into ch space. [Ch2, tr3] around. Slst into 3rd ch.

Round 3: Turn, ch3 (counts as first tr), tr 2into ch space. [Ch2, tr3] around. Slst into 3rd ch and FO.

Frame
Join light brown yarn with a slst in any bue ch2 space. Ch3 (counts as first tr), tr1 into ch2 space. [Tr into each of next three tr, tr 2 into ch2 space] around until complete. Join with slst into ch3 of first stitch, FO.

Et voila, sunshine in the window for a snuggly blanket to cheer you up on depressing days!