Amish diamond pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 16 in (41 cm) square, before it is filled

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 14 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: deep red, rounds 1 to 9 of the center and the corners	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: teal, the triangles	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: purple, the strips	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black blue, rounds 10 to 12 of the center and the back	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 260 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking, a 16 in (41 cm) square pillow form and a spray bottle.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Gauge

14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Notes

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.

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- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- After a ch 1 and a turn, work the first stitch in the last stitch of the row before: no stitch is skipped. The right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you while you work Row 1 and every other row with an odd number.
- In Rnd 2 of the center the first st is the first sc of Rnd 1, the one that round was joined in. In Rnds 3 to 9, 11 and 12 the slip stitch that begins the round carries you to the middle one of the 3 sc at the first corner, and same st is this middle sc, the stitch that slip stitch went into. In Rnd 10 the 2nd st of Rnd 9 is that same middle sc: D is joined in it, and same st is the stitch D was joined in. Each round puts 3 sc in the middle sc of every corner.
- The center has 4 sides of 24 stitches each, counted from the middle sc of one corner up to the middle sc of the next. The long edge of a triangle is its foundation chain of 24 chains; each of its short edges is the ends of its 13 rows.
- In another yarn take a square pillow form as wide as the size given for that yarn under GAUGE.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- Whip stitch: hold the two edges together, put the needle through both from back to front, bring the yarn over the edges and go in again from the back, one stitch along.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured along one side: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 10¾ in (27 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 12½ in (32 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 20½ in (52 cm).

Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **rem** remaining, **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 3 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 3 times: work what is inside 3 times in all.
(8 sc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

sc2tog (UK dc2tog): [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Center

Yarns in order of use: A, deep red; D, black blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, pull the tail to close the ring, sl st in first sc to join	(8 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next st, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(16 sc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 3 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(24 sc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(32 sc)

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(40 sc)
☐ **Rnd 6**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 9 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(48 sc)
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 11 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(56 sc)
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 13 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(64 sc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 15 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(72 sc)
	Fasten off A.	
☐ **Rnd 10**	Join D with sl st in 2nd st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 17 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(80 sc)
☐ **Rnd 11**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 19 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(88 sc)
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sl st in next st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 21 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(96 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 70 in (178 cm) tail for sewing.	

Triangle: make 4

Yarn B, teal.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 25.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(24 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 20 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 20 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 18 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 18 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 16 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 16 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 14 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 14 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 12 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 12 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 10 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 8 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 6 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 4 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 4 sts	(2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts	(1 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Strip: make 4

Yarn C, purple.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(34 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(34 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 40 in (102 cm) tail for sewing.	

Corner: make 4

Yarn A, deep red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(10 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 11**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(10 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Back

Yarn D, black blue.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 55.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across	(54 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 58**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	(54 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the center to 6 7/8 in (17.5 cm) on each side, every triangle to 6 7/8 in (17.5 cm) along its long edge and 3½ in (8.9 cm) from the middle of that edge to the point, every strip to 9¾ in (25 cm) by 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) and every corner to 2 7/8 in (7.3 cm) on each side, and the back to 15½ in (39.5 cm) on each side. Sewn together the front is as wide as the back: a corner, a strip and a corner make 15½ in (39.5 cm). Spray the pieces with water and let them dry.
- Whip stitch for all the seams: lay two pieces side by side, right sides up, and bring the needle up from the back through the edge of one piece and take it down through the place opposite on the edge of the other; go on so from one end of the seam to the other and draw the yarn up until the edges meet. Sew with a tail that hangs at an end of the seam; where there is none, take a new length of the darker of the two colors.
- Lay the center with a corner straight up. Sew the long edge of a triangle to each of its four sides, stitch to chain, 24 to 24: begin in the middle sc of one corner and end in the stitch before the middle sc of the next. The short edges of two neighboring triangles make one straight line of 26 row ends, and the four lines make a square of about 9¾ in (25 cm) on each side.
- Sew two strips to the square, one to the left side and one to the right: lay each with its foundation chain against the square, and sew its 34 chains to the 26 row ends of the two triangles, taking 2 chains to 1 row end at every third row end (8 times) and 1 chain to 1 row end elsewhere.
- Sew a corner to each end of the other two strips, 11 row ends to 11, with the foundation chains in one line. Lay one of these long strips above the square and one below, foundation chain toward the square; sew the strip itself to the two triangles in the same way and each corner to the 11 row ends of the side strip beside it, taking the 5th and the 6th row end together (10 chains to 11 row ends).
- Front edge: with D and the right side of the front facing, join with a slip stitch in the first stitch to the left of the upper right corner and ch 1; the first sc goes in that same place. Along each of the four sides work 54 sc: 10 along a corner (its 10 stitches, or its 11 row ends with the 5th and the 6th taken together in one sc2tog), 34 in the 34 stitches of Row 11 of the strip and 10 along the next corner; ch 2 at each of the four corners of the front. Slip stitch in the first sc to join (216 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Back edge: with D and the right side of the back facing, work in the same way: 1 sc in each of the 54 stitches of Row 58 and in each of the 54 chains, and along each side 1 sc in the end of every row except rows 12, 24, 35 and 47 (54 sc); ch 2 at each corner. Slip stitch in the first sc to join (216 sc, 4 ch-2 sps). Fasten off.
- Weave in all the ends of the front and of the back on their wrong sides with the yarn needle.
- Lay the front on the back, wrong sides together, the corners meeting. With D, join with a slip stitch through any ch-2 space of both, and work 1 slip stitch through both in every sc, under both top loops of each, and 1 slip stitch through both in every ch-2 space, along three sides. Put the pillow form in, close the fourth side in the same way and fasten off. With the yarn needle weave the two ends of this round into it and draw them inside the pillow.

In all: 14 pieces.

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