Car seat handle cushion

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 10 in (25.5 cm) wide open and 11¾ in (30 cm) long, the scallops counted, for a handle 4¾ in (12 cm) to 7¼ in (18.5 cm) round

Skill
Intermediate
Star stitch is five loops drawn together; once the first row is done, two rows are repeated.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
16 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet (UK half treble).

What you need

Yarn A: mint, the stars **about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, every third stripe, the edge and the lining **about 195 yd (178 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 130 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: cotton
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: pins, a yarn needle, scissors, sewing thread in mint, and a needle for it, five buttons, 5/8 in (15 mm) across, a piece of cotton batting, 8¼ in (21 cm) by 10 in (25.5 cm) and a tape measure.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Standard (this file)	**10 in (25.5 cm) wide, 11¾ in (30 cm) long**	**about 255 yd (233 m)**
Wide	12 in (30.5 cm) wide, 11¾ in (30 cm) long	about 325 yd (297 m)

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Gauge

16 stitches and 12 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

In star stitch 8 stars are 4 in (10 cm) wide, and 12 rows of stars with the 12 rows of half double crochet that follow them are about 10¼ in (26 cm) tall, so that a row of stars is taller than a row of half double crochet. With row 1 the panel is about 10½ in (26.5 cm) long without its edge.

The pattern also stops you to measure after row 9.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 16 stitches and 12 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 26.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(24 hdc)
Swatch rows 2 to 18	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(24 hdc)

Instructions

Standard. US terms.

sc single crochet (UK dc), **ch** chain, **dc** double crochet (UK tr), **hdc** half double crochet (UK htr), **sl st** slip stitch, **sk** skip, **st** stitch.

3 sc in next st: **all three in that one stitch**. Sc in next 32 sts: one in each.

The ch 3 is the first dc: skip the first stitch; the last dc goes in the **top of the 3 chains**.

[ ] 17 times: 17 times in all. ( ) in one place: all of it there. (1 dc, 17 stars): the row now has that many; a check, not a step. **How to read a pattern**

Also: yo yarn over, sp space, RS right side, WS wrong side.

Every stitch, drawn: flossfield.com/crochet/stitches.

Special stitches

star: A star of five loops worked over the next 2 stitches. Insert hook in the eye of the star before and pull up a loop; insert hook under the last leg of that star and pull up a loop; insert hook in the stitch that leg stands in and pull up a loop; insert hook in each of the next 2 stitches and pull up a loop in each, 6 loops on hook; yo, pull through all 6 loops; chain 1 to close. This chain 1 is the eye of the star; it is the place the next row is worked into, and it is not counted by itself. The first star of a row has no star before it: for its first three loops insert the hook in the 2nd chain from the hook, in the 3rd chain from the hook and in the stitch at the foot of the chain.

Star panel

Begin with yarn A, mint.

☐ **Start**	Ch 36.	
☐ **Row 1 (WS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(35 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 4**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 6**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)

> **Stop and measure now, after row 9.** The panel should measure about 8¾ in (22 cm) wide and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall. If it is taller, pull the loops of the stars up less; if it is shorter, pull them up more. Larger? Begin again with a smaller hook. Smaller? A larger hook.

☐ **Row 10**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 12**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 16**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 18**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 22**	With B, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐ **Row 24**	With A, ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**star over next 2 sts**] 17 times**	(1 dc, 17 stars)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 2, turn; 2 hdc in each of next 17 sts, hdc in last st	(35 hdc)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lining

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Start**	Ch 37.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(35 hdc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 32**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(35 hdc)

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

☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Edge

Yarn B, cream.

Hold the panel with the right side facing you and its last row at the top, and work to your left all the way. The last row ends in a corner stitch at your right. Do not begin there: begin in the stitch just to the left of it, the second from your right. This is place 1; round 1 calls it the first st. The corner stitch itself is the last place, and its 3 single crochet are the last stitches of the round. The places are, in this order: 34 along the last row, from its second stitch from your right to its left end; 37 down the side, to the foundation chain; 35 along the free loops of the foundation chain; 37 up the other side; 1 in the corner stitch at your right. Along a side there is 1 place in the end of row 1, then 2 in the end of each row of stars and 1 in the end of each row of half double crochet. In round 1 there are 3 single crochet in one place at the four corners, the stitch at each end of the last row and the chain at each end of the foundation chain. In round 2 a scallop, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc), comes into the middle one of these 3 at every corner; between the corners there are 9 scallops along each long side.

☐ **Start**	The whole edge of the star panel, RS facing; 144 places, of which the first is the second stitch of the last row from your right.
☐ **Round 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 32 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 37 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 33 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 37 sts, 3 sc in next st, sl st in first sc to join (152 sc)

> **Stop here, after round 1.** Before you go on, see that the last 3 single crochet of round 1 stand in the corner stitch, just to the right of the stitch you joined in.

☐ **Round 2**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sk next st, (2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc) in next st, sk next st**] 38 times**, sl st in first sc to join (38 sc, 152 dc, 38 ch-2 sps)
☐	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, each under stitches of its own color.

2. The lining. Lay the star panel down with the wrong side up and lay the batting on it, so that about ¼ in (0.5 cm) of the panel shows all round. Lay the lining on top with its right side up, the side that faced you in its row 1; its 32 rows lie along the 25 rows of the panel. Pin it all round.

3. Cut a length of B about 124 in (315 cm) long. Begin at a corner with a tail of 6 in (15 cm) left between the layers. Sew the edge of the lining to the foot of the round of single crochet, on the wrong side of the panel: one stitch in each stitch of the lining along its 35 stitches, two stitches to every row along its sides, over the edge of the lining and through one strand at the foot of the single crochet, so that nothing shows on the right side. Fasten off at the corner where you began and draw both ends in between the layers.

4. The buttons. Put the cushion round the middle of the handle with the lining inside and draw one long edge over the other until it sits fast and does not turn. The upper edge overlaps the lower one by at least 1¼ in (3 cm), so that its scallops lie on the panel of the lower layer. Along the upper edge leave out the two scallops at its corners and count the 9 between them. Put a pin into the lower layer under the chain 2 space of the first, the third, the fifth, the seventh and the ninth of these, five pins; the fifth is the middle of the edge. Take the cushion off, and sew a button on the right side at each pin with the thread, four times through the holes and through the panel only. Fasten off under the button.

5. Put the cushion round the handle again and put each button through the chain 2 space of the scallop above it.

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Finishing

- Pull the scallops into shape with the fingers. The buttons are small parts: they lie on the outside, away from the child; see that they sit fast.

In all: 2 pieces.

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 of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Notes

- The chain of 1 and the chain of 2 at the start of a row or of a round do not count as a stitch. The chain of 3 at the start of a row of stars counts as a double crochet and stands on the first stitch.
- The stars are worked with the right side facing, in the rows with an even number. Make the 6 loops of a star as long as the chain of 3 is tall, so that the star lies flat.
- In the row after the stars, 2 hdc go into the eye of each star, and the last half double crochet goes into the top of the chain of 3. In row 1 the wrong side faces you.
- In the edge, round 1 begins in the second stitch of the last row from your right, one stitch to the left of the corner, and round 2 begins in the stitch that round 1 was joined in. The ch-2 sp in the middle of each scallop is a buttonhole.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only two rows are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the side.
- Measure round the handle where the hand takes it, at its thickest. The padding takes up about 1½ in (4 cm) of the width of the cushion. So the two long edges overlap by the whole width of the cushion, less your measure, less 1½ in (4 cm): that is 1¼ in (3 cm) or more on the thickest handle a size is for, and more on a thinner one.
- The cushion goes on the carry handle only. Nothing of it goes on the straps, on the seat or between the seat and the child. See before every use that it sits fast, that it does not turn on the handle and that it lies clear of the joints and the buttons that fold the handle.
- Colors of the star panel, row by row. Rows 1 to 3: A. Rows 4 to 5: B. Rows 6 to 9: A. Rows 10 to 11: B. Rows 12 to 15: A. Rows 16 to 17: B. Rows 18 to 21: A. Rows 22 to 23: B. Rows 24 to 25: A. Lining and edge: B.

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