Cheetah graph pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 17¾ in (45 cm) wide and 17½ in (44 cm) tall, for an 18 in (46 cm) insert

Skill
Intermediate
Single crochet from a chart with up to four yarns in a row, buttonholes and seams

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: sage, main color	**about 510 yd (466 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cheetah gold, cross on the graph	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, dot on the graph	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, slash on the graph	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 370 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, a tape measure, a pillow insert of 18 × 18 in (46 × 46 cm), 5 flat buttons, ¾ in (19 mm) across, sewing thread and a sewing needle and about 20 pins.

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 15 percent added.

Gauge

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

Check it on the front itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 15 rows are done: the 60 stitches of a row are about 17¼ in (44 cm) wide, and the 15 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. Work the two backs with the hook that gives the same there.

Notes

- Each square of the chart is one single crochet. Row 1 is the bottom row of the chart and a right side row. The odd rows are right side rows and read the chart from right to left; the even rows are wrong side rows and read it from left to right. Every row is also written out in words, in the order you work it.

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- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of a row goes into the first st, the one the turning chain rises from, and the last into the last st.
- To change color inside a row, work the last stitch of the old color until its last yarn over, and make that yarn over with the new color.
- Every yarn runs from edge to edge through the rows named for it: lay the yarns not in use along the top of the row below and work over them, so that they lie hidden inside the stitches and are at the edge when the row ends. Join a yarn at the edge where the first row named for it begins, with a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) laid in under the first stitches; after the last row named, cut it, leaving a tail of the same length.
- A runs through every row of the front; B through rows 3 to 59; C through rows 18 to 57; D through rows 4 to 61.
- Do not pull a carried yarn tight: before every change of color spread the stitches just worked out flat, so that the row stays as wide as the one below. Keep the yarns in the same order from edge to edge, and turn the work one way at the end of one row and the other way at the end of the next, so that they do not twist together.
- The border is worked in rounds with the right side facing; do not turn between rounds. Round 1 goes along the last row, down the ends of the rows, along the other side of the foundation chain and up the ends of the rows, with 1 sc in the end of every row. The 3 sc in one place turn a corner.
- Foundation edge: the chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not counted. Each chain below a stitch of row 1 is one ch of the border.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Row 1 of each back is its right side.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain, go under the two strands left free below each stitch. On the ends of rows, go under the two strands at the very edge of each row.
- When a ball runs out, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the new ball, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given.
- The rows of the graph are written as their runs of color, in the order you work them: "7 A, 1 B, 7 A" is 7 sc with A, then 1 sc with B, then 7 sc with A. Row 1 is worked into the chain: sc in the 2nd chain from the hook and in each chain across. Every later row begins ch 1, turn (the ch 1 does not count as a stitch), and works 1 sc in each stitch.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

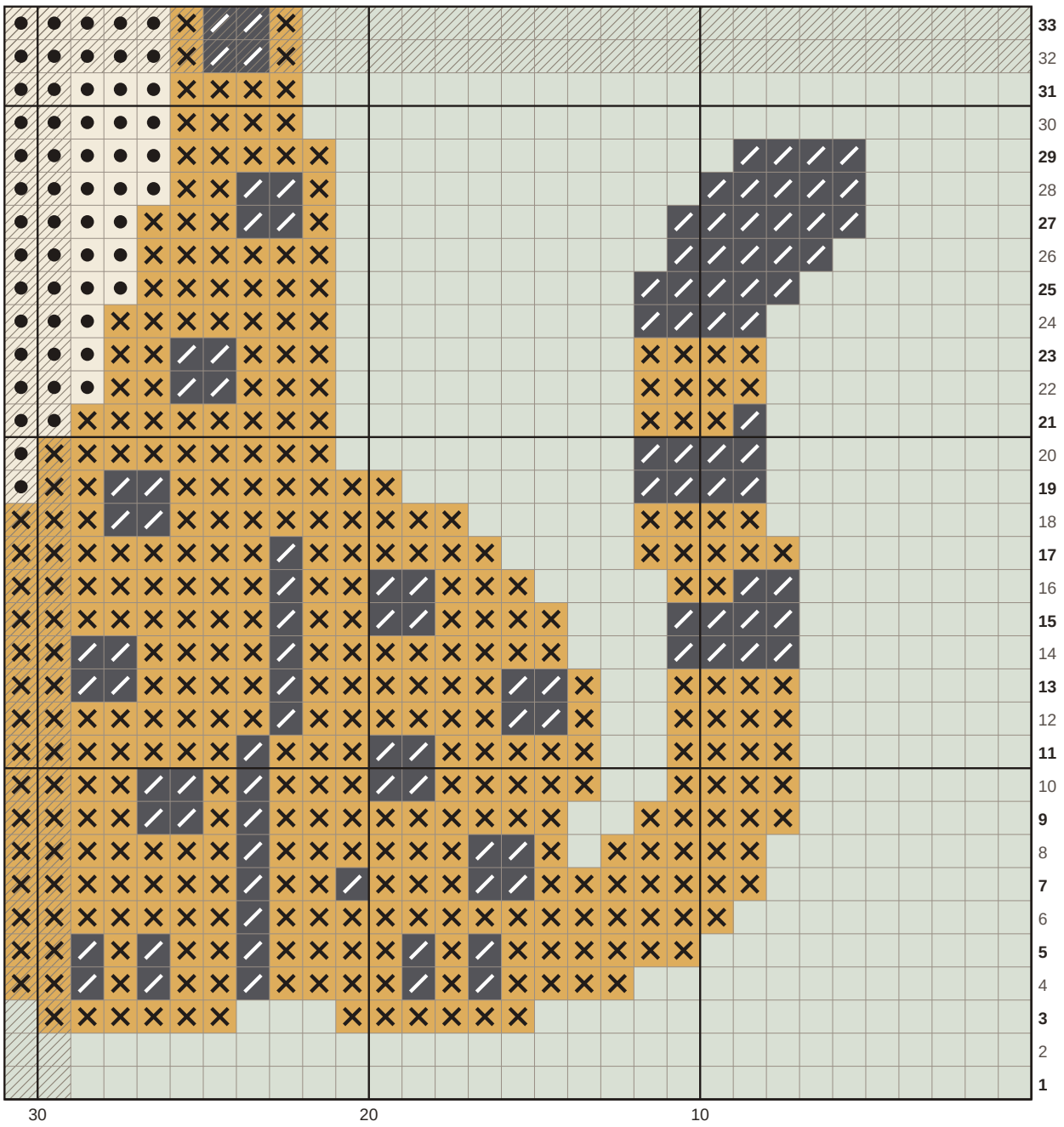
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Graph, sheet 1 of 4

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A sage, no symbol, 2,152 squares B cheetah gold, cross, 994 squares C cream, dot, 326 squares D black, slash, 368 squares

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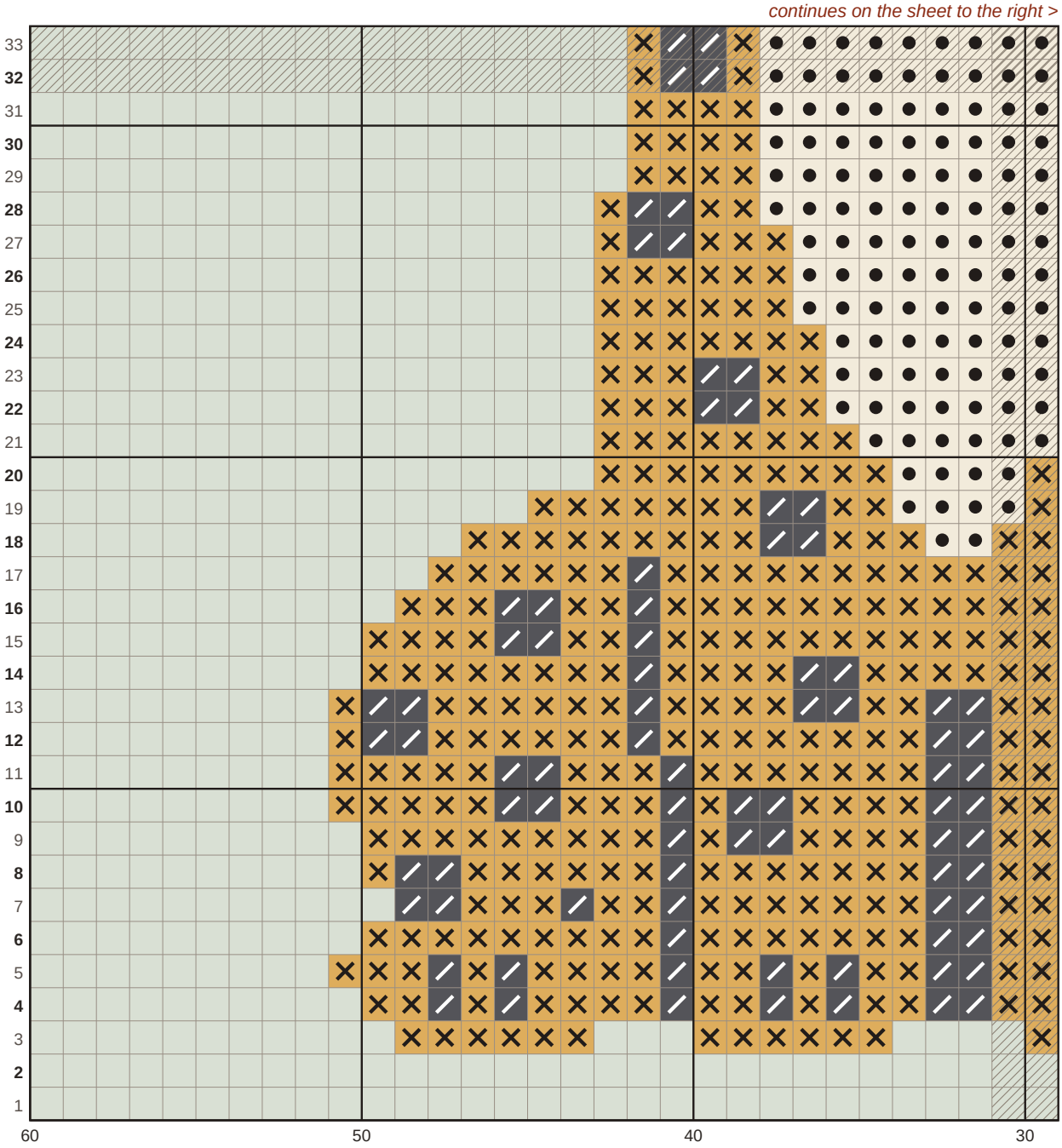
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Graph, sheet 2 of 4

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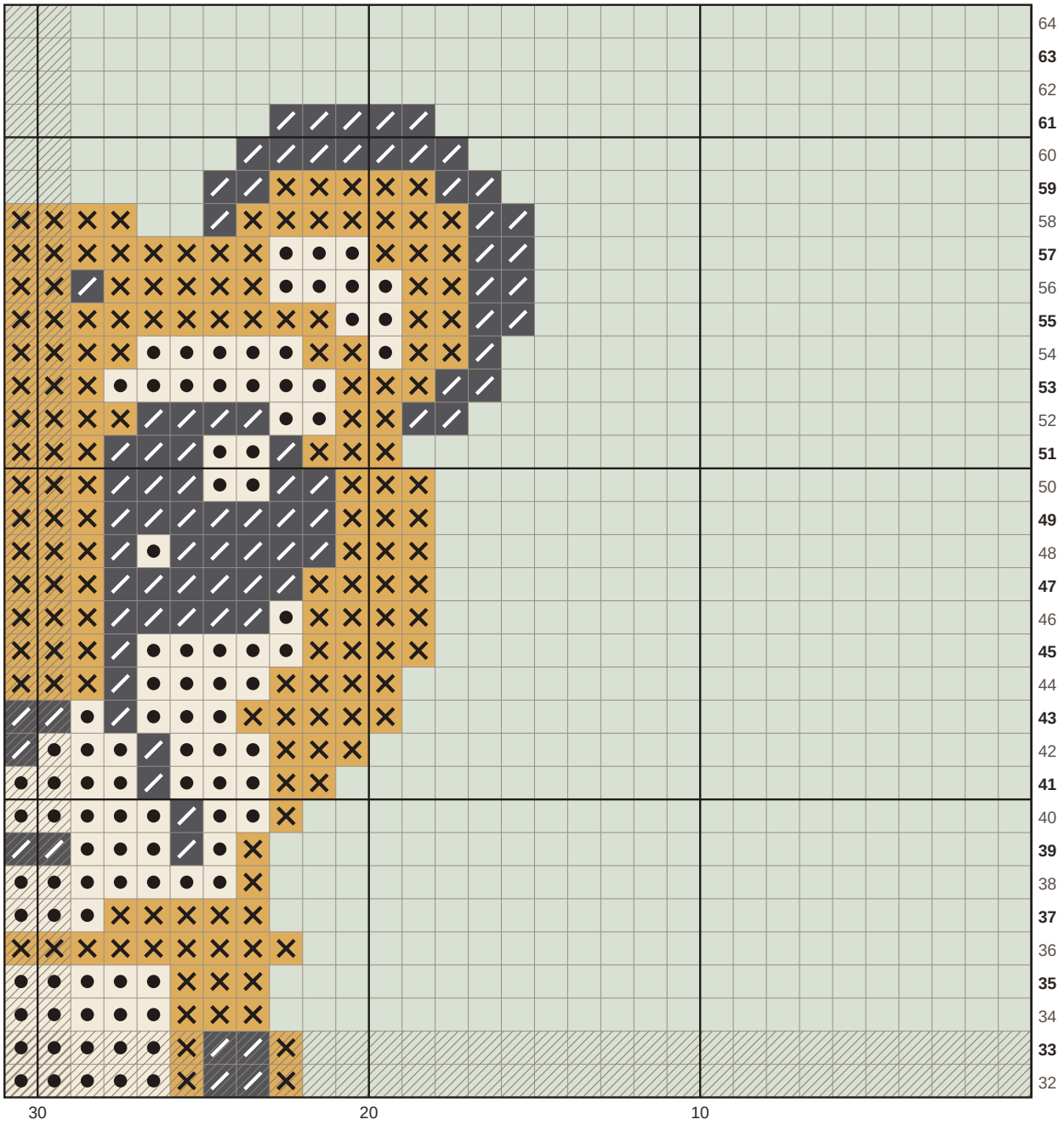
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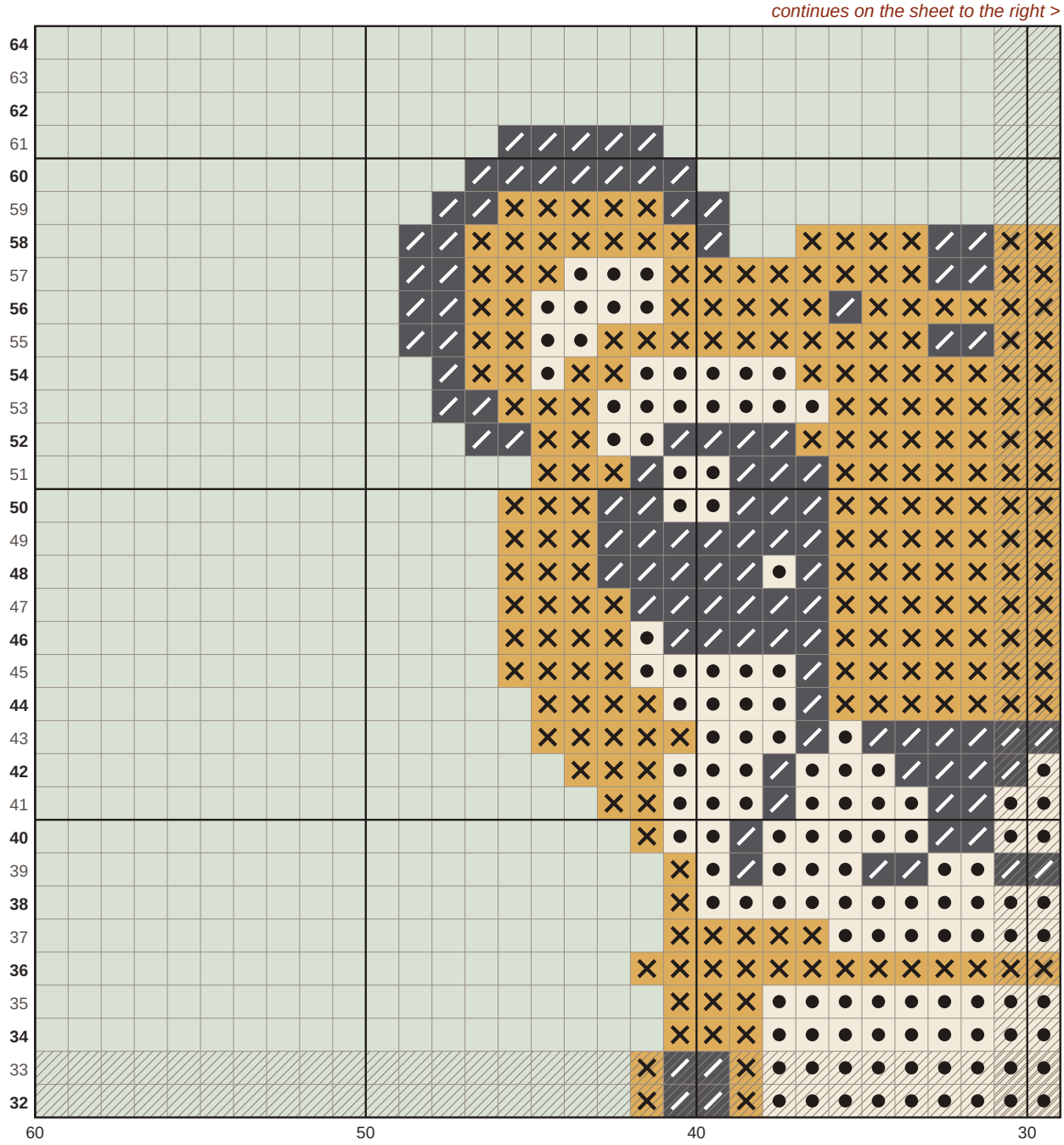
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Instructions

US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **Rnd** round, **sp** space, **st** stitch.
6 B: six stitches in yarn B, in the order the row lists them.
RS: right side, read right to left. **WS**: wrong side, read left to right.
(60 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a graph**.

Front

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 61.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	60 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 2 (WS)**	60 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	15 A, 6 B, 3 A, 6 B, 4 A, 6 B, 3 A, 6 B, 11 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 4 (WS)**	10 A, 2 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 4 B, 1 D, 2 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 2 B, 2 D, 2 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 2 B, 1 D, 4 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 4 B, 12 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 5 (RS)**	10 A, 6 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 4 B, 1 D, 2 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 2 B, 2 D, 2 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 2 B, 1 D, 4 B, 1 D, 1 B, 1 D, 3 B, 9 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 6 (WS)**	10 A, 9 B, 1 D, 7 B, 2 D, 7 B, 1 D, 14 B, 9 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 7 (RS)**	8 A, 7 B, 2 D, 3 B, 1 D, 2 B, 1 D, 7 B, 2 D, 7 B, 1 D, 2 B, 1 D, 3 B, 2 D, 11 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 8 (WS)**	10 A, 1 B, 2 D, 6 B, 1 D, 7 B, 2 D, 7 B, 1 D, 6 B, 2 D, 1 B, 1 A, 5 B, 8 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 9 (RS)**	7 A, 5 B, 2 A, 9 B, 1 D, 1 B, 2 D, 4 B, 2 D, 4 B, 2 D, 1 B, 1 D, 9 B, 10 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 10 (WS)**	9 A, 5 B, 2 D, 3 B, 1 D, 1 B, 2 D, 4 B, 2 D, 4 B, 2 D, 1 B, 1 D, 3 B, 2 D, 5 B, 2 A, 4 B, 7 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 11 (RS)**	7 A, 4 B, 2 A, 5 B, 2 D, 3 B, 1 D, 7 B, 2 D, 7 B, 1 D, 3 B, 2 D, 5 B, 9 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 12 (WS)**	9 A, 1 B, 2 D, 6 B, 1 D, 8 B, 2 D, 8 B, 1 D, 6 B, 2 D, 1 B, 2 A, 4 B, 7 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 13 (RS)**	7 A, 4 B, 2 A, 1 B, 2 D, 6 B, 1 D, 4 B, 2 D, 2 B, 2 D, 2 B, 2 D, 4 B, 1 D, 6 B, 2 D, 1 B, 9 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 14 (WS)**	10 A, 8 B, 1 D, 4 B, 2 D, 6 B, 2 D, 4 B, 1 D, 8 B, 3 A, 4 D, 7 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 15 (RS)**	7 A, 4 D, 3 A, 4 B, 2 D, 2 B, 1 D, 18 B, 1 D, 2 B, 2 D, 4 B, 10 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 16 (WS)**	11 A, 3 B, 2 D, 2 B, 1 D, 18 B, 1 D, 2 B, 2 D, 3 B, 4 A, 2 B, 2 D, 7 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 17 (RS)**	7 A, 5 B, 4 A, 6 B, 1 D, 18 B, 1 D, 6 B, 12 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 18 (WS)**	13 A, 9 B, 2 D, 3 B, 2 C, 3 B, 2 D, 9 B, 5 A, 4 B, 8 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 19 (RS)**	8 A, 4 D, 7 A, 7 B, 2 D, 2 B, 4 C, 2 B, 2 D, 7 B, 15 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 20 (WS)**	17 A, 9 B, 4 C, 9 B, 9 A, 4 D, 8 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 21 (RS)**	8 A, 1 D, 3 B, 9 A, 8 B, 6 C, 8 B, 17 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 22 (WS)**	17 A, 3 B, 2 D, 2 B, 8 C, 2 B, 2 D, 3 B, 9 A, 4 B, 8 A	(60 sc)

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☐ **Row 23 (RS)**	8 A, 4 B, 9 A, 3 B, 2 D, 2 B, 8 C, 2 B, 2 D, 3 B, 17 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 24 (WS)**	17 A, 7 B, 8 C, 7 B, 9 A, 4 D, 8 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 25 (RS)**	7 A, 5 D, 9 A, 6 B, 10 C, 6 B, 17 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 26 (WS)**	17 A, 6 B, 10 C, 6 B, 10 A, 5 D, 6 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 27 (RS)**	5 A, 6 D, 10 A, 1 B, 2 D, 3 B, 10 C, 3 B, 2 D, 1 B, 17 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 28 (WS)**	17 A, 1 B, 2 D, 2 B, 12 C, 2 B, 2 D, 1 B, 11 A, 5 D, 5 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 29 (RS)**	5 A, 4 D, 12 A, 5 B, 12 C, 4 B, 18 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 30 (WS)**	18 A, 4 B, 12 C, 4 B, 22 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 31 (RS)**	22 A, 4 B, 12 C, 4 B, 18 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 32 (WS)**	18 A, 1 B, 2 D, 1 B, 12 C, 1 B, 2 D, 1 B, 22 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 33 (RS)**	22 A, 1 B, 2 D, 1 B, 12 C, 1 B, 2 D, 1 B, 18 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 34 (WS)**	19 A, 3 B, 12 C, 3 B, 23 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 35 (RS)**	23 A, 3 B, 12 C, 3 B, 19 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 36 (WS)**	18 A, 20 B, 22 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 37 (RS)**	23 A, 5 B, 8 C, 5 B, 19 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 38 (WS)**	19 A, 1 B, 16 C, 1 B, 23 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 39 (RS)**	23 A, 1 B, 1 C, 1 D, 3 C, 2 D, 2 C, 2 D, 3 C, 1 D, 1 C, 1 B, 19 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 40 (WS)**	18 A, 1 B, 2 C, 1 D, 5 C, 2 D, 5 C, 1 D, 2 C, 1 B, 22 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 41 (RS)**	21 A, 2 B, 3 C, 1 D, 4 C, 2 D, 4 C, 1 D, 3 C, 2 B, 17 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 42 (WS)**	16 A, 3 B, 3 C, 1 D, 3 C, 4 D, 3 C, 1 D, 3 C, 3 B, 20 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 43 (RS)**	19 A, 5 B, 3 C, 1 D, 1 C, 6 D, 1 C, 1 D, 3 C, 5 B, 15 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 44 (WS)**	15 A, 4 B, 4 C, 1 D, 8 B, 1 D, 4 C, 4 B, 19 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 45 (RS)**	18 A, 4 B, 5 C, 1 D, 8 B, 1 D, 5 C, 4 B, 14 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 46 (WS)**	14 A, 4 B, 1 C, 5 D, 8 B, 5 D, 1 C, 4 B, 18 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 47 (RS)**	18 A, 4 B, 6 D, 8 B, 6 D, 4 B, 14 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 48 (WS)**	14 A, 3 B, 5 D, 1 C, 1 D, 8 B, 1 D, 1 C, 5 D, 3 B, 18 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 49 (RS)**	18 A, 3 B, 7 D, 8 B, 7 D, 3 B, 14 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 50 (WS)**	14 A, 3 B, 2 D, 2 C, 3 D, 8 B, 3 D, 2 C, 2 D, 3 B, 18 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 51 (RS)**	19 A, 3 B, 1 D, 2 C, 3 D, 8 B, 3 D, 2 C, 1 D, 3 B, 15 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 52 (WS)**	13 A, 2 D, 2 B, 2 C, 4 D, 10 B, 4 D, 2 C, 2 B, 2 D, 17 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 53 (RS)**	16 A, 2 D, 3 B, 7 C, 8 B, 7 C, 3 B, 2 D, 12 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 54 (WS)**	12 A, 1 D, 2 B, 1 C, 2 B, 5 C, 10 B, 5 C, 2 B, 1 C, 2 B, 1 D, 16 A	(60 sc)

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☐ **Row 55 (RS)**	15 A, 2 D, 2 B, 2 C, 10 B, 2 D, 10 B, 2 C, 2 B, 2 D, 11 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 56 (WS)**	11 A, 2 D, 2 B, 4 C, 5 B, 1 D, 6 B, 1 D, 5 B, 4 C, 2 B, 2 D, 15 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 57 (RS)**	15 A, 2 D, 3 B, 3 C, 8 B, 2 D, 8 B, 3 C, 3 B, 2 D, 11 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 58 (WS)**	11 A, 2 D, 7 B, 1 D, 2 A, 4 B, 2 D, 4 B, 2 A, 1 D, 7 B, 2 D, 15 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 59 (RS)**	16 A, 2 D, 5 B, 2 D, 14 A, 2 D, 5 B, 2 D, 12 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 60 (WS)**	13 A, 7 D, 16 A, 7 D, 17 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 61 (RS)**	18 A, 5 D, 18 A, 5 D, 14 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 62 (WS)**	60 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 63 (RS)**	60 A	(60 sc)
☐ **Row 64 (WS)**	60 A	(60 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Border

Yarn B, cheetah gold.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 60 sts of the last row, the ends of the 64 rows, the 60 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 64 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 58 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in end of each of next 64 rows, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 58 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of each of next 64 rows; join with sl st in first sc	(256 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Lower back

Yarn A, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 63.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(62 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(62 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

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Upper back

Yarn A, sage.

The upper back is begun at the top edge of the pillow. Its buttonholes are in row 35, 3 rows before its last row; each is a ch-2 space.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 63.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(62 sc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(62 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

☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, ch 2, sk next 2 sts, sc in next 6 sts	(52 sc, 5 ch-2 sps)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 6 sts, **[**2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 10 sts**] 4 times**, 2 sc in next ch-2 sp, sc in next 6 sts	(62 sc)
☐ **Rows 37 to 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(62 sc)

37 38

☐ **End**	Fasten off.

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends on the wrong side of each piece. The tails of B, C and D that hang at the sides of the front, where those yarns were cut, go back along the row they hang from: take each with the yarn needle through the inside of its sage stitches, along the yarns carried there, for about 2 in (5 cm), so that it does not show on the right side. The tails laid in where those yarns were joined are hidden already: trim what is left of them. Weave every other end into stitches of its own color.

2. Lay the front with its wrong side up and its last row at the top. Lay the lower back on it with its right side up, its foundation chain along the bottom edge and its last row in the middle. Lay the upper back over both with its right side up, its foundation chain along the top edge: its last 14 rows lie on the last 14 rows of the lower back, and its last row lies on row 29 of the lower back. Pin all the edges.

3. The edge of the front is the round of the border. The middle stitches of its four corners belong to the top and the bottom: from one to the other, both counted, there are 62 stitches along the top and 62 along the bottom. Between them, not counted, are 66 stitches along each side.

4. Cut four lengths of B, each about 58 in (147 cm) long, one for each side. Whip stitch the top edge: the 62 border stitches to the 62 chains of the upper back, stitch to chain. Whip stitch the bottom edge to the 62 chains of the lower back in the same way. The chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not sewn.

5. Whip stitch each side from the top down: the 66 border stitches between the corners to 66 row ends, rows 1 to 38 of the upper back and then rows 28 to 1 of the lower back. Where the two backs lie on each other, take the needle through the row ends of both. Fasten off at every corner and hide the ends inside.

6. Buttons: the buttonholes are in row 35 of the upper back, and they lie over row 32 of the lower back. With sewing thread sew a button to row 32 of the lower back between stitches 7 and 8, 19 and 20, 31 and 32, 43 and 44 and 55 and 56, counted from either edge. Put the insert in and close the buttons.

Finishing

- To wash the cover, open the buttons and take the insert out.

In all: 3 pieces; 9,046 stitches (3,840 in the front, 256 in the border, 2,604 in the lower back, 2,346 in the upper back); 8 ends to weave in.

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