# Christmas striped pillow cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size
**About 16 × 16 in (41 × 41 cm)**

Skill
**Easy**
One stitch, stripes and three seams

Yarn
**Medium (4), 3 colors**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

Gauge
**14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: red, main | **about 200 yd (183 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: warm white, stripe | **about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: forest, stripe | **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure and a square pillow insert: 16 in (41 cm) for Standard, 20 in (51 cm) for Large, 12 in (30 cm) for Small.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

## Sizes

| Size | Fits | Finished size, about | Yarn, an estimate |
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| **Standard (this file)** | **for a square pillow insert of 16 in (41 cm)** | **16 × 16 in (41 × 41 cm)** | **about 520 yd (476 m)** |
| **Large** | for a square pillow insert of 20 in (51 cm) | 20 × 20 in (51 × 51 cm) | about 790 yd (722 m) |
| **Small** | for a square pillow insert of 12 in (30 cm) | 12 × 12 in (30 × 30 cm) | about 290 yd (266 m) |


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## Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **RS** | right side |
| **st** | stitch |

## Gauge

**14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

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.

## Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Stripes: 3 rows in A, 2 in (5 cm) B, 6 in (15 cm) C, 2 in (5 cm) B, 3 in (7.5 cm) A, over and over. Where one set ends and the next begins the two bands of A are one band of 6 rows. The fold and the last seam lie in the middle of such a band.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. If the old yarn is needed again after only 2 or 4 rows of another yarn, leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when you need it. Otherwise cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 64 rows for each face, 128 rows in all.

## Instructions

Chosen: Standard. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

**Yarns in order of use: A, red; B, warm white; C, forest.**

When row 12 is done, stop and measure the width across the middle of the rows, not along the chain edge: about 16 in (41 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one.

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 57. | |
| ☐ **Row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 2 to 3** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Row 4** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |


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| ☐ | **Row 5** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 6** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 7 to 11** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 7 to 11: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 12** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 13** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 14** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 15 to 19** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 15 to 19: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 20** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 21** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 22** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 23 to 27** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 23 to 27: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 28** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 29** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 30** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 31 to 35** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 31 to 35: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 36** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 37** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 38** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 39 to 43** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 39 to 43: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 44** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 45** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 46** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 47 to 51** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 47 to 51: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 52** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 53** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |


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| ☐ **Row 54** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 55 to 59** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 55 to 59: tick them off as you go.

55 56 57 58 59

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| ☐ **Row 60** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 61** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 62** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 63 to 67** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 63 to 67: tick them off as you go.

63 64 65 66 67

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| ☐ **Row 68** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 69** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 70** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 71 to 75** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 71 to 75: tick them off as you go.

71 72 73 74 75

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| ☐ **Row 76** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 77** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 78** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 79 to 83** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 79 to 83: tick them off as you go.

79 80 81 82 83

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| ☐ **Row 84** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 85** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 86** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 87 to 91** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 87 to 91: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Row 92** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 93** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 94** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 95 to 99** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 95 to 99: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ **Row 100** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 101** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 102** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |


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| ☐ | **Rows 103 to 107** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 103 to 107: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 108** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 109** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 110** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 111 to 115** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 111 to 115: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 116** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 117** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 118** | With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 119 to 123** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 119 to 123: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **Row 124** | With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 125** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Row 126** | With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |
| ☐ | **Rows 127 to 128** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | **(56 sc)** |

A box for each row, 127 to 128: tick them off as you go.

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| ☐ | **End** | Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 52 in (132 cm) to sew with. |

### Assembly

**1.** Weave in all the tails on the wrong side now, all but the long one: they cannot be reached after the sewing.

**2.** Fold the piece in half across its rows with the wrong sides together, so that row 128 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 64 and 65. The stripes of the two layers meet, red to red, white to white and green to green.

**3.** Sew each side with its own length of A, about 50 in (127 cm) long. First side: starting at the fold, whip stitch the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, rows 64 and 65 first, rows 1 and 128 last: 64 stitches.

**4.** Second side: with the second length, sew the other side in the same way: 64 stitches.

**5.** Put the pillow insert in through the open edge.

**6.** With the long tail, whip stitch row 128 to the foundation chain, one stitch to each chain: 56 stitches. Fasten the end and draw it inside the cover.

## Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths and draw the ends inside the cover.

In all: 128 rows; 7,168 stitches; 66 ends to weave in.

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