Chunky crunch pillow cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 18¼ × 17¾ in (46 × 45 cm)
To fit a square pillow insert of 18 in (46 cm)

Skill
Easy
Two stitches in turn

Yarn
Bulky (5), 2 colors

Hook
6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge
11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In lemon peel stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: heather gray, main color **about 340 yd (311 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripe **about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 330 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).
Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a square pillow insert: 18 in (46 cm) for Standard, 14 in (36 cm) for Small.

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.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	a square pillow insert of 14 in (36 cm)	13¾ × 14¼ in (35 × 36 cm)	about 265 yd (242 m)
Standard (this file)	**a square pillow insert of 18 in (46 cm)**	**18¼ × 17¾ in (46 × 45 cm)**	**about 425 yd (389 m)**

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Gauge

11 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in lemon peel stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. The test piece takes about 20 yd (19 m) of A, which the amounts do not count. Undo it when you have measured it and use its yarn again, or buy that much more.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | With A, ch 15. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 6 times** | (7 sc, 7 dc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 11** | Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 7 times** | (7 sc, 7 dc) |

Notes

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Lemon peel stitch, which many call crunch stitch, is a sc and a dc in turn. Each row begins with a sc, worked into the dc that ended the row below; so every sc stands on a dc and every dc on a sc. The edges are straight, with a short end (sc) and a tall end (dc) at each row.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- 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.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- 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. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 40 rows for each face, 80 rows in all.

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Instructions

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ch chain, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **st** stitch.
RS right side, the one that shows.
[ ] 24 times: work what is inside 24 times in all.
(25 sc, 25 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: A, heather gray; B, cream.

When row 10 is done, stop and measure the width across the middle of the rows, not along the chain edge: about 18¼ in (46 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 51.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 24 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 9**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 10 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

10 11 12

Stripe in A, heather gray

☐ **Row 13**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 14 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 29**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 30 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

30 31 32

Stripe in A, heather gray

☐ **Row 33**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 34 to 48**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 49**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 50 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

50 51 52

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Stripe in A, heather gray

☐ **Row 53**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 54 to 68**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

54 55 56 57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 69**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 70 to 72**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

70 71 72

Stripe in A, heather gray

☐ **Row 73**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)
☐ **Rows 74 to 80**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 25 times**	(25 sc, 25 dc)

74 75 76 77 78 79 80

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 64 in (163 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 80 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 40 and 41.

3. Sew each side with its own length of A, about 84 in (213 cm) long. First side: starting at the fold, sew the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, 2 whip stitches to each pair of rows, rows 40 and 41 first, rows 1 and 80 last: 80 stitches.

4. Second side: with the second length, sew the other side in the same way: 80 stitches.

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

6. With the long tail, whip stitch row 80 to the foundation chain, one stitch to each chain: 50 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: 80 rows; 4,000 stitches.

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