Color block pillow cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 15¾ × 15¾ in (40 × 40 cm)

Skill
Easy
Chain spaces

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In moss stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: forest, bottom block	**about 180 yd (165 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: blush, middle block	**about 105 yd (96 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: mustard, top block	**about 65 yd (59 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, 18 in (46 cm) for Large.

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
Standard (this file)	**for a pillow insert of about 16 in (41 cm)**	**15¾ × 15¾ in (40 × 40 cm)**	**about 350 yd (320 m)**
Large	for a pillow insert of about 18 in (46 cm)	18 × 17¾ in (46 × 45 cm)	about 435 yd (398 m)

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch

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Gauge

14 stitches and 16½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in moss stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Count each single crochet and each chain space as one stitch. 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.

Swatch foundation	Ch 20.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 9 times**	**(10 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, sc in last st	**(11 sc, 8 ch-1 sps)**
Swatch row 3	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 8 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(10 sc, 9 ch-1 sps)**
Swatch rows 4 to 21	Repeat swatch rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as swatch row 2, every odd-numbered row as swatch row 3.	

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Every row has the same number of places: each single crochet is one and each chain space is one.
- 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 strands of each chain that lie below row 1, whether or not a stitch was worked into that chain. The chain skipped at the start of row 1 is not sewn. A chain between two stitches of the last row is sewn as a stitch: pass the needle under the whole chain. 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 height, 130 rows, and folded between rows 65 and 66. Each side has the three blocks: 33 rows of A, 20 of B and 12 of C.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. 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 and sk is miss.

Yarns in order of use: A, forest; B, blush; C, mustard.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 56.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, **[**ch 1, sk next ch, sc in next ch**] 27 times**	**(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st	**(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Rows 4 to 33** Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.

A box for each row, 4 to 33: tick them off as you go.

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

Block in B, blush

☐ **Row 34** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st **(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 35** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st **(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 36** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st **(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 37 to 53** Repeat rows 35 and 36 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 36, every odd-numbered row as row 35.

A box for each row, 37 to 53: tick them off as you go.

37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Block in C, mustard

☐ **Row 54** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st **(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 55** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st **(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 56** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st **(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 57 to 65** Repeat rows 55 and 56 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 56, every odd-numbered row as row 55.

A box for each row, 57 to 65: tick them off as you go.

57 58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65

Second side, block in A, forest

☐ **Row 66** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st **(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 67** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st **(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Row 68** Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st **(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**

☐ **Rows 69 to 98** Repeat rows 67 and 68 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 68, every odd-numbered row as row 67.

A box for each row, 69 to 98: tick them off as you go.

69 70 71 72 73 74 75 76 77 78 79 80 81 82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93 94 95 96 97 98

Second side, block in B, blush

☐ **Row 99** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st **(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**

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☐ **Row 100**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st	**(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 101**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 102 to 118**	Repeat rows 100 and 101 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 100, every odd-numbered row as row 101.	

A box for each row, 102 to 118: tick them off as you go.

102 103 104 105 106 107 108 109 110 111 112 113 114 115 116 117 118

Second side, block in C, mustard

☐ **Row 119**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 120**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, sc in next ch-1 sp, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, sc in last st	**(29 sc, 26 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Row 121**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**ch 1, sk next st, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 26 times**, ch 1, sk next st, sc in last st	**(28 sc, 27 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 122 to 130**	Repeat rows 120 and 121 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 120, every odd-numbered row as row 121.	

A box for each row, 122 to 130: tick them off as you go.

122 123 124 125 126 127 128 129 130

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 60 in (152 cm) to sew with.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends now except the long tail, each into rows of its own color. They cannot be reached later.

2. Fold the piece in half between rows 65 and 66 with the wrong sides together, so that the last row lies on the foundation chain.

3. Sew each side with a length of A about 55 in (140 cm): whip stitch the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, beginning at the fold. Draw the ends of the length inside.

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

5. With the long tail, whip stitch the last row to the foundation chain: about 55 stitches. Fasten off and draw the end inside the cover.

Finishing

- The ends are woven in before the cover is sewn (see step 1 of Putting it together).

In all: 130 rows; 3,705 stitches; 12 ends to weave in.

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