Cupcake pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 13 in (33 cm) tall without the cherry and 13½ in (34 cm) wide across the frosting, before it is stuffed; the wrapper is about 7¾ in (20 cm) wide at the bottom

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches, scalloped edges, and seams to sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: aqua, main	**about 90 yd (82 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, stripe	**about 230 yd (210 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: cranberry, the cherry	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: moss green, the stem	**about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 20 pins and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 12 oz (340 g).

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.

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
FPdc	front post double crochet: yo, insert hook from the front, behind the post of the st named and out to the front again, yo, pull up a loop, [yo, pull through 2 loops] 2 times (UK FPtr, front post treble, or raised treble front)
BPdc	back post double crochet: the same, with the hook put in from the back, in front of the post and out to the back again (UK BPtr, back post treble, or raised treble back)

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sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, double crochet 2 together)
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

15 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the frosting of the first half, laid flat, when row 22 is done: the 51 stitches of that row are about 13½ in (34 cm) wide, and rows 14 to 22 together are about 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm) tall. If your piece measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing. In the wrapper 13 rows are about 4¾ in (12 cm) tall.

Before you start

- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. Cut the old yarn at the end of its stripe, 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. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Row ends have no loops: to whip stitch a row end, pass the needle through the end of the row itself. The end of a row is its last stitch or, at the edge where the row begins, its turning chain. Where a row end takes two stitches, one goes near its foot and one near its top.
- The right side of a half is the side that faces you in the odd-numbered rows of the wrapper. The right side of a ruffle is the side that faces you in rows 1, 3 and 5.
- Front and back post stitches go round the post of the stitch named and not into its top. In the wrapper a rib that stands up on the right side is worked with front post stitches on right-side rows and with back post stitches on wrong-side rows.
- In rows 5 and 9 some of the sunk ribs grow from one stitch to two: 2 dc go into the top of that one stitch. In the next row work around each of the two, one after the other.
- For a child under three leave off whatever is sewn on as a piece of its own, or sew it down all round twice.

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Instructions

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble, FPdc is front post treble, or raised treble front, BPdc is back post treble, or raised treble back and sc2tog is double crochet 2 together.

Half: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, aqua; B, pink.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 31.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across **(29 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 9 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts **(9 FPdc, 20 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next st**] 9 times**, FPdc around next 2 sts **(20 FPdc, 9 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 9 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts **(9 FPdc, 20 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 2, turn; FPdc around next 2 sts, **[**2 dc in next st, FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 4 times**, 2 dc in next st, FPdc around next 2 sts **(10 dc, 20 FPdc, 4 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 2, turn; BPdc around next 2 sts, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 2 sts**] 4 times**, FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts **(14 FPdc, 20 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 2, turn; FPdc around next 2 sts, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next st, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 4 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts **(20 FPdc, 14 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 2, turn; BPdc around next 2 sts, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next st, BPdc around next 2 sts**] 4 times**, FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts **(14 FPdc, 20 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 2, turn; FPdc around next 2 sts, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 4 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts **(8 dc, 20 FPdc, 10 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 9 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts **(18 FPdc, 20 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts**] 9 times**, FPdc around next 2 sts **(20 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 2, turn; **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 9 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts **(18 FPdc, 20 BPdc)**

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☐ **Row 13**	Ch 2, turn; **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, BPdc around next 2 sts**] 9 times**, FPdc around next 2 sts	**(20 FPdc, 18 BPdc)**
☐ **Row 14**	With B, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 18 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 35 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	**(47 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 43 sts, 2 sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Rows 17 to 23**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(51 sc)**

A box for each row, 17 to 23: tick them off as you go.

17 18 19 20 21 22 23

☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 47 sts, sc2tog	**(47 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 45 sts, sc2tog	**(45 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 43 sts, sc2tog	**(43 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 41 sts, sc2tog	**(41 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 39 sts, sc2tog	**(39 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 37 sts, sc2tog	**(37 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 35 sts, sc2tog	**(35 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 33 sts, sc2tog	**(33 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc2tog, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog, sc2tog	**(27 sc, 4 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 27 sts, sc2tog	**(27 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 39**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 25 sts, sc2tog	**(25 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 23 sts, sc2tog	**(23 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 21 sts, sc2tog	**(21 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 42**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 19 sts, sc2tog	**(19 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 43**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 17 sts, sc2tog	**(17 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 15 sts, sc2tog	**(15 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 45**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 13 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc, 2 sc2tog)**

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☐ **Row 48**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Low ruffle

Yarns in order of use: B, pink; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 50.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(49 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next 5 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**	**(57 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	**(57 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 7 times**	**(8 sc, 14 hdc, 14 dc, 28 tr)**
☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(64 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Second ruffle

Yarns in order of use: B, pink; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 42.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**	**(49 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	**(49 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(7 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 24 tr)**
☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(55 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Third ruffle

Yarns in order of use: B, pink; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 34.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 8 times**	**(41 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	**(41 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(6 sc, 10 hdc, 10 dc, 20 tr)**

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☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(46 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Top ruffle

Yarns in order of use: B, pink; C, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 18.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(17 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, 2 dc in each of next 16 sts	**(33 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in each st across	**(33 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in first st, **[**hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st, 2 tr in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(5 sc, 8 hdc, 8 dc, 16 tr)**
☐ **Row 5**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(37 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cherry

Yarn D, cranberry.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 5 to 8**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**

A box for each round, 5 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc, 6 sc2tog)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 6 sc2tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 30 in (76 cm) to sew with.	

Stem

Yarn E, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 15.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(14 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 12 in (30 cm) to fasten it with.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails to sew with.

2. Lay one half with the right side up and the wrapper toward you: it is the front. The ruffles are sewn to it with their right side up too, the foundation chain toward the top and the scallops hanging down toward the wrapper. They are sewn on from the lowest to the highest: each hangs down over the one below, so that it is never in the way of the next.

3. Low ruffle: lay its foundation chain along the top of row 21 of the front, leaving 1 stitch of that row free at each edge. Cut a length of B about 40 in (102 cm) long. Sew it down with one whip stitch in each chain, through the top of the stitch of row 21 that lies under it: 49 stitches.

4. Second ruffle: lay its foundation chain along the top of row 29 of the front, leaving 1 stitch of that row free at each edge. Cut a length of B about 36 in (91 cm) long. Sew it down with one whip stitch in each chain, through the top of the stitch of row 29 that lies under it: 41 stitches.

5. Third ruffle: lay its foundation chain along the top of row 36 of the front, leaving 1 stitch of that row free at each edge. Cut a length of B about 30 in (76 cm) long. Sew it down with one whip stitch in each chain, through the top of the stitch of row 36 that lies under it: 33 stitches.

6. Top ruffle: lay its foundation chain along the top of row 43 of the front, leaving 1 stitch of that row free at each edge. Cut a length of B about 20 in (51 cm) long. Sew it down with one whip stitch in each chain, through the top of the stitch of row 43 that lies under it: 17 stitches.

7. Lay the front and the back together with the wrong sides inside. The ruffles lie on the outside of the front; their ends are not caught in the seam.

8. Wrapper: cut a length of A about 64 in (163 cm) long. Begin at the top of the wrapper on one edge and whip stitch the two halves together: 13 row ends down that edge with two stitches in each, the 29 chains of the foundation and 13 row ends up the other edge with two stitches in each, 81 stitches.

9. Frosting: cut a length of B about 62 in (157 cm) long. Go on from there, one stitch in each row end: 35 row ends up that edge, the 9 stitches of the last row, and 35 row ends down the first edge; stop when the last 20 row ends are left. Stuff with small, loose pieces of fiberfill, the edges first and the middle last, until the pillow springs back when it is pressed. Whip stitch the 20 row ends and fasten off.

10. Corners of the ruffles: the two lower corners of a ruffle are the first and the last sc of its row 5. Cut a strand of C about 10 in (25 cm) long for each corner. Draw the corner out to the seam at its side and sew it to the seam with 3 stitches in the same place, 6 rows below the row the ruffle is sewn to: low ruffle, at the ends of row 15; second ruffle, at the ends of row 23; third ruffle, at the ends of row 30; top ruffle, at the ends of row 37. The ruffles then go from seam to seam.

11. Cherry: weave the 12 stitches of the last round onto the tail, stuff the ball firmly, draw the round tight, take one stitch to hold it and leave the tail hanging. Sew one end of the stem to the middle of the magic ring with its tail, with 3 or 4 stitches.

12. Set the drawn-up end of the cherry on the seam at the top of the pillow, its middle on the 5th of the 9 stitches of the last row, and with the tail of the cherry sew it down all round, through round 9 of the cherry: one stitch in each second stitch, 9 stitches. Go round a second time.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 8 pieces; 4,554 stitches (1,725 in each half, 291 in the low ruffle, 249 in the second ruffle, 207 in the third ruffle, 157 in the top ruffle, 186 in the cherry, 14 in the stem).

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