Donut pillow

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 14½ in (37 cm) across and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) thick at the outer edge before it is stuffed, with a hole of about 4 in (10 cm); stuffed, it draws in a little and rounds out

Skill
Easy
Single crochet in joined rounds, and seams to sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

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

You will need

Yarn A: camel, main	**about 420 yd (384 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: pink, stripe	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: cream, stripe	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: lemon, stripe	**about 4 yd (4 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: aqua, stripe	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: leaf, stripe	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: raspberry, stripe	**about 3 yd (3 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) for Large, about 6 oz (170 g) 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	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	10½ in (27 cm) across, 8 in (4.8 cm) thick	about 300 yd (274 m)
Large (this file)	**14½ in (37 cm) across, 8 in (6 cm) thick**	**about 567 yd (518 m)**

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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)
Rnd	round
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

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

Check it on the bottom, laid flat, when round 10 is done: 15 stitches of that round are about 4 in (10 cm) along the edge, and the ring is about 2 3/8 in (6 cm) deep from the hole to the edge. 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.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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 in the middle of a round, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, 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, the ones on the side away from round 1. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st (in round 1, the same chain). The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- When the top and the bottom are sewn together their right sides are outside.
- The sprinkles are sewn with yarn, so there is no loose piece on the pillow.

Instructions

Chosen: Large. 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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

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Bottom

Yarn A, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 48, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(90 sc)**
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☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(120 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(126 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(132 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 21 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(138 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(144 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 23 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(150 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(156 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 20**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 25 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(162 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(168 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 27 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(174 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 23 to 32**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(174 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

A box for each round, 23 to 32: tick them off as you go.

☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25 ☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28 ☐ 29 ☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32

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Top

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☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Icing

Yarn B, pink.

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☐ **Rnd 16**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts, 2 tr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 2 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 2 sts, 2 tr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(39 sc, 30 hdc, 33 dc, 42 tr)**
☐ **Rnd 17**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 3 sts, 2 tr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next st, tr in next 3 sts, 2 tr in next st, tr in next 3 sts, dc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(39 sc, 30 hdc, 36 dc, 48 tr)**

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☐ **Rnd 18**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(153 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the icing on its wrong side. The right side of every piece is the side that faced you as you worked it.

2. Sprinkles: each sprinkle is three straight stitches lying side by side in the same two places. For one straight stitch bring the needle up from the wrong side at the first place and take it down at the second. Count the stitches of a round from its first sc, and begin each sprinkle at the top of the stitch named. The sprinkles take three ways in turn. Way 1, along the round: to the top of the 3rd stitch further on in the same round. Way 2, toward the hole: to the top of the stitch that lies in a straight line with it, three rounds nearer the hole. Way 3, slanting: to the top of the stitch that lies two rounds nearer the hole and two stitches further on.

3. Work 32 sprinkles on the right side of the icing. Every sprinkle has a strand of its own: cut a strand of its color about 14 in (36 cm) long, leave 4 in (10 cm) of it hanging on the wrong side, work the three straight stitches, tie the two ends together twice on the wrong side and weave them in. No yarn is carried from one sprinkle to another. Take the colors in turn, C, D, E, F, G, over and over, and the ways in turn, 1, 2, 3, over and over, going on from one round to the next without starting again: round 6: 7 sprinkles, at stitches 3, 14, 25, 36, 48, 59 and 70; round 10: 11 sprinkles, at stitches 6, 15, 25, 34, 43, 52, 62, 71, 80, 89 and 99; round 14: 14 sprinkles, at stitches 2, 11, 20, 29, 38, 47, 56, 65, 74, 83, 92, 101, 110 and 119. Draw the stitches up only until they lie flat, so that the icing does not pucker.

4. Lay the icing on the top, both with the right side up and the joins of their rounds one over the other. Cut a length of B about 44 in (112 cm) long. Whip stitch the foundation chain of the icing to round 1 of the top, each chain to the top of the stitch of round 1 that lies beside it: 48 stitches.

5. Weave in all the ends of the top and the bottom on the wrong side. Turn the plain rounds of the bottom up, so that they stand round it as a wall with the right side outside.

6. Hole: lay the top on the bottom with the wrong sides together and the joins of the rounds one over the other. Cut a length of A about 44 in (112 cm) long. Whip stitch the two foundation chains together, chain to chain: 48 stitches.

7. Outer edge: keep the icing out of the way. Cut a length of A about 136 in (345 cm) long. Beginning at the joins, whip stitch the last round of the wall to the last round of the top, stitch to stitch, as far as 116 of the 174 stitches. Stuff with small, loose pieces of fiberfill, the edges first and the middle last, until the pillow springs back when it is pressed. Push it right round the ring, so that the ring is equally thick everywhere. Whip stitch the 58 stitches that are left and fasten off.

8. Smooth the icing out over the ring and pin its edge down all round: the deep waves come over the outer seam, the shallow places stop before it. Cut a length of B about 98 in (249 cm) long. Sew the edge down with one small stitch in each stitch of the last round of the icing: down into the dough beside the edge and up through both loops of the next stitch, 153 stitches.

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: 3 pieces; 8,427 stitches (4,182 in the bottom, 2,442 in the top, 1,803 in the icing).

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