Giant floor pillow

Giant · US terms



Finished size
About 26½ in (67 cm) by 27¼ in (69 cm) and 4 in (10 cm) deep, with the piping

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches, reverse single crochet and long seams

Yarn
Super bulky (6), 2 colors

Hook
9 mm (US M/N-13)

Gauge
8 stitches and 5½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In waffle stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: storm, main color **about 900 yd (823 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, the piping, the handle and the lace **about 150 yd (137 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 1,150 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 90 yd (82 m).

Hook: 9 mm (US M/N-13), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 24 pins, 8 stitch markers and a folded duvet, a floor cushion or two bed pillows to fill it: for Giant to about 26 × 26 × 4 in (66 × 66 × 10 cm), for Medium to about 21 × 21 × 4 in (53 × 53 × 10 cm).

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
Medium	22 in (56 cm), 22¾ in (58 cm)	about 790 yd (722 m)
Giant (this file)	**26½ in (67 cm), 27¼ in (69 cm)**	**about 1,050 yd (960 m)**

Gauge

8 stitches and 5½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in waffle stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Check it on the first square itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 11 rows are done: the 51 stitches of a row in Giant are about 25½ in (65 cm) wide, and the 42 stitches of a row in Medium are about 21 in (53 cm) wide; the 11 rows are about 8 in (20 cm) tall. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one. Keep the single crochet of the side firm: 9 rounds of it are about 4 in (10 cm).

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Notes

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The waffle forms on the side that faces you while you work the odd-numbered rows: that is the right side.
- Every size is written out from its first chain to its last seam under its own name. Choose one and work only that one.
- The side is worked in rounds that are never turned: the right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- The floor pillow is two waffle squares, a ring that stands between them as the side, a handle and a lace.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn 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, 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 through the edge of one piece and through the edge that lies against it, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On an edge of stitches the needle goes under both loops of the stitch; on a foundation chain under the two strands of the chain that are left free; on a side edge, which has no loops, through the end stitch of the row. Where a piece is laid on the middle of another, the needle goes through the edge of the piece laid on, in one of these three ways, and then under two strands of the cloth right beside that edge. 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), unless the round begins by moving on with a sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- The ch 1 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Giant. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **Rnd** round, **st** stitch.
FPdc round the stitch below, from the front, **rev sc** single crochet worked backward. **FLO**: only the loop nearest you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 16 times: work what is inside 16 times in all.
(51 dc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Square: make 2

Yarn A, storm.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 53.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Dc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(51 dc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, **[**dc in next st, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 16 times**, dc in next st, dc in last st	(19 dc, 32 FPdc)

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☐ **Row 3**	Ch 2, turn; dc in first st, FPdc around next st, **[**dc in next 2 sts, FPdc around next st**] 16 times**, dc in last st	(34 dc, 17 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 4 to 36**	Repeat rows 2 and 3 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 2, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

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 34 35 36

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Piping: make 2

Yarn B, cream.

Work the piping on each of the two squares. In round 1, where there are 2 sc for one row end and 1 for the next, the two take turns. Round 2 is not turned: the right side still faces you and you work from left to right. The first rev sc goes into the stitch that holds the joining sl st, and each one after it into the next stitch to its right; the last is joined with a sl st in the first. The back loops stay free: the side is sewn to them.

Hold the piece with the right side facing you and the last row at the top; the first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work around the edge of the piece, right side facing: the 51 sts of the last row, the ends of the 36 rows, the 51 chs of the foundation, the ends of the 36 rows.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 49 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of next row**] 18 times**, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 49 chs, 3 sc in next ch, **[**2 sc in end of next row, sc in end of next row**] 18 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(218 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, rev sc in FLO of each st around; join with sl st in first rev sc	(218 rev sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Side

Yarn A, storm.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 218, 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	(218 sc)
☐ **Rnds 2 to 9**	Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	(218 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9

☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Handle

Yarn B, cream.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 7.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(6 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(6 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 44 in (112 cm) to sew with.	

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Lace

Yarn B, cream.

Work the chain and the slip stitches loosely: the lace is about 88 in (224 cm) long. The length need not be exact.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 177.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(176 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tail of the handle.

2. Corners: in round 1 of the piping the middle one of the 3 sc at each corner is the corner stitch. Its back loop lies behind the reverse single crochet. Between two corner stitches there are in turn 51 and 56 stitches: 51 along the last row and the foundation chain, 56 along the row ends. In the side the 2nd, 54th, 111th and 163rd stitch of round 9 are the corner stitches of the front, with the same numbers of stitches between them, and the same chains of its foundation are the corner chains of the back. Put 4 of the 8 markers in the corner stitches of round 9 of the side, and 4 in the back loops of the corner stitches of the square that is the front. When the front is sewn on, move all 8: 4 to the corner chains of the side and 4 to the back loops of the corner stitches of the other square.

3. Front: stand the side up on its foundation chain, as a ring with its right side outside and round 9 at the top. Lay one square on it like a lid, right side up, corner stitch on corner stitch, the stretches of the same number of stitches together, and pin it with 6 pins along each edge. Cut four lengths of A, two of about 90 in (229 cm) and two of about 94 in (239 cm), one for each edge. Whip stitch both loops of each stitch of the side to the free back loop of a stitch of round 1 of the piping, corner stitch to corner stitch: 218 stitches all round. The reverse single crochet stands out between the two as a line of piping.

4. Back: turn the work over, so that the front lies underneath and the foundation chain of the side is at the top. Lay the other square on it like a lid, right side up, with its last row at the same edge as the last row of the front, and pin it in the same way. Whip stitch the two free strands of each chain of the side to the free back loop of a stitch of round 1 of the piping, with three more lengths of A, one of about 90 in (229 cm) and two of about 94 in (239 cm): along the foundation chain of the square and its two edges of row ends, corner chain to corner stitch. The edge of the last row, 51 stitches between its corners, stays open.

5. Handle: it goes on the side along the foundation chains of the squares, over the 51 stitches between the two corner stitches, counted from left to right in round 5 of the side with the front at the top. Lay the handle along round 5, its length along the round and its middle on it. Its foundation chain lies on the 16th stitch, with the handle pointing to the right, and its last row on the 36th: between its two ends the handle stands out in a bow. Sew the first 3 rows of it down flat, with one whip stitch in each of the 6 chains and in the 3 row ends of each edge, 12 stitches, and its last 3 rows in the same way. Use the long tail for the end with the last row, and for the other a strand of B about 24 in (61 cm) long.

6. Filling: weave in what is left of the sewing lengths on the inside. Fold the duvet to the size of the square and push it into the corners first. Then close the opening with the lace, as a shoe is laced.

7. Lace: the two edges of the opening lie against each other, the piping along the last row of the back and the foundation chain of the side, 51 stitches and 51 chains between the corners. A stitch of the back is taken under its free back loop in round 1 of the piping, a chain of the side under its two free strands. Number both from one corner to the other: the 1st stitch lies against the 1st chain. With the hook draw one end of the lace up through the 2nd stitch from the inside of the pillow, and the other end up through the 2nd chain from the inside, and pull until the two ends are equally long. Now cross them: draw the end that came out of the back up through the 5th chain of the side from the inside, and the end that came out of the side up through the 5th stitch of the back from the inside. Go on in this way, each end to the opposite edge and always up from the inside, through the 8th, the 11th and every third one after

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it, to the 50th. Draw the lace close from the first corner on, and tie its two ends in a bow. Untie it to take the filling out.

Finishing

- Take the filling out before the cover is washed.

In all: 5 pieces; 6,838 stitches (1,836 in each square, 436 in each piping, 1,962 in the side, 156 in the handle, 176 in the lace).

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