Bike seat cover

Comfort · US terms



Finished size

About 9¼ × 10¾ in (23 × 27 cm)

About 10¾ in (27.5 cm) long and 9¼ in (23.5 cm) across the widest part of the top, with a skirt 2½ in (6.5 cm) deep. To fit a saddle 8 in (20.5 cm) to 10 in (25.5 cm) wide and 9¾ in (25 cm) to 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long

Skill

Intermediate

It is worked in joined rounds of small groups whose height changes from the nose to the back, in a new color each round.

Yarn

Medium (4), 7 colors

Hook

5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: navy, the last round of the top, the skirt and the cord	**about 120 yd (110 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: raspberry, a ring	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: orange, a ring	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: yellow, a ring	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: green, a ring	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: turquoise, a ring	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: violet, a ring	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 95 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a safety pin, to thread the cord, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
City	a saddle 6 in (15 cm) to 7½ in (19 cm) wide and 9¾ in (25 cm) to 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long	6¾ × 10 in (17 × 25 cm)	about 155 yd (142 m)

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Comfort (this file)	**a saddle 8 in (20.5 cm) to 10 in (25.5 cm) wide and 9¾ in (25 cm) to 11¼ in (28.5 cm) long**	**9¼ × 10¾ in (23 × 27 cm)**	**about 185 yd (169 m)**

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

14 stitches and 11 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet, worked in the round. 14 stitches and 8 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in double crochet, worked in the round. 14 stitches and 6 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in treble crochet, worked in the round. A round has stitches of four heights, so it is narrow at the nose and wide at the back. That is right.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 4.

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 14 stitches; rows worked back and forth are not quite as tall as rounds, so go by the stitches. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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Swatch foundation	Ch 22.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(21 sc)
Swatch rows 2 to 24	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(21 sc)

Notes

- Round 1 is worked along both sides of the foundation chain. The end where it begins is the nose of the saddle and the last chain, with 7 dc in it, is the middle of the back.
- From round 2 on, each round begins at the nose. There (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) make the point; the space of 2 chains is the only one of its kind in the round, and the next round is joined in it. So where a round begins "in any ch-2 sp", it always begins in that one space at the nose. From round 3 on, two spaces at the back have two groups each, which widens the cover there.
- Round 1 begins in the second chain from the hook, and the chain skipped does not count. In round 2 and in the skirt the chain of 1 or 2 at the start does not count as a stitch, and the first stitch goes into the stitch the round before was joined in. In the other rounds of the top the chain of 1 does not count and all the stitches of the first corner go into the space where the yarn was joined. Every round ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch.
- Fasten off each color but A at the end of its round, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). A is joined in the last round of the top and is not cut: the skirt goes on with it, and it is fastened off after the last round. For round 2 draw the new color through as the last yarn over of the slip stitch that ends round 1. The right side faces you in every round.
- Measure the saddle over its top at the widest place, from edge to edge, and from the tip of the nose to the back edge. A cover that is on must not touch the wheel or the brake cable.
- Colors, round by round. Round 1: B. Round 2: C. Round 3: D. Round 4: E. Round 5: F. Round 6: G. Rounds 7 to 14: A.
- hdc2tog, half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK half treble 2 together): yarn over, draw up a loop in the next stitch, yarn over, draw up a loop in the stitch after it (5 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 5 loops. It counts as one stitch.

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Instructions

Comfort. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **st** stitch, **sp** space, **rnd** round.

hdc2tog 2 hdc made into one, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **hdc in next 3 sts**: one in each. **ch-2 sp**: the gap under two chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all. **( )**: all of it goes into the one place.

(14 sc, 6 hdc, 13 dc, 12 tr): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Yarns in order of use: B, raspberry; C, orange; D, yellow; E, green; F, turquoise; G, violet; A, navy.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 21.

Top

☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, dc in next 3 chs, tr in next 6 chs, 7 dc in last ch, working along the other side of the foundation ch, tr in next 6 chs, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 3 chs, sc in next 7 chs, sl st in first sc to join (14 sc, 6 hdc, 13 dc, 12 tr)
☐ **Rnd 2**	With C, ch 1, (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) in first st, ch 1, **[**sk next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, ch 1**] 2 times**, sk next 2 sts, 3 hdc in next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1, **[**sk next 2 sts, 3 tr in next st, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**sk next 2 sts, 3 tr in next st, ch 1**] 2 times**, sk next 2 sts, 3 dc in next st, ch 1, sk next 2 sts, 3 hdc in next st, ch 1, **[**sk next 2 sts, 3 sc in next st, ch 1**] 2 times**, sk next 2 sts, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 6 hdc, 12 dc, 12 tr, 1 ch-2 sp, 15 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join D with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 6 hdc, 15 dc, 18 tr, 1 ch-2 sp, 18 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join E with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join (18 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 24 tr, 1 ch-2 sp, 21 ch-1 sps)

> **Stop and measure now, after round 4.** The top reaches about 8½ in (21.5 cm) from the nose to the middle of the back and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) from side to side at its widest place.

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☐ **Rnd 5**	Join F with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, 3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (24 sc, 6 hdc, 21 dc, 24 tr, 1 ch-2 sp, 24 ch-1 sps)	
☐ **Rnd 6**	Join G with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, **[**3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, sl st in first sc to join (24 sc, 12 hdc, 24 dc, 24 tr, 1 ch-2 sp, 27 ch-1 sps)	
☐ **Rnd 7**	Join A with sl st in any ch-2 sp, ch 1, (3 sc, ch 2, 3 sc) in same sp, ch 1, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, **[**3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, 3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 3 times**, 3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, (3 tr, ch 1, 3 tr) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, **[**3 tr in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 dc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 hdc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 2 times**, **[**3 sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1**] 4 times**, sl st in first sc to join (30 sc, 12 hdc, 21 dc, 30 tr, 1 ch-2 sp, 30 ch-1 sps)	

Skirt

☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 2, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next ch-2 sp, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, hdc in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(125 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 23 sts, hdc2tog**] 5 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	(120 hdc)
☐ **Rnds 10 to 12** 10 11 12	Ch 2, hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	(120 hdc)
☐ **Rnd 13**	Ch 2, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, ch 1, sk next st**] 30 times**, sl st in first hdc to join (90 hdc, 30 ch-1 sps)	
☐ **Rnd 14**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc in next ch-1 sp**] 30 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(120 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side, each along stitches of its own color.

2. The cord. With two strands of A held together make a chain about 54 in (137 cm) long and fasten off. Knot each end close to the chain and trim the tails. With the safety pin thread it in and out through the 30 holes of round 13, beginning at the hole nearest to the middle of the back and ending at the hole next to it, so that both ends hang at the back on the outside.

3. Put the cover on the saddle, the point over the nose and the right side up. Pull the skirt straight down all round.

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Draw the cord tight beneath the saddle, tie it in a bow, and tuck the bow and the ends up between the rails of the saddle, well away from the wheel and from everything that moves.

Finishing

- Cotton stays wet a long time: take the cover off and dry it after rain.

In all: 14 rounds; 1,283 stitches.

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