Herringbone half double pillow cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 16 × 16 in (41 × 41 cm)

Skill
Easy
One stitch, the herringbone half double

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In herringbone half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: slate, main — **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, stripe — **about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). 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, 20 in (51 cm) for Extra 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 square pillow insert of 16 in (41 cm)**	**16 × 16 in (41 × 41 cm)**	**about 440 yd (403 m)**
Large	for a square pillow insert of 18 in (46 cm)	17¾ × 18 in (45 × 46 cm)	about 550 yd (503 m)
Extra large	for a square pillow insert of 20 in (51 cm)	20 × 19¾ in (51 × 50 cm)	about 670 yd (613 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
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

hhdc (Herringbone half double crochet): Yo, insert hook in the st, yo, pull up a loop and pull it straight through the first loop on hook, yo, pull through the 2 loops on hook. In UK terms: herringbone half treble. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row.

Gauge

13 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in herringbone half double crochet. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

Before you start

- The ch 2 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin.
- 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. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end of the row on one side and the end of the row that lies against it on the other. The end of a row is its last stitch or, at the edge where the row begins, its turning chain.
- 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.
- For another width, chain more or fewer: each chain adds one stitch to every row. Measure your own stitches to 4 in (10 cm) first.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 46 rows for each face, 92 rows in all.

Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 yo is yarn round hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, slate; B, oatmeal.

Check your width as you go: when row 9 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is about 16 in (41 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one. If only the chain edge is tight, make the chain with a larger hook.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 54.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hhdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(52 hhdcs)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 8** Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8

Stripe in B, oatmeal

☐ **Row 9** With B, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

☐ **Rows 10 to 16** Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 10 to 16: tick them off as you go.

10 11 12 13 14 15 16

Stripe in A, slate

☐ **Row 17** With A, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

☐ **Rows 18 to 24** Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 18 to 24: tick them off as you go.

18 19 20 21 22 23 24

Stripe in B, oatmeal

☐ **Row 25** With B, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

☐ **Rows 26 to 32** Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 26 to 32: tick them off as you go.

26 27 28 29 30 31 32

Stripe in A, slate

☐ **Row 33** With A, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

☐ **Rows 34 to 40** Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 34 to 40: tick them off as you go.

34 35 36 37 38 39 40

Stripe in B, oatmeal

☐ **Row 41** With B, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

☐ **Rows 42 to 48** Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 42 to 48: tick them off as you go.

42 43 44 45 46 47 48

Stripe in A, slate

☐ **Row 49** With A, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

☐ **Rows 50 to 56** Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 50 to 56: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52 53 54 55 56

Stripe in B, oatmeal

☐ **Row 57** With B, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across **(52 hhdcs)**

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☐	**Rows 58 to 64**	Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across	**(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 58 to 64: tick them off as you go.

58 59 60 61 62 63 64

Stripe in A, slate

☐	**Row 65**	With A, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across	**(52 hhdcs)**
☐	**Rows 66 to 72**	Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across	**(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 66 to 72: tick them off as you go.

66 67 68 69 70 71 72

Stripe in B, oatmeal

☐	**Row 73**	With B, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across	**(52 hhdcs)**
☐	**Rows 74 to 80**	Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across	**(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 74 to 80: tick them off as you go.

74 75 76 77 78 79 80

Stripe in A, slate

☐	**Row 81**	With A, ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across	**(52 hhdcs)**
☐	**Rows 82 to 92**	Ch 2, turn; hhdc in each st across	**(52 hhdcs)**

A box for each row, 82 to 92: tick them off as you go.

82 83 84 85 86 87 88 89 90 91 92

☐	**End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 52 in (132 cm) to sew the seam with.

Assembly

1. Weave in the tails on the wrong side now, all but the long one: they cannot be reached after the sewing.

2. Fold the piece in half across its rows with the wrong sides together, so that row 92 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 46 and 47.

3. The sides come next. Sew each side with a separate length of A (the color of the last row), about 52 in (132 cm) long.

4. First side: starting at the fold, whip stitch the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, rows 46 and 47 first, rows 1 and 92 last: 46 stitches.

5. Second side: sew the other side the same way: 46 stitches.

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

7. With the long tail, whip stitch row 92 to the foundation chain, easing the two edges to fit: about 52 stitches.

Finishing

- Weave in the tails that are left with the yarn needle, changing direction once or twice.

In all: 92 rows; 22 ends to weave in.

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