Lemon peel stitch pillow cover

Standard · US terms



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

Skill
Easy
Basic stitches and stripes

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In lemon peel stitch.

You will need

Yarn A: denim, main color	**about 300 yd (274 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, stripes	**about 115 yd (105 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 415 yd (379 m)**
Large	for a square pillow insert of 18 in (46 cm)	17¾ × 17¾ in (45 × 45 cm)	about 520 yd (476 m)
Extra large	for a square pillow insert of 20 in (51 cm)	19¾ × 20 in (50 × 51 cm)	about 630 yd (576 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

13 stitches and 11 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in lemon peel stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

The swatch. A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. To check yours in the middle of the test piece: 7 repeats of the bracketed group side by side (14 foundation chains' worth) are about 4.3 in (10.9 cm) wide, and 11 rows are about 4 in (10 cm) tall.

Swatch foundation	Ch 21.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 9 times**	**(10 sc, 10 dc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 10 times**	**(10 sc, 10 dc)**
Swatch rows 3 to 17	Repeat swatch row 2.	

Before you start

- The ch 1 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 stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other.
- 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, add or take away 2 chains at a time: each 2 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 44 rows for each face, 88 rows in all.

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Instructions

Chosen: Standard. 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 sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarns in order of use: A, denim; B, cream.

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 53.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, **[**sc in next ch, dc in next ch**] 25 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 17**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 18 to 20**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 18 to 20: tick them off as you go.

☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20

Stripe in A, denim

☐ **Row 21**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 22 to 24**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 22 to 24: tick them off as you go.

☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 25**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 26 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 26 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 26 ☐ 27 ☐ 28

Stripe in A, denim

☐ **Row 29**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 30 to 44**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 44: tick them off as you go.

☐ 30 ☐ 31 ☐ 32 ☐ 33 ☐ 34 ☐ 35 ☐ 36 ☐ 37 ☐ 38 ☐ 39 ☐ 40 ☐ 41 ☐ 42 ☐ 43 ☐ 44

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 45**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 46 to 48**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 46 to 48: tick them off as you go.

☐ 46 ☐ 47 ☐ 48

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Stripe in A, denim

☐ **Row 49**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 50 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 50 to 52: tick them off as you go.

50 51 52

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 53**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 54 to 56**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 54 to 56: tick them off as you go.

54 55 56

Stripe in A, denim

☐ **Row 57**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 58 to 72**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 58 to 72: tick them off as you go.

58 59 60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70 71 72

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 73**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 74 to 76**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 74 to 76: tick them off as you go.

74 75 76

Stripe in A, denim

☐ **Row 77**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 78 to 80**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 78 to 80: tick them off as you go.

78 79 80

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 81**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 82 to 84**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 82 to 84: tick them off as you go.

82 83 84

Stripe in A, denim

☐ **Row 85**	With A, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**
☐ **Rows 86 to 88**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, dc in next st**] 26 times**	**(26 sc, 26 dc)**

A box for each row, 86 to 88: tick them off as you go.

86 87 88

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

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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 88 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 44 and 45.

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 44 and 45 first, rows 1 and 88 last: 44 stitches.

5. Second side: sew the other side the same way: 44 stitches.

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

7. With the long tail, whip stitch row 88 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: 88 rows; 4,576 stitches; 26 ends to weave in.

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