Neck roll pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 16 in (41 cm) long and 18¼ in (46 cm) around, which is about 5¾ in (15 cm) across; it stretches a little over a 6 in (15 cm) roll

Skill
Intermediate
Post stitches and cable crossings in rounds

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In the ribs and the cables.

What you need

Yarn: any one color (terracotta in the picture), medium (4) **about 340 yd (311 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 170 g, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure, a soft bolster insert, about 16 in (41 cm) long and 6 in (15 cm) across, that can be squeezed together: a firm foam roll does not go in and a piece of card about 3½ in (9 cm) long, for the tassels.

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.

Gauge

14 stitches and 10 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in the ribs and the cables.

Check the round end when round 5 is done: it measures about 5 in (13 cm) across. Check the ribs when round 17 is done: rounds 8 to 17 are about 4 in (10 cm) deep. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- The ch 1 or ch 2 at the start of a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side of every round is the side that faces you.
- In a round of post stitches the first one is worked around the post of the stitch that holds the joining sl st.

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- The two cables, the first and the second as a round comes to them, are 6 posts wide, with 2 back posts on each side and between them. They cross in round 9 and in every fourth round after it. In the first cable the first 3 posts pass in front of the next 3; in the second cable they pass behind them, so that the two ropes turn opposite ways.
- In each crossing, "next 3 skipped sts" are worked in the order they were passed over: the first one skipped is worked first. The tops of the skipped sts stay unworked, and they lie behind the cable.
- 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.
- Magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and pull up a loop of the working yarn. Round 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work round 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

US terms.

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

FPdc round the stitch below, from the front, **FPtr** round the stitch below, from the front, **BPdc** round the stitch below, from the back, **dc2tog** 2 dc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **sk** skip, **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

2 dc in next st: both in one stitch. **dc in next 2 sts**: one in each. **ch-1 sp**: the gap under the one chain; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 12 times: work what is inside 12 times in all.

(12 dc): the stitches you have when the round is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Special stitches

fFPtr (Front post treble in front): Work a FPtr around the post of the skipped st named, with the hook and the yarn in front of the 3 sts just made, so that this st lies across them on the side that faces you. In UK terms: raised double treble front, worked in front of the last three.

bFPtr (Front post treble behind): Work a FPtr around the post of the skipped st named, with the hook passed behind the 3 sts just made: tip those 3 sts toward you, reach the skipped post behind them and insert the hook from the front, behind the post and out to the front again, so that this st lies across behind them. In UK terms: raised double treble front, worked behind the last three.

Cover

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	

The round end

☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 2, 12 dc in ring; pull the tail to close the ring; join with sl st in first dc	(12 dc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 2, 2 dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next st**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(36 dc)
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 2, **[**2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(48 dc)

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☐ **Rnd 5** Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, 2 dc in next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**; join with sl st in first dc (60 dc)

☐ **Rnd 6** Ch 2, **[**dc in next 14 sts, 2 dc in next st**] 4 times**; join with sl st in first dc (64 dc)

The turn of the edge, then the ribs and the cables

☐ **Rnd 7** Ch 2, dc in BLO of each st around; join with sl st in first dc (64 dc)

☐ **Rnd 8** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

☐ **Rnd 9** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 10 to 12** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

10 11 12

☐ **Rnd 13** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 14 to 16** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

14 15 16

☐ **Rnd 17** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 18 to 20** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

18 19 20

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☐ **Rnd 21**

Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 22 to 24**

Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

22 23 24

☐ **Rnd 25**

Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 26 to 28**

Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

26 27 28

☐ **Rnd 29**

Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 30 to 32**

Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

30 31 32

☐ **Rnd 33**

Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

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☐ **Rnds 34 to 36** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

34 35 36

☐ **Rnd 37** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 38 to 40** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

38 39 40

☐ **Rnd 41** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnds 42 to 44** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

42 43 44

☐ **Rnd 45** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**, BPdc around next 2 sts,
sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts, fFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
BPdc around next 2 sts, sk next 3 sts, FPtr around next 3 sts,
bFPtr around next 3 skipped sts,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 24 FPdc, 6 FPtr, 3 fFPtr, 3 bFPtr)

☐ **Rnd 46** Ch 2, **[**BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 6 sts**] 2 times**,
[BPdc around next 2 sts, FPdc around next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first BPdc
(28 BPdc, 36 FPdc)

The end that is drawn in

☐ **Rnd 47** Ch 2, **[**dc in next 2 sts, dc2tog**] 16 times**; join with sl st in first dc (32 dc, 16 dc2tog)

☐ **Rnds 48 to 50** Ch 2, dc in each st around; join with sl st in first dc (48 dc)

48 49 50

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☐ **Rnd 51**	Ch 2, **[**dc in next st, ch 1, sk next st**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first dc	(24 dc, 24 ch-1 sps)
☐ **Rnd 52**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 3 dc in next ch-1 sp**] 24 times**; join with sl st in first sc	(24 sc, 72 dc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Cord

Work the chain and the slip stitches loosely: the cord is about 32 in (81 cm) long. The length need not be exact.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 121.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(120 sl sts)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the cover on the wrong side. The two tails of the cord stay loose for now.

2. Cord: both its tails hang at one end, its first end, where the chain began. Thread them on the yarn needle. The needle and the tails go through the spaces first and draw the cord after them. Go into the first ch-1 space of round 51 after the join from the front to the back, out through the next one from the back to the front, and so on round, in and out through the 24 spaces. The second end of the cord hangs on the right side, before the first space, and the first end, with the needle, comes out to the right side through the 24th, beside it. Draw the cord through until both ends are equally long.

3. The two tassels: for each wind the yarn 30 times round the card, 3½ in (9 cm) long. Slip a strand of yarn about 12 in (30 cm) long under the loops at one edge of the card and tie it tight twice; leave its ends long. Cut the loops at the other edge and take the card away. Wind another strand about 24 in (61 cm) long 6 times round all the strands, ½ in (1.3 cm) below the tie, tie it and hide its ends inside the tassel. Sew one tassel to each end of the cord, 3 stitches, with the long ends of its tie; fasten these ends and hide them inside the tassel. Hide the two tails of the cord inside the tassel at its first end. Trim the strands level, about 3 in (8 cm) long below the top.

4. Draw the cord quite loose. The open end is only about 13¾ in (35 cm) around and the roll about 19 in (48 cm): squeeze the roll together and work it in a little at a time, stretching the end over it. Pull the cord until the end is drawn in, and tie it in a bow. The end closes to an opening of about 1 in (2.5 cm), which the bow covers. Turn the roll so that the cables lie along the front.

Finishing

- The ends of the cover are woven in (step 1), and those of the cord and the tassels are hidden inside the tassels (step 3): no end is left over.
- To wash the cover, untie the bow, draw the cord loose, and squeeze the roll and ease it out a little at a time.

In all: 2 pieces.

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