Pizza slice pillow

US terms



Finished size

About 16¾ in (43 cm) long with the crust and 11½ in (29 cm) wide under the crust, before the slice is stuffed; the crust, closed and stuffed, is about 12 in (30 cm) long and 2 1/8 in (5.5 cm) thick

Skill

Easy

Single crochet with increases at the ends of rows, and seams to sew

Yarn

Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook

4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge

15 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: butter, main	**about 160 yd (146 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: toffee, the crust	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: brick, slice, rows 59 to 62 and the pepperoni	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: fern, the leaf	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: black, the olive	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 20 pins and polyester fiberfill (stuffing): about 10 oz (280 g).

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.

Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 2 times, yo, pull through all 3 loops (UK dc2tog, dc
sc3tog	single crochet 3 together: [insert hook in next st, yo, pull up a loop] 3 times, yo, pull through all 4 loops (UK dc3tog, dc
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

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Gauge

15 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the first slice, laid flat, when row 30 is done: the 21 stitches of that row are about 5 5/8 in (14 cm) wide and the 30 rows are about 7 in (18 cm) tall. If your piece measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one. The cloth should be close enough to hide the stuffing.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- 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.
- 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, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- 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. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- 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 (in round 1, the same chain). The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- Row ends have no loops: to whip stitch a row end, pass the needle through the end of the row itself. The end of a row is its last stitch or, at the edge where the row begins, its turning chain.
- The right side of a slice, of the crust and of a leaf is the side that faced you in row 1. The right side of a round is the side that faces you as you work it.
- For a child under three leave off whatever is sewn on as a piece of its own, or sew it down all round twice.

Instructions

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 sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, sc2tog is double crochet 2 together and sc3tog is double crochet 3 together.

Slice: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, butter; C, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in next st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Rows 3 to 4**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(3 sc)**

A box for each row, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	**(5 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 6 to 7** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 6 to 7: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 8** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st **(7 sc)**

☐ **Rows 9 to 10** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(7 sc)**

A box for each row, 9 to 10: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 11** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in last st **(9 sc)**

☐ **Rows 12 to 13** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(9 sc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 14** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in last st **(11 sc)**

☐ **Rows 15 to 16** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(11 sc)**

A box for each row, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 17** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in last st **(13 sc)**

☐ **Rows 18 to 19** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(13 sc)**

A box for each row, 18 to 19: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 20** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in last st **(15 sc)**

☐ **Rows 21 to 22** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 21 to 22: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 23** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in last st **(17 sc)**

☐ **Rows 24 to 25** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(17 sc)**

A box for each row, 24 to 25: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 26** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in last st **(19 sc)**

☐ **Rows 27 to 28** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(19 sc)**

A box for each row, 27 to 28: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 29** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in last st **(21 sc)**

☐ **Rows 30 to 31** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(21 sc)**

A box for each row, 30 to 31: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 32** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in last st **(23 sc)**

☐ **Rows 33 to 34** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(23 sc)**

A box for each row, 33 to 34: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 21 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(25 sc)**
☐ **Rows 36 to 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(25 sc)**

A box for each row, 36 to 37: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 23 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Rows 39 to 40**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(27 sc)**

A box for each row, 39 to 40: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 41**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 25 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Rows 42 to 43**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(29 sc)**

A box for each row, 42 to 43: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 44**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 27 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(31 sc)**
☐ **Rows 45 to 46**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(31 sc)**

A box for each row, 45 to 46: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 47**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 29 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(33 sc)**
☐ **Rows 48 to 49**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(33 sc)**

A box for each row, 48 to 49: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 50**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 31 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(35 sc)**
☐ **Rows 51 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(35 sc)**

A box for each row, 51 to 52: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 53**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 33 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(37 sc)**
☐ **Rows 54 to 55**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(37 sc)**

A box for each row, 54 to 55: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 56**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 35 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Rows 57 to 58**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(39 sc)**

A box for each row, 57 to 58: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 59**	With C, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 37 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(41 sc)**
☐ **Rows 60 to 61**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(41 sc)**

A box for each row, 60 to 61: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 62**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next 39 sts, 2 sc in last st	**(43 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Crust

Yarn B, toffee.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 54.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(53 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(53 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 28: tick them off as you go.

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 27 28

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 54 in (137 cm) to close the roll with.

Pepperoni: make 8

Yarn C, brick.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 6 sc in ring; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to sew with.	

Leaf: make 6

Yarn D, fern.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook	**(1 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 sc in next st	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in next st, 2 sc in last st	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rows 4 to 7**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 4 to 7: tick them off as you go.

4 5 6 7

☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(1 sc, 2 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc3tog)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 26 in (66 cm) to fasten it with.	

Olive: make 8

Yarn E, black.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 8, join with sl st in first ch to make a loop, without twisting the chain.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each ch around; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

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Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails to sew with. Lay both slices with the right side up and the tip toward you. Stitches are counted from the right edge of a row.

2. Pepperoni: sew four on the right side of each slice with their tails, right side up, one whip stitch in each of the 30 stitches of the last round, down into the slice. Their middles lie on row 18, stitch 7; row 33, stitch 9; row 43, stitch 22; row 51, stitch 11.

3. Leaves: sew three on the right side of each slice with their tails, right side up, one stitch over each of the 18 row ends of the leaf and one at each point: 20 stitches. Their middles lie on row 27, stitch 15, its length pointing to 1 o'clock; row 42, stitch 7, its length pointing to 3 o'clock; row 53, stitch 23, its length pointing to 11 o'clock, as on the face of a clock with its 12 toward the last row of the slice.

4. Olives: sew four on the right side of each slice with their tails, right side up, one whip stitch in each of the 16 stitches of round 1, down into the slice. The hole stays open and shows the slice. The middles of the holes lie on row 24, stitch 5; row 35, stitch 19; row 46, stitch 16; row 53, stitch 32.

5. Long edges, A: lay the two slices together with the wrong sides inside. Cut a length of A about 84 in (213 cm) long. Begin on one long edge at row 58, the last row of A, and whip stitch the slices together, row end to row end: 58 row ends down to the tip, 1 stitch at the tip through the one chain of each slice that holds a stitch, and 58 row ends up the other edge to row 58. Fasten off.

6. Long edges, C: with a 14 in (36 cm) strand of C for each edge, go on from row 59 to row 62: 4 row ends on one edge, 4 on the other. Fasten off. The last rows of the two slices are not sewn to each other: they are the mouth through which the slice is stuffed.

7. Crust: fold the piece with the right side outside, so that its last row meets its foundation chain, and whip stitch them together with the tail, stitch to chain: 53 stitches. It is a roll. Run the same tail in and out through the 28 row ends at the end it has come to, draw them up tight and fasten off. Stuff the roll firmly. Thread a 12 in (30 cm) strand of B, run it through the 28 row ends at the other end in the same way, draw them up and fasten off. At each end about 4 of the 53 stitches turn in and close it.

8. Crust to the front: count the rows of the crust from its foundation chain, and hold it along the mouth of the slice with its seam turned to the mouth and its foundation chain toward the front slice: the seam is out of sight when the crust is on. Cut a length of C about 42 in (107 cm) long. Whip stitch the 43 stitches of the last row of the front slice to row 2 of the crust: the needle goes under both loops of a stitch of the slice and in and out through the crust at the top of a stitch of row 2. The first stitch of the slice meets the 6th stitch of the row of the crust, counted from the drawn-up end, the last one the 6th from the other end, so that 5 stitches of the crust are free at each end: 4 that turn in and 1 that stands out beyond the slice.

9. Stuff with small, loose pieces of fiberfill, the edges first and the middle last, until the pillow springs back when it is pressed. Put it in through the mouth, between the back slice and the crust, and push a little right down into the tip with the handle of a spoon. The slice is done when it is about 3½ in (9 cm) thick in the middle.

10. Crust to the back: turn the pillow over. Cut a length of C about 42 in (107 cm) long. Whip stitch the 43 stitches of the last row of the back slice to row 27 of the crust in the same way, each stitch across from the one on the front, putting in a little more fiberfill before the last 12 stitches. Fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths: take each end once into the pillow and out again a few inches away, pull it a little and cut it, so that it slips back inside.

In all: 25 pieces; 5,258 stitches (1,364 in each slice, 1,484 in the crust, 90 in each pepperoni, 33 in each leaf, 16 in each olive).

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