Puff V-stitch pillow cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 16¼ × 16 in (41 × 41 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Puff stitches

Yarn
Medium (4)

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
13 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In puff V-stitch.

You will need

Yarn: shell pink, medium (4) **about 570 yd (521 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)**	**16¼ × 16 in (41 × 41 cm)**	**about 570 yd (521 m)**
Large	for a square pillow insert of 18 in (46 cm)	18¼ × 18 in (46 × 46 cm)	about 710 yd (649 m)
Extra large	for a square pillow insert of 20 in (51 cm)	20 × 20 in (51 × 51 cm)	about 860 yd (786 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
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
RS	right side
sk	skip (UK miss)
sp	space
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

puff (Puff stitch): [yo, insert hook in the st or sp, yo, pull up a loop to the height of a dc] 4 times in the same place, yo, pull through all 9 loops on hook. In UK terms: a puff stitch to the height of a treble. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row.

Gauge

13 stitches and 8 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in puff V-stitch. 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 3 at the start of a row counts as a dc. The last stitch of the next row is worked into the top of it. In row 1 the 3 chains nearest the hook stand for that first dc and the last chain you made is its top; the fourth skipped chain is only passed over. The last dc of row 2 goes into that top.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- A stitch worked into a chain space passes over any stitches that lie before the space; they are left unworked.
- Stitches in parentheses are all worked into the one place named after them.
- 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 strands of each chain that lie below row 1, whether or not a stitch was worked into that chain. A chain between two stitches of the last row is sewn as a stitch: pass the needle under the whole chain. 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.
- For another width, add or take away 3 chains at a time: each 3 chains adds one more repeat of each bracketed group. Measure your own gauge first.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 32 rows for each face, 64 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. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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 dc is treble, sk is miss and yo is yarn round hook.

Check your width as you go: when row 6 is done, measure the width, across the middle of the rows and not along the chain edge. It is about 16¼ 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**	Ch 55.
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	(puff, ch 1, puff) in 5th ch from hook (skipped chs count as dc), **[**sk next 2 chs, (puff, ch 1, puff) in next ch**] 16 times**, sk next ch, dc in next ch **(2 dc, 34 puffs, 17 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 64**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**(puff, ch 1, puff) in next ch-1 sp**] 17 times**, sk next st, dc in top of turning ch **(2 dc, 34 puffs, 17 ch-1 sps)**

A box for each row, 2 to 64: 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	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59
60	61	62	63	64																								

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 54 in (137 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 64 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 32 and 33.

3. The sides come next. Sew each side with a separate length of the yarn, about 74 in (188 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 32 and 33 first, rows 1 and 64 last: 32 pairs of row ends. A row end here is the side of a dc or of a turning chain: sew twice into each.

5. Second side: sew the other side the same way: 32 pairs of row ends, sewing twice into each.

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

7. With the long tail, whip stitch row 64 to the foundation chain, easing the two edges to fit: about 53 stitches.

Finishing

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

In all: 64 rows; 2 ends to weave in.

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