Recliner cover with pockets

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 22½ × 62¾ in (57 × 159 cm)
About 22½ in (57 cm) wide and 62¾ in (159.5 cm) long for the runner, and 12¾ in (32.5 cm) wide and 26¾ in (68 cm) long for each arm panel. To fit a recliner seat 22½ in (57 cm) to just under 24¼ in (61.5 cm) wide between the arms

Skill
Intermediate
The waffle is two rows with front post stitches; the pieces are straight and the pockets are sewn on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
14 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In the waffle stitch.

What you need

Yarn A: deep green, the runner, the arm panels and the pockets **about 2,000 yd (1,829 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: camel, the edges, the tops of the pockets and the buttonholes **about 250 yd (229 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 1,150 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: wool blend
Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: 6 buttons, 1 in (25 mm) across, in camel or wood, sewing thread in green and a sewing needle, 6 stitch markers, pins, a yarn needle and scissors.

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 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Narrow	a recliner seat 20 in (51 cm) to just under 22½ in (57 cm) wide between the arms	20 × 62¾ in (51 × 159 cm)	about 2,100 yd (1,920 m)
Medium (this file)	**a recliner seat 22½ in (57 cm) to just under 24¼ in (61.5 cm) wide between the arms**	**22½ × 62¾ in (57 × 159 cm)**	**about 2,250 yd (2,057 m)**

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Wide	a recliner seat 24¼ in (61.5 cm) to 26½ in (67.5 cm) wide between the arms	24¼ × 62¾ in (62 × 159 cm)	about 2,350 yd (2,149 m)

Gauge

14 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in the waffle stitch. Along a row, count every stitch and every chain between stitches as one.

14 stitches and 10 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet. 14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. Count the waffle flat: every stitch is one, the raised and the plain ones, and every row is one.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after row 7 the runner should measure about 21½ in (54.5 cm) across, from one side edge to the other, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Notes

- Waffle: the chain of 3 at the start of a row counts as its first double crochet (UK treble), and the last dc of the next row goes into the top of that chain. Row 1 has the right side facing, and row 2 is plain. In the odd rows from row 3 on, with the right side facing, a front post stitch goes round every third stitch, beginning with the 2nd of the row. In the even rows from row 4 on, with the wrong side facing, a dc goes in the top of each of those front post stitches and a front post stitch round each of the 2 stitches between. A front post stitch always goes round a stitch of the row just worked, never of a row farther down: from row 5 on those of the odd rows go round the dc that stands on top of a front post stitch of the odd row before, so that the ribs run straight up.
- FPdc: yarn over, put the hook from the front to the back and to the front again round the post of the stitch named, draw up a loop and finish as a double crochet. Work it on the side that faces you, in every row.
- Edges: the chain of 1 at the start of a round does not count. In rounds 2 and 3 the first st is the stitch the round before was joined in: in round 2 it is the first of the 3 sc of the first corner, and in round 3 the one sc that round 2 begins with. The 3 sc of a corner always go into the middle one of the 3 sc of the round before. Round 1 goes along the last row, down the row ends of one side, along the foundation chain and up the other row ends. On the row ends there are 3 sc for every two rows of the waffle and 1 sc for row 1; where a line says sc or 2 sc in the end of a row, put the hook under the outside stitch or chain of that row.
- In the pocket panels the chain of 2 and the chain of 1 at the start of a row do not count as a stitch. Change to B by drawing it through as the last yarn over of the last stitch in A, and cut A, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- The edge of an arm panel has three rounds. Round 2 makes three buttonholes of ch 3 in the end at the last row, and round 3 has 3 sc in each of them.
- Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, go down where the last stitch ended, and so on, with no space between the stitches.
- The runner: 10 in (25.5 cm) lie behind the headrest, about 31¾ in (80.5 cm) go over the top and down the front of the back, and 21 in (53.5 cm) lie on the seat. The seat end stops at the front edge of the seat.
- An arm panel: of its 26¾ in (68 cm) about 7 in (18 cm) go up the inside of the arm, up to 8 in (20.5 cm) over the top and 11¾ in (30 cm) down the outside, where the pocket is. The pockets are 6¼ in (16 cm) deep and 5½ in (14 cm) wide each.

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Instructions

Medium. US terms.

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

FPdc round the stitch below, from the front, **sk** skip, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **dc in next 74 sts**: one in each. **ch-3 sp**: the gap under three chains; the hook goes in the gap.

[ ] 24 times: work what is inside 24 times in all.

(75 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Runner

Yarn A, deep green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 76.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(75 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next 74 sts	(75 dc)

Waffle

☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 24 times**, FPdc around next st, dc in last st	(50 dc, 25 FPdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next st, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 24 times**, dc in last st	(27 dc, 48 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 139**	Repeat rows 3 and 4 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 4, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

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	65	66	67	68	69	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88
89	90	91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	116
117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139					

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Edge of the runner

Yarn B, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	The piece just worked, 75 stitches and 139 rows; turn it so that the right side faces you, its last row up, and begin at the right end of that row.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 73 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of next row**] 69 times**, sc in end of next row, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 73 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of next row, **[**sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of next row**] 69 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(574 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 75 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 210 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 75 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 209 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(582 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Arm panel: make 2

Yarn A, deep green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 40.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(39 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next 38 sts	(39 dc)

Waffle

☐ **Row 3 (RS)**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; **[**FPdc around next st, dc in next 2 sts**] 12 times**, FPdc around next st, dc in last st	(26 dc, 13 FPdc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 3 (counts as dc), turn; dc in next st, **[**FPdc around next 2 sts, dc in next st**] 12 times**, dc in last st	(15 dc, 24 FPdc)
☐ **Rows 5 to 57**	Repeat rows 3 and 4 in turn: every even-numbered row is worked as row 4, every odd-numbered row as row 3.	

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

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

Edge of the arm panel: make 2

Yarn B, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	The arm panel just worked, 39 stitches and 57 rows; turn it so that the right side faces you, its last row up, and begin at the right end of that row.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in first st, ch 1, 3 sc in same st, sc in next 37 sts, 3 sc in next st, **[**sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of next row**] 28 times**, sc in end of next row, 3 sc in next ch, sc in next 37 chs, 3 sc in next ch, sc in end of next row, **[**sc in end of next row, 2 sc in end of next row**] 28 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(256 sc)
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, sc in first st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, **[**ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 5 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 87 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 39 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 86 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(255 sc, 3 ch-3 sps)
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in first st, sc in next st, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, **[**3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 10 sts**] 2 times**, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 6 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 89 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 41 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 87 sts, sl st in first sc to join	(272 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Pocket panel: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, deep green; B, camel.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 41.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Hdc in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across	(39 hdc)

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☐ **Rows 2 to 13**	Ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(39 hdc)
2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13		
☐ **Row 14**	With B, ch 2, turn; hdc in each st across	(39 hdc)
☐ **Rows 15 to 16**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(39 sc)
15 16		
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails on the wrong side of their pieces. The right side of every piece is the side that shows the waffle squares sunk between raised ribs; on the pockets it is the side that faced you in row 1.

2. The pockets. Lay an arm panel with its right side up, its foundation chain toward you. Lay a pocket panel on it, right side up, its foundation chain along the line where the waffle meets the camel edge at that end, its 39 stitches over the 39 stitches of the arm panel and its side edges along the lines where the waffle meets the side edges. Its top edge comes to about row 14 of the arm panel. Pin it.

3. Cut a length of A about 84 in (213.5 cm) long. Begin at the top of the side at your right with an end of 6 in (15 cm). Sew the pocket down that side, along its foundation chain and up the other side: bring the needle up through the pocket one stitch in from its edge and down through the arm panel just beside the edge of the pocket, one stitch for each row and one for each chain. Work two stitches over each other at both top corners, fasten off on the back and draw both ends in between the layers. Take the pins out.

4. For the seam in the middle put a marker in the 20th of the 39 chains of the pocket and one in the 20th stitch of its last row. Cut a length of A about 36 in (91.5 cm) long and backstitch straight up from the one marker to the other, through both layers, one backstitch for each row of the pocket. Finish with two stitches over the top edge, fasten off on the back of the arm panel and draw both ends in between the layers. Take the markers out. Make the pockets of the second arm panel in the same way.

5. The buttons. Lay the runner with its right side up, its foundation chain, the front edge of the seat, toward you. On each side edge count the stitches of round 1 of the edge from the middle one of the 3 sc at the front corner, not counted, toward the back, and put a marker in the 18th, the 31st and the 44th: 6 markers in all. With sewing thread sew a button on the right side at each marker, over the line where the waffle meets the edge: four times through its holes and through the fabric, and fasten off beneath. Take the markers out. Three buttons lie along each side, about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) apart. Where a panel hung from them would cover the lever of the chair, put all three buttons on that side farther back or farther forward by the same number of stitches, so that the panel hangs at least 4 in (10 cm) clear of it.

6. Button an arm panel on each side: the end with the buttonholes, right side up, over the side edge of the runner, so that the pockets are at the far end. Both panels are alike and either can go on either side.

Finishing

- Lay the runner over the recliner, its foundation chain at the front of the seat, and the arm panels over the arms. See that nothing hangs over the lever, the hinges or the footrest, and that the front edge of the runner lies on the seat. Put the chair back and up again once by hand and look that nothing is caught.

In all: 5 pieces; 18,841 stitches (10,425 in the runner, 1,156 in the edge of the runner, 2,223 in each arm panel, 783 in each edge of the arm panel, 624 in each pocket panel).

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