Spike stitch pillow cover

Standard · US terms



Finished size
About 15¾ × 16 in (40 × 41 cm)

Skill
Easy
Long stitches and stripes

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: navy, main color	**about 220 yd (201 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, outer stripes	**about 190 yd (174 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: red, middle stripes	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). 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.

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)**	**15¾ × 16 in (40 × 41 cm)**	**about 505 yd (462 m)**
Large	for a square pillow insert of 18 in (46 cm)	18 × 18 in (46 × 46 cm)	about 650 yd (595 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)
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

lsc (Long single crochet): Insert hook from the front to the back in the st three rows below the row you are working, straight under the next st (working row 5, that is a st of row 2), yo, pull up a long loop, loose enough to reach the height of the row you are working, yo, pull through both loops on hook. The next st of the row just below stays unworked behind the long stitch and counts as used. In UK terms: long double crochet, or spike stitch. It leaves 1 stitch for the next row.

Gauge

14 stitches and 16 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet. 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. Work the test piece, lay it flat without stretching it, and measure in its middle. If it has more stitches and rows to 4 in (10 cm), use a larger hook; if it has fewer, a smaller one.

Swatch foundation	Ch 19.	
Swatch row 1 (RS)	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(18 sc)**
Swatch row 2	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(18 sc)**
Swatch rows 3 to 20	Repeat swatch row 2.	

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The long stitches are worked in the first row of each new color, always on the right side. They reach down over three rows, and stand between those of the stripe before.
- Row 1 is the right side.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. If the old yarn is needed again after only 2 or 4 rows of another yarn, leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when you need it. Otherwise cut it, 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, at every join of yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given, and weave in every tail that is not sewn with.
- 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.

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- 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.
- The piece is worked to twice its finished height: 64 rows for each face, 128 rows in all.

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 yo is yarn round hook.

Yarns in order of use: A, navy; B, cream; C, red.

When row 12 is done, stop and measure the width across the middle of the rows, not along the chain edge: about 15¾ in (40 cm). If it is wider, start again with a smaller hook; if it is narrower, with a larger one.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 56.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(55 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 6: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 7**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**	**(42 sc, 13 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 10: tick them off as you go.

8 9 10

Stripe in C, red

☐ **Row 11**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in last st	**(41 sc, 14 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 12 to 14**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 12 to 14: tick them off as you go.

12 13 14

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 15**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**	**(42 sc, 13 lsc)**
☐ **Rows 16 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 16 to 18: tick them off as you go.

16 17 18

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Stripe in A, navy

☐ **Row 19** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 20 to 26** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 20 to 26: tick them off as you go.

20 21 22 23 24 25 26

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 27** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 28 to 30** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 28 to 30: tick them off as you go.

28 29 30

Stripe in C, red

☐ **Row 31** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 32 to 34** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 32 to 34: tick them off as you go.

32 33 34

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 35** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 36 to 38** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 36 to 38: tick them off as you go.

36 37 38

Stripe in A, navy

☐ **Row 39** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 40 to 46** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 40 to 46: tick them off as you go.

40 41 42 43 44 45 46

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 47** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 48 to 50** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 48 to 50: tick them off as you go.

48 49 50

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Stripe in C, red

☐ **Row 51** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 52 to 54** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 52 to 54: tick them off as you go.

52 53 54

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 55** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 56 to 58** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 56 to 58: tick them off as you go.

56 57 58

Stripe in A, navy

☐ **Row 59** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 60 to 70** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 60 to 70: tick them off as you go.

60 61 62 63 64 65 66 67 68 69 70

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 71** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 72 to 74** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 72 to 74: tick them off as you go.

72 73 74

Stripe in C, red

☐ **Row 75** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 76 to 78** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 76 to 78: tick them off as you go.

76 77 78

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 79** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 80 to 82** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 80 to 82: tick them off as you go.

80 81 82

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Stripe in A, navy

☐ **Row 83** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 84 to 90** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 84 to 90: tick them off as you go.

84 85 86 87 88 89 90

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 91** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 92 to 94** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 92 to 94: tick them off as you go.

92 93 94

Stripe in C, red

☐ **Row 95** With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 96 to 98** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 96 to 98: tick them off as you go.

96 97 98

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 99** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 100 to 102** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 100 to 102: tick them off as you go.

100 101 102

Stripe in A, navy

☐ **Row 103** With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 104 to 110** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 104 to 110: tick them off as you go.

104 105 106 107 108 109 110

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 111** With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 112 to 114** Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 112 to 114: tick them off as you go.

112 113 114

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Stripe in C, red

☐ **Row 115** — With C, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 116 to 118** — Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 116 to 118: tick them off as you go.

116 117 118

Stripe in B, cream

☐ **Row 119** — With B, ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, **[**lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**
(42 sc, 13 lsc)

☐ **Rows 120 to 122** — Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 120 to 122: tick them off as you go.

120 121 122

Stripe in A, navy

☐ **Row 123** — With A, ch 1, turn; sc in next st,
[lsc in next st 3 rows below, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**, lsc in next st 3 rows below,
sc in last st **(41 sc, 14 lsc)**

☐ **Rows 124 to 128** — Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across **(55 sc)**

A box for each row, 124 to 128: tick them off as you go.

124 125 126 127 128

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

Assembly

1. Weave in all 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 128 lies on the foundation chain and the fold lies between rows 64 and 65, in the middle of a band of A. The stripes of the two layers meet, color to color.

3. Cut two lengths of A, each about 52 in (132 cm) long. First side: with one of them, starting at the fold, whip stitch the end of each row to the end of the row that lies against it, rows 64 and 65 first, rows 1 and 128 last: 64 stitches.

4. Second side: with the other length, sew the other side in the same way: 64 stitches.

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

6. With the long tail, whip stitch row 128 to the foundation chain, one stitch to each chain: 55 stitches. Fasten the end and draw it inside the cover.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing lengths and draw the ends inside the cover.

In all: 128 rows; 50 ends to weave in.

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