Tablet and book pyramid pillow

Large · US terms



Finished size
About 11¼ × 10 in (29 × 25 cm)
About 11¼ in (28.5 cm) wide along the front edge and 10 in (25.5 cm) tall. To fit a tablet or a book up to 1 in (2.5 cm) thick

Skill
Easy
It is one striped rectangle with three seams, and three small pieces sewn on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 2 colors

Hook
5 mm (US H-8)

Gauge
15 stitches and 17 rows to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet (UK double crochet).

What you need

Yarn A: rust, the ground and the edge of the pocket **about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: oatmeal, the stripes, the lip, the pocket and the strap **about 155 yd (142 m), an estimate**
By weight: about 220 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 200 yd (183 m).
Fiber: acrylic or wool blend
Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: pins, a yarn needle, scissors, toy stuffing or fiberfill, about 10 oz (285 g) and for the weight: two squares of closely woven cotton cloth, 6 in (15 cm) on each side, sewing thread to match with a sewing needle, and 10 oz (285 g) of small aquarium gravel, washed and quite dry.

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
Small	a phone, an e-reader or a paperback up to 1 in (2.5 cm) thick	8 × 7¼ in (20 × 18 cm)	about 230 yd (210 m)
Large (this file)	**a tablet or a book up to 1 in (2.5 cm) thick**	**11¼ × 10 in (29 × 25 cm)**	**about 430 yd (393 m)**

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Gauge

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

> **The swatch.** A test piece to measure and pull out. It is not the start of the pattern. Lay it flat and count the stitches and rows over 4 in (10 cm) in its middle. There should be 15 stitches and 17 rows. If you count more stitches than that, change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, change to a smaller hook. The swatch can be pulled out and its yarn used again.
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> | **Swatch foundation** | Ch 23. | |
> | **Swatch row 1 (RS)** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across | (22 sc) |
> | **Swatch rows 2 to 26** | Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across | (22 sc) |

Notes

- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Here that is the last stitch of the row before. Cut the old yarn at each change, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges or both layers from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- Colors of the body, row by row. Rows 1 to 18: A. Rows 19 to 20: B. Rows 21 to 22: A. Rows 23 to 32: B. Rows 33 to 34: A. Rows 35 to 36: B. Rows 37 to 54: A.
- The lip, the pocket and the carry strap are B, the border of the pocket is A.

Instructions

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ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **st** stitch, **rnd** round.
RS right side, the one that shows.
3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 10 sts**: one in each.
[ ] 2 times: work what is inside 2 times in all.
(84 sc): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Body

Yarns in order of use: A, rust; B, oatmeal.

In every odd row the right side, the outside of the pillow, faces you.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 85.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(84 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 18**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18

☐ **Row 19**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Row 21**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)

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☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Row 23**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Rows 24 to 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
	24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32	
☐ **Row 33**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Row 35**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Row 37**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
☐ **Rows 38 to 54**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(84 sc)
	38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Lip

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 35.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(34 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(34 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 52 in (132 cm) to sew with.	

Pocket

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 22**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(12 sc)
	2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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Border of the pocket

Yarn A, rust.

Hold the pocket with its right side facing you and row 22 uppermost. Join A with a slip stitch in the stitch of that row at the top right corner; the first single crochet goes into that same stitch. Go along row 22 toward the left, down the left edge with 1 single crochet in the end of each row, along the chains of the foundation, and up the right edge. The four groups of 3 single crochet are at the corners.

☐ **Foundation**	All four edges of the pocket, RS facing, 68 places: 12 stitches of row 22, 22 row ends, 12 chains of the foundation, 22 row ends.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 3 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	(76 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 62 in (157.5 cm) to sew with.	

Carry strap

Yarn B, oatmeal.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(5 sc)
☐ **Rows 2 to 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(5 sc)

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

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 24 in (61 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 24 in (61 cm).	

Assembly

1. Weight: lay the two squares of cloth on each other, right sides together. With the sewing thread backstitch all round, ½ in (1.5 cm) inside the edges, but leave 2 in (5 cm) open in the middle of one side. Backstitch, here and later: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, put it down where the stitch before ended, and go on so in a line without gaps. Turn the bag right side out: it is about 5 in (12.5 cm) on each side. Pour in the gravel, fold the edges of the opening in and whip stitch it shut closely. The bag is only about half full, and shaken level it lies flat.

2. Weave in the tails of the body, the pocket and its border on the wrong side, but not the long tail of the border. Weave in the starting tails of the lip and of the carry strap.

3. Seam 1: fold the body in half with the right side inside, so that its two short edges, the row ends, lie on each other. Cut a length of A about 58 in (147.5 cm) long. Beginning at the foundation edge with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two short edges together, row to row, 54 rows, as far as the last row. Fasten off and weave in both tails. You have a tube. Turn it right side out.

4. Seam 2, the front edge: lay the tube flat, the foundation edge toward you and the seam exactly at your left hand fold. Cut a length of A about 52 in (132 cm) long. Beginning at the seam with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two layers of the foundation edge together, 42 stitches through 42, as far as the fold at the right. Fasten off and draw both tails to the inside.

5. Seam 3, the back edge: leave the piece as it lies, the front edge toward you and seam 1 at your left. The layer on the table will be the base and the layer above it the front. Take the open end, away from you, and bring its left fold and its right fold together, so that the open edge stands upright: seam 1 is now in the middle of its left layer, the other fold in the middle of its right layer, the middle of the base is its lower end, the back corner, and the middle of the front is its upper end, the top corner. Each layer has 42 stitches. Cut a length of A about 52 in (132 cm) long. Beginning at

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the back corner with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the two layers together upward, stitch to stitch, for 14 stitches. Draw the first tail inside. The other 28 stitches stay open for now: do not fasten off, the rest of the length is used and fastened off in the next step.

6. Stuff through the opening: first only the tips of the two front corners and of the back corner, firmly, about 2 in (5 cm) deep. Then lay the weight bag flat on the inside of the base: one side of it lies along the front edge, seam 2, about 1 in (2.5 cm) behind it, with the middle of that side at the middle of the front edge. So laid it has room on all sides, and it need not be folded. Shake it level. Go on stuffing round it and above it, and keep it flat on the base; the top corner is last. Stuff until the pillow is firm and the front is a little rounded. Whip stitch the opening shut with the same length, 28 stitches, as far as the top corner. Fasten off and draw the end inside.

7. Lip: fold the lip along its length with the right side out, so that its last row lies on its foundation edge. With its long tail whip stitch the two edges together, beginning where the tail hangs, 34 stitches through 34. Let the rest of the tail hang at the far end. Close the end where the seam began: cut a length of B about 12 in (30.5 cm) long, take it in running stitch through the 12 row ends round the opening, draw it tight, fasten off and draw both its ends inside. Running stitch: in and out along a line, one stitch for each row. Stuff the tube firmly, but not so hard that it bends. Close the far end in the same way with what is left of the long tail, fasten off and draw the end inside.

8. Lay the lip across the front, right side out, with its seam against the pillow, the seam on row 3 of the body, counted from the front edge, and the middle of the lip at the middle of the front, so that 4 stitches of row 3 lie free between seam 1 and the left end of the lip, and as many at its right end. Pin it. Cut a length of B about 44 in (112 cm) long. Beginning at one end with a tail of 6 in (15 cm), whip stitch the seam of the lip to row 3, one stitch for each stitch of the lip, 34 in all, as far as the other end: with the needle through the seam of the lip and then through the pillow beneath it. Fasten off and draw both tails into the pillow.

9. Pocket: with the front toward you lay the pocket, right side out, on the side at your right, row 22 uppermost. Its lower edge runs along the bottom edge of that side, about ¾ in (2 cm) above it all the way; the middle of its lower edge is about 5½ in (14 cm) from the back corner, measured along the bottom edge. Pin it. With the long tail of the border, which hangs at the top right corner, sew down the right edge, along the lower edge and up the left edge: bring the needle up through the pocket under both loops of a stitch of its border and down through the pillow beside the edge, one small stitch for each stitch. The top edge, with its two corners, stays open. Fasten off and draw the tail into the pillow.

10. Carry strap: it is sewn over the back edge, seam 3, like a handle, right side out, with the middle one of its 5 stitches on the seam all the way. Count the 42 stitches of the seam from the top corner down. The upper end: its short edge lies level with the 4th stitch and points up, and the first 4 rows below that edge lie on the pillow. The lower end: its short edge lies level with the 26th stitch and points down, and the 4 rows above that edge lie on the pillow. The 28 rows between stand out from the seam in a bow. Pin both ends. With the tail at one end and the cut length at the other sew each end down, beginning at one corner of the short edge: along the short edge, 5 stitches, and along one long edge for 4 rows, bring the needle up through the strap one stitch in from its edge and down through the pillow beside the edge, one stitch for each stitch or row. There the strap leaves the pillow and goes on as the bow, so there is no edge to sew: go across it in backstitch, straight up and down through the 4th row of the strap and the pillow beneath it, 5 stitches. Then sew the other long edge, 4 rows, in the way of the first, back to the short edge. Fasten off and draw all the tails into the pillow.

Finishing

- Stand the pillow on its base and set the book or tablet on the front, its lower edge behind the lip.

In all: 4 pieces; 5,464 stitches (4,536 in the body, 408 in the lip, 264 in the pocket, 76 in the border of the pocket, 180 in the carry strap).

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