Watermelon slice pillow

US terms



Finished size
About 18 in (46 cm) along the straight edge, 9 in (23 cm) deep and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) thick at the rind, before it is stuffed

Skill
Easy
Half circles in single crochet, and seams to sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

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

You will need

Yarn A: coral, main	**about 240 yd (219 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: celery, stripe	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: forest, stripe	**about 130 yd (119 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, stripe	**about 15 yd (14 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 14 oz (400 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
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
RS	right side
st	stitch

Gauge

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

Check it on the first face, laid flat, when row 16 is done: the straight edge is about 7½ in (19 cm) long and the half circle about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) deep. 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.

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Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row 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, work the last yarn over of a stitch with the next ball, 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. Row 1 begins with this loop on the hook. Work row 1 into the ring, over both strands, then pull the tail to close it.
- 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 face is worked to and fro in half circles and is never joined. Row 1 goes into a magic ring; the ring is drawn tight, so that the ends of the rows make one straight edge.
- The seeds are sewn with yarn, so there is no loose piece on the pillow.

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 round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Face: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, coral; B, celery; C, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in ring	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(21 sc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 3 times**	**(27 sc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 3 times**	**(33 sc)**

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☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts**] 3 times**	**(39 sc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts**] 3 times**	**(45 sc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 3 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 3 times**	**(51 sc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts**] 3 times**	**(57 sc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts**] 3 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts**] 3 times**	**(63 sc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 20 sts**] 3 times**	**(66 sc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts**] 3 times**	**(69 sc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 22 sts**] 3 times**	**(72 sc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts**] 3 times**	**(75 sc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 24 sts**] 3 times**	**(78 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts**] 3 times**	**(81 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 26 sts**] 3 times**	**(84 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 14 sts**] 3 times**	**(87 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 28 sts**] 3 times**	**(90 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 14 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 15 sts**] 3 times**	**(93 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 30 sts**] 3 times**	**(96 sc)**
☐ **Row 33**	With B, ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 15 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts**] 3 times**	**(99 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 32 sts**] 3 times**	**(102 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts**] 3 times**	**(105 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	With C, ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 34 sts**] 3 times**	**(108 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 18 sts**] 3 times**	**(111 sc)**
☐ **Row 38**	Ch 1, turn; **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 36 sts**] 3 times**	**(114 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Rind

Yarn C, forest.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 115.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(114 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 10**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(114 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 10: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

☐ **End** Fasten off.

Cut side

Yarns in order of use: C, forest; B, celery; A, coral.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 11.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 4**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 5 to 6**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 5 to 6: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **Row 7**	With A, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 8 to 70**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 8 to 70: tick them off as you go.

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

☐ **Row 71**	With B, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 72 to 73**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 72 to 73: tick them off as you go.

72 73

☐ **Row 74**	With C, ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rows 75 to 76**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(10 sc)**

A box for each row, 75 to 76: tick them off as you go.

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☐ **End** Fasten off.

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Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends of the faces, the rind and the cut side.

2. Seeds: lay a face with the right side up and the straight edge toward you, so that the curve is at the top, and count the stitches of a row from its right end. A seed is four straight stitches lying on one another: bring the needle up from the wrong side at the top of the stitch named, take it down at the top of the stitch two rows lower that lies nearest on the straight line from there to the magic ring, and do the same three times more in the same two places. On the right side of each face sew 16 seeds: row 9, stitches 7 and 21; row 16, stitches 6, 18, 31 and 43; row 23, stitches 10, 27, 43 and 60; row 29, stitches 6, 22, 37, 51, 66 and 82. Use a strand of D of its own for each of these rows: about 26 in (66 cm) for row 9, about 40 in (102 cm) for row 16, about 44 in (112 cm) for row 23, about 60 in (152 cm) for row 29. Work along a row from right to left, let the yarn go loosely across the wrong side from one seed to the next, and fasten it on the wrong side at the last one.

3. Frame: lay the rind and the cut side with their right sides together and one short end of each together: the 10 row ends of the rind and the 10 chains of the cut side. Cut a length of C about 16 in (41 cm) long and whip stitch them, 10 stitches. Bring the other short end of the rind to the last row of the cut side in the same way, without twisting either piece, and whip stitch them with another 16 in (41 cm) of C: 10 stitches. The two pieces make a frame with the right side outside.

4. Front: lay a face against one edge of the frame, the edge where the foundation chain of the rind lies, with the right side outside and the corners of the face at the two seams of the frame. Stitch is sewn to chain along the curve, and row end to row end, color to color, along the straight edge. Cut a length of C about 100 in (254 cm) long. Begin on the straight edge of the face at row 33, the first row of B: 6 row ends out to the corner, rows 33 to 38, then the 114 stitches of row 38 along the curve, and 6 row ends in from the other corner.

5. Cut a length of A about 52 in (132 cm) long. Whip stitch the coral part of the straight edge of the front, 64 row ends; on the way, when 32 row ends are sewn and you are at the middle, take one stitch through the magic ring to close it.

6. Back: sew the other face to the other edge of the frame, where the last row of the rind lies, in the same way: cut a length of C about 100 in (254 cm) long for the 6 row ends, the 114 stitches of the curve and the 6 row ends.

7. Cut a length of A about 52 in (132 cm) long. Whip stitch the coral part of the straight edge of the back as far as 36 of the 64 row ends; on the way, when 32 row ends are sewn, take one stitch through the magic ring of the back to close it. Stuff with small, loose pieces of fiberfill, the edges first and the middle last, until the pillow springs back when it is pressed. Whip stitch the 28 row ends that are left and 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: 4 pieces; 6,346 stitches (2,223 in each face, 1,140 in the rind, 760 in the cut side).

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