




CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY



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What you will need:

RED HEART® With Love™: 2 skeins each 1303 Aran **A**, and 1308 Tan **B**, and 1 skein of 1970 Taupe **C**.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hook: 6.5mm [US K-10½]

18 x 18" [45.5 x 45.5 cm] pillow form, stitch marker, 5" [12.5 cm] piece of heavy cardboard (for making tassels), and yarn needle.

GAUGE: 9 sts = 4" [10 cm]; 6 rows = 4" [10 cm] in alternating rows of double crochet (dc) and Front post double crochet (Fpdc), with 2 strands of yarn held together. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART® With Love®, Art. E400 available in solid color 7oz (198g), 370 yd (338m) and multicolor 5oz (141g), 230 yd (211m) skeins

SHOP KIT

Peaceful Stripes Pillow

Making this easy pillow is a great way to relax and focus on crochet while taking a break from the world. The result is a pillow that will add comfort in whatever room you use it.

Pillow measures about 18 x 18" [45.5 x 45.5 cm]

Notes

1. Pillow cover is made from two pieces. Both pieces are worked back and forth in rows with two strands of yarn held together throughout.
2. Yarn color is changed to create stripes. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Do not cut old color until instructed. Carry color not in use carefully up side edge when next needed.
3. Fringe is attached to a ridge on front of the pillow cover and tassels are attached to all four corners.
4. Keep pillow form handy. As you work, compare size of each of the two pieces with pillow form. If a piece is too large or too small, adjust the size by adding or subtracting the number of beginning chains and/or number of rows worked.

Special Stitch

Fpdc (Front post double crochet) =

Yarn over, insert hook from front side of work to back and to front again around post of indicated stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), [yarn over and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice. Skip the top of the stitch "behind" the Fpdc.

PILLOW COVER PIECES (make 2)

With 2 strands of **A** held together, ch 42.

Row 1 (right side): With **A**, working in back bumps only, dc in 4th ch from hook (3 skipped ch count as first dc), dc in each remaining ch across—40 dc.

Row 2: With **A**, ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn, hdc in next st, Fpdc around each of next 36 sts,

hdc in next st, hdc in top of beginning ch-3 and change to 2 strands of **B** held together—4 hdc and 36 post sts.

Row 3: With **B**, ch 3, turn, dc in each st across, dc in top of beginning ch-2—40 dc.

Row 4: With **B**, ch 2 (counts as first hdc here and throughout), turn, hdc in next st, Fpdc around each of next 36 sts, hdc in next st, hdc in top of beginning ch-3 and change to 2 strands of **A** held together.

Row 5: With **A**, ch 3, turn, dc in each st across, dc in top of beginning ch-2.

Rows 6–9.: Repeat Rows 2–5.

Rows 10–12: Repeat Rows 2–4.

Rows 13 and 14: With **A**, ch 3, turn, dc in each st across, dc in top of beginning ch-2 and change to 2 strands of **B** held together at the end of Row 14.

Rows 15 and 16: Repeat Rows 3 and

4. Place a marker in ridge just made on right side of piece (for tassel placement).

Row 17: Repeat Row 5.

Rows 18–25: Repeat Rows 2–5 twice.

Row 26: Repeat Row 2.

Fasten off **A**. Do not fasten off **B**.

Edging Round: With **B**, ch 1, work sc stitches as evenly spaced as possible along all 4 sides of piece, working 3 sc in each corner. Take care to work the same number of sc along each side; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

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FINISHING

Seaming: Hold the two pieces together with stripes running in the same direction, stitches matching and wrong sides facing inwards. With right side facing you and with 2 strands of **B** held together, working in inner loops of both pieces at the same time, join yarn with slip st in any edging st, slip st in each remaining edging st all the way around, and insert pillow form before completing seam. Fasten off.

Fringe

Cut 1 strand each of **A**, **B**, and **C**, each 5" [12.5 cm] long. Fold strands in half to form a loop. Insert crochet hook from bottom through back most loop of first stitch in marked ridge on front of pillow cover. Place fold on hook and draw fold through, forming a loop. Thread ends of strands through loop and pull to tighten. Repeat to attach fringe in every other stitch across ridge. Trim ends evenly.

Tassels (make 4)

Holding 1 strand each of **A**, **B**, and **C** together, Wrap yarn about 10 times around 5" (12.5 cm) piece of heavy cardboard. Thread a 10" (25.5 cm) single strand of any of the yarn colors under the top of the wraps and tie into a tight knot for top of tassel. Do not trim the ends of the tie. Slip wraps off of cardboard. Tie a 10" (25.5 cm) length of yarn around wraps about $\frac{3}{4}$ " (19 mm) from top for tassel neck. Wrap ends of tie around wraps about 6 times and then draw ends to inside of tassel. Cut the lower ends of the wraps and trim to even. Use yarn needle and ends of tie at top of tassel to sew one tassel securely to each of the four corners.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, and C = Color A, Color B, and Color C; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es).

