

Pattern Paradise



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Size: Approximately 19" square

Materials:

- Super bulky weight yarn (#6), in three colors. I used Lion Brand Hometown (162 yards per skein) in:
 - Color 1: Chicago Charcoal (2 skeins)
 - Color 2: Houston Cream (1 skein)
 - Color 3: Madison Mustard (1 skein)

(Note: If you alternate the back between stripes of Colors 1 & 3 you may be able to get away with 1 skein of Color 1. I chose to have a wider band of Color 1 so needed the extra skein)

- Hook US M/N 9.0 mm
- Yarn needle for weaving in ends
- Pillow form in desired size
- 1 ½" Buttons (4)
- Stitch marker

Gauge: 8sc x 11 rows = 4"

Abbreviations (US Terms):

ch: chain

sc: single crochet

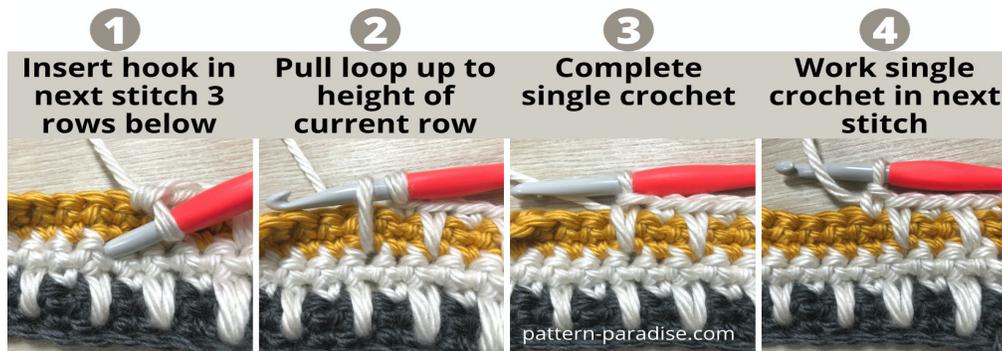
st(s): stitch(es)

Special Stitch:

SC Spike Stitch (SCSS) – An elongated single crochet that extends to the third row below.



**Litrik
Pillow Cover**



I worked this pillow cover to be a 19" square to fit my pillow form, however, this pattern is easily adjustable to any size and yarn. Simply start with an even number of stitches (using your gauge) to achieve the width you like and adjust the row repeats to your desired height.

The pillow cover front is worked first and then continues directly into the Back Top. Then you will join new yarn at the stitch marker and continue with the Back Bottom.

To finish the pillow cover you will fold the back sections (the Back Top overlaps over the Back Bottom to button) and crochet a row of single crochet along each side to close the pillow cover.

For color changes, change to the new color in the pull through of the last single crochet of the row. I carry the unused color along the side and pick it up as needed, this avoids having too many loose ends to weave in.

Ch1 at the beginning of row does not count as stitch. Start each row in the first stitch.

Front:

Row 1: With Color 1, chain 40, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each remaining ch to end. Place stitch marker in the ch of the last sc, this is where you will start the **Back Bottom** of the pillow cover. (39 sts throughout)

Row 2: Ch1, turn, sc in each st to end.

Row 3: Join Color 2, ch1, turn, sc 2, [SCSS, sc 1], repeat between [] until 1 st remains, sc in last st.

Row 4: Ch1, turn, sc in each st to end.

Row 5: Join Color 3, ch1, turn, sc in each st to end.

Row 6: Ch1, turn sc in each st to end.

Row 7: With Color 2, ch1, turn, sc 2, [SCSS, sc 1], repeat between [] until 1 st remains, sc in last st.

Row 8: Ch1, turn, sc in each st to end.

Row 9: With Color 1, ch1, turn, sc in each st to end.

Row 10: Ch1, turn sc in each st to end.

Repeat Rows 3 through 10 until pillow cover measures 19" or desired height.

Back Top:

Rows 1 to 6: With Color 1, ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end.

Rows 7 & 8: With Color 2, ch1, turn sc in each st to end.

Repeat Rows 1 through 8 until **Back Top** measures about 6" or 1/3 the height of the pillow.

Buttonhole Row: Ch1, turn, sc 3, *ch4, skip 4 sts, sc 6*, repeat between * 2 times, ch4, skip 4 sts, sc last 2 sts. Fasten off.

Back Bottom:

With right side facing, Join Color 1 at stitch marker in Row 1 of front.

Repeat Rows 1 to 8 of *Back Top* until *Back Bottom* measures 14.5" or approximately 3/4 the height of the pillow. Fasten off.

Determine which side you want to make the "right" and "wrong" side. I used the back of the spike stitches as the "right side" of my fabric.



Assembly:

Weave ends before continuing.

Lay pillow flat with wrong side facing you. Turn up the ***Back Bottom*** and then turn down the ***Back Top*** to overlap matching stitches along the sides and pin in place.

Working from the front of the pillow, **join Color 1** in the corner, ch1, sc in each stitch to next corner working through all thicknesses (including the overlap). Fasten off.

Turn to work the same way for the next side.

Sew buttons in place.

Add tassels or pompoms at corners if desired. You can find my free tutorials on my website!

Tassel Tutorial:

<https://pattern-paradise.com/2017/11/19/yarn-tassel/>

Large Pompom Tutorial:

<https://pattern-paradise.com/2016/09/25/tutorial-make-large-pompom/>