

DK MERINO SUPERWASH
Crochet Pillow



Approximate Dimensions: 14" x 14"

Materials:

DK Merino Superwash

2—50g skeins, color 1139, Straw color “A”

3—50g skeins, color 1118, Dk Grey color “B”

2—50g skeins, color 1135, Bordeaux color “C”

Gauge: 18 sts = 4" in pattern side 1 on US Size F (3.75mm) crochet hook *after blocking*.

Needles/Notions: US Size F (3.75mm) crochet hook, 14" pillow form.

Special Stitches:

Post Stitches: Rather than inserting the hook into the top of the st, these are worked around the post of the st in the row below.

For a Front Post: (FPDC) the hook goes into the front of the post, around the back and to the front before completing the st.

For a Back Post: (BPDC) the hook goes from the back of the post, around the front and to the back before completing the st.

In strip 1, the posts are worked in the previous row and in Strip 3, the post sts are worked in 2 rows below.

DC3 tog: Work 3 DCs in the next st. Remove the loop from the hook, insert it into the top of the first DC, reinsert it into the loop, YO and pull it through to complete the st. This is used in Strip 5.

ABBREVIATIONS: beg= begin(ning), CH = chain, cont= continue, DC = double crochet, DC3tog= double crochet three together, dec= decrease, inc= increase, m= marker, mm= millimeter, patt= pattern, pm= place marker, rem= remain(ning), Rep/rep= repeat, rnd=round, RS= right side, SC= single crochet, sk= skip, sl = slip, st(s)= stitch(es), tbl = through back loop, tog = together, WS= Wrong Side, YO= yarn over

SIDE 1

This is an easy pattern. SCs and DCs alternate across the row. On the next row DCs are worked over SCs.

With A: CH 64. Turn.

Row 1: CH 1, *SC, DC; rep from * across row. Turn.

Row 2: With B: CH 1, *SC in DC, DC in SC; rep from * to end. Turn.

Row 3: With C: Rep Row 2.

Row 4: With A: Rep Row 2. Cont in this manner until work measures 14". Fasten off. Note that the new color is waiting for you when you finish the row.

SIDE 2

This side is composed of 5 strips (each using a different pattern) which will be sewn together.

Strip 1

With B: CH 18. Insert hook into 3rd CH from hook. DC in this st and across the row.

Row 1: CH 2 (counts as a post st), *FPDC into next DC, BPDC into next DC; rep from * to last st, HDC into last st. Turn.

Row 2: CH 2, *BPDC into first st, FPDC into next st; rep from * to last st, HDC. Turn.

Rep these 2 rows until strip measures 14". Fasten off. Note that if the post st from the previous row is raised to the front, work a FPDC on that st. If the post st is raised to the back, work a BPDC.

Strip 2

With C: CH 16. Insert hook into 2nd CH from hook. SC in this CH and each CH to end. Turn.

Row 1: CH 3, DC in each SC using front loop only. Turn.

Row 2: CH 1, SC in each DC using back loop only. Turn. Rep these 2 row until strip measures 14". Fasten off.

Strip 3

With A: CH 13. Turn.

CH 2, HDC across. Turn.

Row 1: CH 2, HDC across, sk turning CH. Turn.

Row 2: CH 2, *HDC, FPHDC (Front Post around a st 2 rows below); rep from *, end with HDC in last st, sk turning CH. Turn. Rep these 2 rows until strip measures 14". Fasten off.

Strip 4

With C: CH 13. Turn.

Row 1: CH 1, SC in back loop only. Turn. Rep this row until strip measures 14". Fasten off.

Strip 5

With B: CH 15. Turn.

CH 1, *SC, sk 1 CH, CH 1; rep from * end with SC. Turn.

Row 1: CH 3, sk SC, *DC3 tog over CH, sk SC, CH 1; rep from *, end with DC in turning CH.

Row 2: CH 1, sk DC, *SC over CH, sk DC3 tog, CH 1; rep from *, end with SC in turning CH.

Rep these 2 rows until strip measures 14". Fasten off.

Assembling the Pillow

For side 1: Use A.

Row 1: SCs evenly around the work - 63 SCs on each edge and working 3 sts into each corner. Work the strands that are carried up the sides into SCs.

Row 2: SC into front loop only, again working 3 sts into each corner.

Row 3: SC into both loops, 3 sts into each corner.

For side 2: Sew the strips together using B, do the edging as you did on side 1.

Finishing

Sew the edges together, working into the loops that are free on the inside of each piece. Use one length of yarn for each side. Complete 3 sides and insert the pillow form. Sew the last side. Cut the end so a little bit shows. If you need to wash the crocheted covers, remove the sts from this side.

©2016 Plymouth Yarn Company. 022616vle. Designed by Sue Hilger