

RAINBOW CUSHION



Crochet

USEFUL HINTS FOR USING A DIFFERENT WEIGHT OF YARN:

When making a toy or accessory which needs to be stuffed, it is better to make the fabric tighter than you would for a garment or blanket. This way the stuffing will be less likely to show through your stitches.

Below is a chart suggesting the hook sizes for each weight of yarn when you need a tighter fabric:

YARN WEIGHT	HOOK SIZE(S)
4ply	2.5mm
DK	3mm or 3.5mm
Aran	4mm or 4.5mm
Chunky	5.5mm
Super Chunky	8mm

If you do not have access to the yarn pictured, then why not use up some of your stash?

Remember if you do use a different weight of yarn your Rainbow will be either bigger or smaller than the one in the pattern. This really doesn't matter, just allow a different amount of yarn and stuffing.

You can also use the stuffing from an old pillow or cushion. Pillows and cushions can be washed in your washing machine (DO NOT take the stuffing out of the old case before washing. Wash it in the old case, then dry it thoroughly before opening the old case and re-using it to stuff your rainbow).

CROCHETED RAINBOW CUSHION



TENSION

10cm/4" square using Double Crochet

5.5mm hook – 13sts x 10 rows

If your tension is too loose, reduce your hook size,

if your tension is too tight, increase your hook size.

It is recommended that you use a DK yarn to

sew up with. Rainbow Cushion is worked in rows.

Turning chains do not count as stitches.

ABBREVIATIONS

Ch - Chain **Dc** - Double Crochet **Dc2tog** - Double Crochet 2 stitches together (insert hook into next stitch and bring yarn through, insert hook into next stitch and bring yarn through, yarn round hook and bring through all three loops on hook)

Inc - work 2 dc into next st **dcN** - work 1 dc into N amount of following sts. (N = Number given in pattern)

Using 5.5mm crochet hook throughout

MAIN (MAKE 2)

Using A ch 36.

Row 1: Skip first ch, 1dc into next 8 ch, inc into next ch, 1dc into next 6 ch, inc into next ch, 1dc into next 3 ch, inc into next ch, 1dc into next 6 ch, inc into next ch, 1dc into last 8chs. Ch1, turn. (39sts)

Row 2: Dc8, inc, dc 7, inc, dc5, inc, dc7, inc, dc8. Ch1, turn. (43sts)

Row 3 and 4: Work 1dc into each st to end, ch1, turn.

Row 5: Dc8, inc, dc8, inc, dc7, inc, dc8, inc, dc8. Ch1, turn. (47sts)

Row 6: Dc into each st to end.

Change to B. Ch1, turn.

Row 7: Dc9, inc, dc8, inc, dc9, inc, dc8, inc, dc9. Ch1, turn. (51sts)

Row 8: Dc into each st to end. Ch1, turn.

Row 9: Dc9, inc, dc10, inc, dc9, inc, dc10, inc, dc9. Ch1, turn. (55sts)

Row 10: Dc10, inc, dc10, inc, dc11, inc, dc10, inc, dc10. Ch1, turn. (59sts)

Row 11: Dc10, inc, dc12, inc, dc11, inc, dc12, inc, dc10. **Change to C.** Ch1, turn. (63sts)

Row 12: Dc11, inc, [dc6, inc] twice, [dc5, inc] twice, [dc6, inc] twice, dc11. Ch1, turn. (70sts)

Row 13: Dc11, inc, [dc7, inc] twice, dc6, inc, [dc7, inc] three times, dc11. Ch1, turn. (77sts)

Row 14 and 15: Work 1dc into each st, ch1, turn.

Row 16: Dc21, inc, dc 16, inc, dc 16, inc, dc 21. **Change to D.** Ch1, turn. (80sts)

Row 17 and 18: Work 1dc into each st, ch1, turn.

Row 19: Dc12, inc, dc 17, inc, dc18, inc, dc17, inc, dc12. Ch1, turn. (84sts)

Row 20: Dc22, inc, dc 18, inc, dc19, inc, dc 22. Ch1, turn. (87sts)

Row 21: Dc 13, inc, dc19, inc, dc19, inc, dc19, inc, dc13. **Change to E.** Ch1, turn. (91sts)

Row 22: Dc23, inc, dc21, inc, dc21, inc, dc23. Ch1, turn. (94sts)

Row 23: Dc14, inc, dc21, inc, dc20, inc, dc21, inc, dc14. Ch1, turn. (98sts)

Row 24: Dc 14, inc, dc9, inc, dc12, inc, dc11, inc, dc 10, inc, dc12, inc, dc9, inc, dc14. Ch1, turn. (105sts)

Row 25: Dc25, inc, dc26, inc, dc26, inc, dc25. Ch1, turn. (108sts)

Row 26: Dc15, inc, dc24, inc, dc26, inc, dc24, inc, dc15. Ch1, turn. (112sts)

Row 27: Work 1dc into each st to end. Fasten off.

Sew two pieces together leaving straight edges open to form a curved tube.

BASE (MAKE 2)

Using A ch 4

Skip first ch, 1 dc into next 3 chs. Ch1, turn (3sts)

Row 1: 2dc into first st, 1dc into next st, 2dc into last st. Ch1, turn (5sts)

Row 2: 2dc into first st, 1dc into next 3 sts, 2dc into last st. Ch 1, turn (7sts)

Work 2 rows 1dc into each st,

changing to B before last ch1 turn

Row 5: 2dc into first st, 1dc into next 5 sts, 2dc into last st. Ch1, turn (9sts)

Work 2 rows 1dc into each st.

Row 8: 2dc into first st, 1dc into next 7 sts, 2dc into last st. Ch1, turn (11sts)

Row 9: 1dc into each st. **Change to C.** Ch1, turn

Row 10: 1dc into each st. Ch1, turn

Row 11: 2dc into first st, 1dc into next 9 sts, 2dc into last st. Ch1, turn (13sts)

Work 2 rows 1dc into each st.

Row 14: Dc2tog, 1dc into next 9sts, dc2tog. **Change to D.** Ch1, turn (11sts)

Work 2 rows 1dc into each st

Row 17: Dc2tog, 1dc into next 7sts, dc2tog. Ch1, turn (9sts)

Work 2 rows 1dc into each st,

changing to E before last ch1, turn

Row 20: Dc2tog, 1dc into next 5 sts, dc2tog. Ch1, turn (7sts)

Row 21: Dc2tog, 1dc into next 3 sts, dc2tog. Ch1, turn (5sts)

Row 22: Dc2tog, 1dc into next st, dc2tog. (3sts)

Fasten off.

Sew into open ends of main pieces, stuffing as you go. Make sure the colours line up.

MEASUREMENTS

approx 53cm/21" x 35cm/14"

HOOKS

5.5mm crochet hook
Toy Stuffing

NOTES

The yarn amounts stated are based on average requirements and are therefore approximate. Where only one figure is given, this applies to all sizes. Where the figure 0 appears, no sts or rows are worked for this size. After casting off one stitch will remain on the right hand needle which is not included in the instructions that follow.

MATERIALS REQUIRED

A – 1 x 100g King Cole Big Value Chunky Shade Purple 3105

B – 1 x 100g King Cole Big Value Chunky Shade Blue 824

C – 1 x 100g King Cole Big Value Chunky Shade Green 833

D – 1 x 100g King Cole Big Value Chunky Shade Yellow 828

E – 1 x 100g King Cole Big Value Chunky Shade Red 553

Yarn amounts may vary when using other King Cole yarns.

IMPORTANT

To ensure accuracy, only King Cole yarns are suitable. No responsibility will be taken for the result of using any other. It is essential to work to the tensions stated.

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