## CHUNKY WAFFLE STITCH PILLOW

 CROCHET PATTERN BY RUBY WEBBS

## Yarn

.bulky weight yarn, size 5 (Bernat Maker Outdoor used in pattern (8.8 oz/250 g 249 yards/ 228 meters).
.16" x 16" Solid Pillow: 650 yards
.18" x 18 Striped Pillow: 400 yards of Color 1 and 400 yards of Color 2

Crochet Hooks

## Other Materials

.16 " x 16 " or 18 " x 18 " pillow .yarn needle for weaving in loose ends

Skill Level: Intermediate

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Abbreviations
dc = double crochet
fpdc = front post double crochet
bpdc = back post double crochet
ss = slip stitch
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.US J (6 mm)

## Gauge:

12 dc $\times 5$ rows $=4$ " square

Terminology: American (pattern written in English)

## Finished Pillow Cover Measurements

16" square: 16 " x 16 "
18" square: 18 " x 18 "

## Stitch Guide

Double_Crochet Stitch (sc): yarn over, insert hook into the next stitch, yarn over, pull through work, \{yarn over, pull through 2 loops\} 2 times
Front Post Double Crochet (fpdc): yarn over, insert hook from front to back to front around the post of the next stitch, yarn over, pull through work, \{yarn over, pull through 2 loops\} 2 times
Back Post Double Crochet (fpdc): yarn over, insert hook from back to front to back around the post of the next stitch, yarn over, pull through work, \{yarn over, pull through 2 loops\} 2 times

## Making the Seam Less Noticeable

To make the seam less visible, beginning with round 2, work the first fpdc of each round around both the chain 1 or chain 2 from the previous round and the first stitch (see step by step photos on next page).


## Changing Colors

Switch colors on the last stitch of the round before the next round of new color. Start the last stitch of the round as you normally would with the old color. On the last yarn over, drop the old color and yarn over with the new color. With the new color, make a slip stitch (ss) in the top of the first stitch to join. You are now ready to begin using the new color for the next round (see photos below).


## Altering the Size of the Pillow Cover

Make the foundation chain in any multiple of 3 . Measure the width of the pillow and multiply this number by 2. This is the length that you will want your foundation chain to measure before you join to the first chain to form a ring. To alter the length of the pillow cover, repeat rounds 2 and 3 until the desired length is achieved.

## Pattern Notes

Instructions are provided in the pattern for making this pillow in 2 sizes. The pattern for the 16" $\times 16$ " solid color pillow begins on page 4 . The pattern for the striped 18 " $\times 18$ " pillow begins on page 5 .

The pillow is made in the round. The chain at the beginning of each round DOES NOT count as a stitch. At the end of each round, slip stitch (ss) in the top of the first stitch to join. When making the $18 " \times 18 "$ pillow, Color 1 Stitches are written in red font. Color 2 stitches are written in purple font.

## The Pattern

The chain at the beginning of each round does not count as a stitch.

## 16" $\times 16$ "Solid Color Pillow Cover

Chain 105, or any multiple of 3 until the chain measure 31" - 32" long. Work a ss in the first chain made to join. Be very careful that your chain is not twisted before you join.

Round 1: chain 2, dc in the same stitch and in each stitch around, ss in the top of the first stitch to join (105)

Round 2: chain 1, work a fpdc around both the ch 2 from the previous round and the same stitch (see instructions for making the seam less noticeable on page 2), bpdc in the next 2 stitches, \{dc in the next stitch, bpdc in the next 2 stitches\} repeat around, ss in the top of the first stitch to join (105)


Round 3: chain 1, work a fpdc around both the ch 1 from the previous round and the same stitch, dc in the next 2 stitches, \{fpdc in the next stitch, dc in the next 2 stitches\} repeat around, ss in the top of the first stitch to join (105)


Round 4: repeat round 2


Rounds 5-30: repeat rounds 3 and 2 until the piece measures 16 " tall DO NOT fasten off. See finishing instructions on page 7 .


## $18^{\prime \prime} \times 18^{\prime \prime}$ Striped Pillow Cover

The chain at the beginning of each round does not count as a stitch. Color 1 Stitches are written in red font. Color 2 stitches are written in purple font.

With Color 1, chain 117, or any multiple of 3 until the chain measure 35 "- 36 " long. Work a ss in the first chain made to join. Be very careful that your chain is not twisted before you join.

Round 1: chain 2, dc in the same stitch and in each stitch around, ss in the top of the first stitch to join (117)

Round 2: chain 1, work a fpdc around both the ch 2 from the previous round and the same stitch (see instructions on page 2 for making the seam less noticeable), bpdc in the next 2 stitches, \{dc in the next stitch, bpdc in the next 2 stitches\} repeat around, ss in the top of the first stitch to join (117)


Round 3: chain 1, work a fpdc around both the ch 1 from the previous round and the same stitch, dc in the next 2 stitches, \{fpdc in the next stitch, dc in the next 2 stitches\} repeat around, ss in the top of the first stitch to join (117)


Round 4: repeat round 2


Rounds 5-6: repeat rounds 3 and 2
Rounds 7-12: with Color 2, repeat rounds 3 and 2
Rounds 13-18: with Color 1, repeat rounds 3 and 2

Rounds 19-24: with Color 2, repeat rounds 3 and 2

Rounds 25-30: with Color 1, repeat rounds 3 and 2

Rounds 31-36: with Color 2, repeat rounds 3 and 2

At the end of round 36, DO NOT FASTEN OFF. See finishing instructions on next page.


## Finishing instructions (All Sizes)

Remove your hook from your work. Turn the pillow cover inside out so the wrong side is facing. Place the pillow so the seam is on the right side if you are right-handed and left side if you are left-handed. Reinsert your hook back into your work. Line up your ends and your stitches. Working through both ends of the piece, slip stitch the two ends together. When you reach the end, fasten off and weave in loose ends (see photos below).


Next, turn the piece so the right side is facing out. Insert either a 16 " $\times 16$ " or 18 " $\times 18$ " pillow into the pillow cover. Line up your ends and your stitches. Working through both ends of the piece, slip stitch the two ends together. When you reach the end, fasten off and weave in loose ends (see step by step photos below).


Your pillow should now be finished.


