



stitch Nation

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square pegs round holes

Graphic and stunning, this pair of felted pillows will take a room out of the doldrums and give it a definite upbeat vibe. Choose from a vibrant array of colors to fit your own preferences.

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Designed by Lorna Miser.

Pillows measures 16" x 16" square, after felting.

Square Peg Pillow

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™": 3 balls 2205 Little Lamb 2510 A, 3 balls 2925 Passionfruit B, 1 ball 2640 Thyme C.

Round Holes Pillow

STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™": 7 balls 2205 Little Lamb 2510 A, 1 ball 2925 Passionfruit B, 1 ball 2260 Clementine C.

For Both Pillows

Crochet Hook: 8mm [US L-11].

Stitch markers, 3 yards heavy cotton yarn in a contrasting color, 16" x 16" pillow form, yarn needle.

GAUGE: 10 sts and 8 rows = 4" in half double crochet. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge. Gauge is loose so that yarn will felt.

SQUARE PEG PILLOW

Squares (Make 2)

Round 1 (Right Side): With C, ch 3 (beginning ch counts as hdc), 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—8 hdc.

Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), [3 hdc in next st (corner made), hdc in next st] 3 times, 3 hdc in next st (corner made); join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 hdc (consisting of four 3-hdc corners and 1 hdc on each side between corners).

Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in next st, [3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts] 3 times, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next st; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 hdc. Place a marker in the center hdc of each 3-hdc corner.

Round 4: Ch 2, [hdc in each st to next marker, 3 hdc in marked st, move marker to center hdc of 3-hdc corner just made] 4 times, hdc in each remaining st to end of round; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 hdc.

Repeat Round 4 until square measures 5" across. Fasten off C.

NOTE: Each round increases the stitch count by 8 stitches.

With Right Side facing, join A with slip st in top of beginning ch. Repeat Round 4 once. Fasten off A.

With Right Side facing, join B with slip st in top of beginning ch. Repeat Round 4 until square measures 16" across. Fasten off B.

With Right Side facing, join A with slip st in top of beginning ch. Repeat Round 4 until square measures 25" across. Fasten off first square. Do not fasten off 2nd square.

FINISHING

Hold squares with Wrong Sides together.

Seaming: Working through both thicknesses, [sc in each st to next corner st, sc in corner st] 2 times, sc in each st to about 2" from

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next corner. Note: Three sides of pillow should now be seamed, with top edge and top 2 corners left open.

With doubled strand of heavy cotton yarn, baste top edge and corners together. Note: It is very important that basting yarn is cotton. Cotton is easier to remove after pillow has been felted.

Felt Pillow: Weave in ends (except ends of basting yarn). Place pillow in washing machine. Wash using hot water, maximum agitation, and a small amount of laundry soap. Check progress of felting every 3-5 minutes. Remove pillow from washer before spin cycle. Repeat wash cycle until desired level of felting is achieved. Rinse in sink. Gently squeeze excess water from pillow, pull into shape and allow pillow to dry. Remove basting cotton. Insert pillow form. With A, sew top edge and corners closed.

ROUND HOLES PILLOW

Squares (Make 2)

Round 1 (Right Side): With A, ch 3 (beginning ch counts as hdc), 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—8 hdc.

Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), [3 hdc in next st (corner made), hdc in next st] 3 times, 3 hdc in next st (corner made); join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 hdc (consisting of four 3-hdc corners and 1 hdc on each side between corners).

Round 3: Ch 2, hdc in next st, [3 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts] 3 times, 3 hdc in next st, hdc in next st; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 hdc. Place a marker in the center hdc of each 3-hdc corner.

Round 4: Ch 2, [hdc in each st to next marker, 3 hdc in marked st, move marker to center hdc of 3-hdc corner just made] 4 times, hdc in each remaining st to end of round; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 hdc.

Repeat Round 4 until square measures 25" across. **NOTE:** Each round increases the stitch count by 8 stitches.

Fasten off first square. Do not fasten off 2nd square.

Circles (Make 9 – 4 with B and 5 with C)

Round 1 (Right Side): Ch 3 (beginning ch counts as hdc), 7 hdc in 3rd ch from hook; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—8 hdc.

Round 2: Ch 2 (counts as hdc here and throughout), hdc in same st as join, 2 hdc in each remaining st around; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—16 hdc.

Round 3: Ch 2, 2 hdc in next st (increase made), [hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st (increase made)] 7 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—24 hdc. Place a marker in 2nd hdc of each 2-hdc increase.

Round 4: Ch 2, [hdc in each st to next marker, 2 hdc in marked st, move marker to 2nd hdc of 2-hdc increase just made] 8 times; join with slip st in top of beginning ch—32 hdc.

Repeat Round 4 until circle measures 5½" across. Fasten off, leaving a 20" tail for sewing.

FINISHING

On Right Side of one square arrange circles into 3 rows of 3 circles each, alternating colors. With long tails, sew circles in place.

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Seaming: Working through both thicknesses, [sc in each st to next corner st, sc in corner st] 2 times, sc in each st to about 2" from next corner. **NOTE:** Three sides of pillow should now be seamed, with top edge and top corners left open.

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Felting Hints: A few pairs of jeans or a couple of old bath towels (avoid very fluffy towels that may produce lint) can be added to the washing machine to increase agitation. Place pillow in a lingerie bag or pillow case before felting to capture lint.



STITCH NATION by Debbie Stoller™ "Full o' Sheep™" Art. T100 available in 3.5 oz (100 g); 155 yd (142 m) balls.

ABBREVIATIONS: A, B, and C = color A, color B, and color C; ch = chain; hdc = half double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.

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