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Spring Has Sprung Pillow

Every child knows that the first sight of robin redbreast and a crocus in bloom means that spring is here! This darling pillow is part of a series of pillows for all four seasons. Crochet them all starting with your favorite season!

Other pillows in this collection:

Snowy Day Pillow LW4677, Falling Leaves Pillow LW4391 and

By the Sea Pillow LW4289

More of What You Need:

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 3.75 mm [US F-5] and 5 mm [US H-8].

Yarn needle, 16" (40.5 cm) square pillow form, black embroidery floss (for facial features), red crayon (to shade cheeks), 10" (25.5 cm) piece of heavy cardboard

Pillow measures 16" x 16" (40.5 x 40.5 cm).

Special Stitches

dc2tog = [Yarn over, insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up loop, yarn over, draw through 2 loops] 2 times, yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

Special Technique

Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

Notes

1. Pillow is made from 2 sides worked back and forth in rows with larger hook.
2. All other pieces are worked separately with smaller hook and sewn to sides of pillow.
3. Fasten off all pieces with long tails for sewing.
4. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.

PILLOW

Sides (make 2)

With larger hook and **A**, ch 51.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—50 sts.

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 4–21: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 nine times; change to **B** at end of Row 21.

Rows 22–37: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 eight times, do not turn at end of Row 37.

Last round (right side): Working in ends of rows of first side, sc evenly across changing to **A** in Row 22; working across opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch, sc in each ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch; working in ends of rows of other side, sc evenly across changing to **B** in Row 21, 3 sc in first st, sc in each st across to last st, 3 sc in last st; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Note: Work all remaining pieces with smaller hook. Fasten off with long tails for sewing.

GIRL

Head and Body

Beginning at top of head, with **C**, ch 7.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn—6 sc.

Rows 2–5: Ch 1, sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each st to last 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in last st, turn—14 sc.

Rows 6–11: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 12–15: Ch 1, sc in first st, sc2tog, sc in each st to last 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in last st, turn—6 sc.

Row 16: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in last 2 sts, turn—5 sc.

Rows 17 and 18: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

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SHOP KIT

Row 19: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st; change to **D**, turn—7 sc.

Rows 20 and 21: Ch 4, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 ch, sc in each st, turn—15 sc.

Row 22: Ch 1, 2 sc in first st, sc in each st to last st, 2 sc in last st, turn—17 sc.

Rows 23 and 24: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Do not fasten off.

First Arm

Row 1 (right side): Ch 1, sc in first 3 sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—3 sc.

Rows 2–10: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Fasten off.

Jumper

Row 1 (right side): With right side of Row 24 facing, skip first unworked st, join **E** with sc in next unworked st, sc in next 8 sts; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—9 sc.

Rows 2–10: Ch 1, sc in each st, turn. Fasten off.

Second Arm

Row 1 (right side): With right side of Row 24 facing, skip next unworked st, join **D** with sc in next unworked st, sc in remaining sts, turn—3 sc.

Rows 2–10: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Edging

Last Round: Ch 1, working in each st and in ends of rows, sc evenly around arms, body, and head working 3 sc in each outer corner of arms and changing colors as needed to match each section. Fasten off.

Jumper Strap (make 2)

With **E**, ch 4.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn—3 sc.

Rows 2–7: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn. Fasten off.

Collar (make 2)

With **D**, ch 10.

Row 1: Working in 2nd and 3rd ch from hook, sc2tog, hdc in next ch, [yo, insert hook in next ch, pull up a loop] 3 times (7 loops on hook), yo and draw through all 7 loops, hdc next ch, sc2tog. Fasten off.

Ear (make 2)

With **C**, ch 3.

Row 1: 5 hdc in 3rd ch from hook. Fasten off.

Hat

With **F**, ch 31.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across, turn—30 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, [dc2tog] 9 times, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in last 4 sts, turn—21 sts.

Rows 3–5: Ch 1, sc in first 4 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next 11 sts, hdc in next st, sc in last 4 sts, turn.

Row 6: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, hdc in next st, dc in next 11 sts, hdc in next st, [sc2tog] twice, turn—17 sts.

Row 7: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, hdc in next st, dc in next 7 sts, hdc in next st, [sc2tog] twice, turn—13 sts.

Row 8: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, [sc2tog] twice, turn—9 sts.

Rows 9 and 10: Ch 1, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in last st, turn.



Row 11: Ch 1, sc2tog, hdc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, hdc in next st, sc2tog, turn—7 sts.

Row 12: Ch 1, sc2tog, hdc in next 3 sts, sc2tog—5 sts. Fasten off.

Bow

With **E**, ch 7; join with slip st in first ch to form a ring.

Round 1 (right side): *Ch 2, 12 hdc in ring; join with slip st in top of beginning ch* (first bow loop made), ch 7; join with slip st in first ch to form 2nd ring; repeat from * to * once (2nd bow loop made), **ch 7, hdc in

3rd ch from hook and in next 4 ch, slip st in last slip st of 2nd bow loop just made; repeat from ** working last slip st in last slip st of first bow loop. Fasten off.

FLOWER (make 7)

Petals

With **G**, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): [(Hdc, ch 1, slip st, ch 1) in 2nd ch from hook] 4 times; join with slip st in same ch. Fasten off.

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Small Leaf (make 7)

With **H**, ch 4.

Row 1 (right side): *Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, slip st in last ch*, ch 4; repeat from * to * once. Fasten off.

EGG (make 2)

With **I**, ch 2.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn—1 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in sc, turn—2 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc, turn—4 sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice; working in sts and in ends of rows, sc evenly around; join with slip st in first st. Fasten off.

BRANCHES

Large Branch

With **J**, ch 24.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 13 ch, hdc in next 6 ch, dc in last 3 ch—23 sts. Fasten off.

Small Branch

With **J**, ch 10.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 5 ch, hdc in last 3 ch—9 sts. Fasten off.

Large Leaf (make 3)

With **H**, ch 2.

Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, do not join—6 sc.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in first sc, (sc, hdc) next sc, 3 dc in next sc, ch 2, slip st in 2nd ch, 2 dc in next sc, (hdc, sc) next sc, 2 sc in last sc; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

SUN

With **K**, ch 2.

Row 1: Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn—2 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc, turn—4 sc.

Row 3: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc, turn—6 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 2 sc, turn—8 sc.

Row 5: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 3 sc, turn—10 sc.

Row 6: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 4 sc, turn—12 sc.

Row 7: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 5 sc, turn—14 sc.

Row 8: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 6 sc, turn—16 sc.

Row 9: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 7 sc, turn—18 sc.

Row 10: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 8 sc, turn—20 sc.

Row 11: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 9 sc, turn—22 sc.

Row 12: Ch 1, 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 10 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last 10 sc, turn—24 sc.

Row 13: Ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in last ch, skip first 2 sc, slip st in next sc, *ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in last ch, skip next 2 sc, slip st in next sc; repeat from * across. Fasten off.

ROBIN (make 2)

Head and Body

With **L** and smaller hook, ch 2.

Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, do not join—6 sc.

Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.

Continue in rows.

Row 3: *Sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * twice; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—9 sc.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in next 4 sc; leave remaining sts unworked, turn—4 sc.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next 2 sc, sc in last sc, turn—6 sc.

Rows 6 and 7: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.



Row 8: Ch 1, sc in first sc, [sc2tog] twice, sc in last sc, turn—4 sc.

Row 9: Ch 1, [sc2tog] twice. Fasten off.

Breast

With **M**, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 ch, sc in last ch. Fasten off.

Tail

With **L**, ch 8.

Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 2 ch, hdc in next 2 ch, dc in last 2 ch, turn—7 sts.

Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as first dc), dc in next dc, hdc next 2 sts, sc in last 3 sts. Fasten off.

Wing

With **L**, ch 6.

Row 1 (right side): Work 2 dc in 3rd ch from hook (beginning ch count as first dc), hdc in next 2 ch, slip st in last ch, turn—6 sts.

Row 2: Ch 1, skip slip st, sc in next st, hdc in next st, ch 2, slip st in next st; leave remaining sts unworked. Fasten off.

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FINISHING

Use photograph as a guide for embroidery stitches and placement of pieces. Position all pieces with right side facing. To minimize finishing, draw ends of all tails to wrong side.

Girl

Jumper straps Sew to top of jumper and over shoulders.

Collar Overlap edges of pieces at neck and sew in place between jumper straps.

Ears Sew in place on sides of head.

Head and Body

With black embroidery floss, embroider a French knot for each eye, straight stitches for eyebrows and nose, and curved couch stitch for mouth. Color cheeks with red crayon. Position head and body on front side, aligning lower edges of arms and jumper with Row 1 of front side, and sew to pillow with matching colors and leaving ears unsewn.

Braid (make 2)

Wrap **C** around 10" (25.5 cm) piece of cardboard 9 times. Cut a 12" (30.5 cm) length of **C** and tie it tightly around wraps at one end of cardboard. Cut wraps at other end. Fold the bundle in half at tied end so that you have 18 strands; separate into 3 hanks and braid to 3½" (9 cm) or desired length. Tie a short strand of yarn around the bottom of the braid and trim ends evenly. Thread tying tails through pillow on side of head and secure to wrong side of front. Sew braid as desired to front side. Hat and Bow Fold up brim and sew hat in place leaving front edge of brim unsewn. Sew bow to hat where desired.

Flowers Randomly arrange petals on **A**-colored section of front side and sew in place. Sew a small leaf under each petal piece.

Branches, Large Leaves, and Eggs Sew branches, large leaves, and eggs in place. To make a nest, with **L**, embroider straight stitches of varying lengths and at different angles around and over lower edges of eggs. Sun Sew to upper right corner.

Bird Sew tail to end of body and breast under body of bird. Overlap lower half of wing on upper body. With **K**, embroider French knot eye. Sew 1 bird to top of hat and other bird to **B**-colored section of back side. With 2 strands of **F** held together, embroider open beak with straight stitches on each bird and on bird on back side only, embroider legs with straight stitches.

Sides

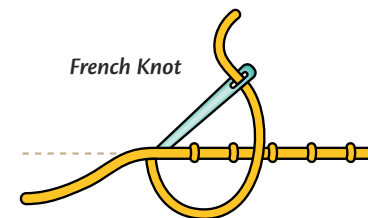
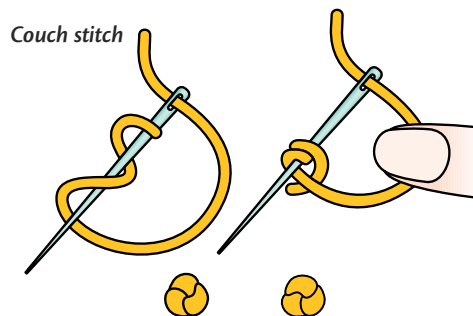
Hold front and back sides with wrong sides together.

Round 1: With larger hook and working through inner loops, join **A** with sc in any st, sc in each st around, working 3 sc in center st of each 3-sc group and inserting pillow form before 4th side is completed; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **()** = work directions in parentheses into same st; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the ***** as indicated.



Other pillows in the collection:



From left to right:
Snowy Day Pillow
Falling Leaves pillow and
By the Sea Pillow