

BLOK CUSHION

Design: Lankava, Molla Mills.

Size: 45x45 cm.

Yarn: Lankava Moi braided yarn (80 % recycled cotton, 20 % polyester, 500 g = approx. 300 m) 600 g natural white (52), 250 g blue (83), 200 g yellow (57), and 200 g powder pink (75).

Hook: 4.5 mm or as per gauge.

Gauge: 14 sc and 14 rows = 10 cm.

Other supplies: 45 cm zipper and a 45x45 cm pillow.

Intarsia crochet: Crochet single crochets in rows with four colors according to the instructions and chart. Read odd rows (= RS rows) from right to left and even rows (= WS rows) from left to right. Leave the yarns at the front of the work on odd rows and at the back on even rows, waiting for their turn. When changing colors, crochet the last yarn over of the preceding stitch with the new color. This keeps the color change stitch uniform.

Note: Color changes create diagonal floats over one row for RS (see figure 1). When starting a new color, weave in the yarn end along with the stitches. When the pattern is complete, cut the yarn and weave in the end on the next row of stitches. This avoids a bulk of weaving in ends. Crochet each color area from its own ball of yarn.



Abbreviations: **ch** = chain, **s** = stitch, **sc** = single crochet, **RS** = right side, **WS** = wrong side.

Instructions: Crochet 8 identical pieces. Make 2 white, 1 yellow, 1 pink, and 1 blue skein.

Start with white yarn, chain 22 and leave the yarn waiting, switch to yellow yarn and chain 9 = 31 ch sts.

Row 1 (RS): With yellow, sc in 2nd ch from hook and 7 sc, switch to white yarn at the end of the last st, bring the yellow yarn forward and continue crocheting with white for 22 sc, turn = 30 sts.

Row 2 (WS): With white, ch 1 and sc in each st, switch to yellow at the end of the last st, leave white yarn at the back, and sc in yellow for 8 sts, turn.

Row 3: With yellow, ch 1 and sc in 8 sts, switch to white at the end of the last st (this creates a slanted yarn run over one row), bring yellow yarn forward and sc in white for 6 sts, switch to blue yarn, bring white yarn forward from below and sc in blue for 16 sts and secure the yarn end within the stitches, turn.

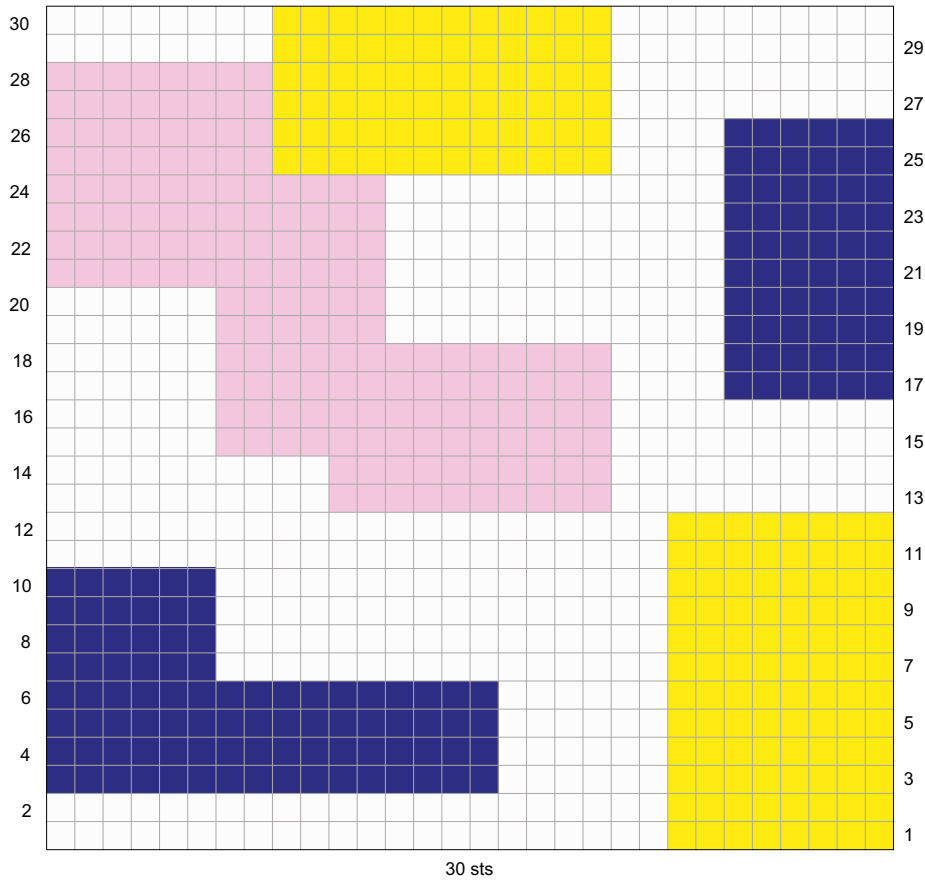
Rows 4. - 12: Follow the chart. Crochet blue yarn into white stitches on the 6th row. Crochet white yarn into yellow stitches on the 12th row, and switch to white yarn at the end of the row, cut yellow yarn and secure it on the next row within the stitches.

Row 13: With white, ch 1 and sc in 10 sts, with pink sc in 10 sts, and 10 sts with another white yarn, turn.

Rows 14. - 29: Continue following the chart. Remember to change colors and weave in ends within the stitches.

Row 30: With white, ch 1 and sc in 8 sts, cut the yarn and secure it within the stitches on the next stitches, with yellow sc in 12 sts, cut the yarn and secure it, with white sc in 10 sts.

Finishing: Weave in ends. Turn the pieces inside out (= WS to RS) and lay them on the table in two squares of four pieces each, ensuring all pieces are facing the same way (see image). Then stack the overlapping pieces on top of each other and crochet together the opposite stitches with slip stitches, then take the next 2 overlapping pairs and continue joining them in the same way. Four pieces are now joined with a horizontal seam. Then align the RS of adjacent pieces and crochet together their opposite rows (= 1 sc per each row). Join the other 4 pieces in the same way. Then crochet sc rows at the lower edges of both pieces for the zipper seam allowance. Sew the zipper in place so that the seam allowance is turned inside the work. Finally, place the RS of the pillow pieces together and crochet the sides and top edges together with sc stitches. Weave in ends and turn the cover right side out.



- single crochet, sc, natural white
- single crochet, sc, yellow
- single crochet, sc, blue
- single crochet, sc, powder pink