

Christmas Frida Cushion



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Materials:

- Cotton yarn for example, Phildar cotton 3, Schachenmayr catania, Scheepjes Catona
- Some sparkling shiny yarn
- Hook size 3
- Fiber fill to stuff
- Needle and scissors
- Pompom to decorate (bottom of cushion)

This is an easy crochet pattern, and you can easy change size by crocheting with thicker or thinner yarn and suitable hook size. If you use the same yarn as I did, pleas be aware that you might need a smaller hook size (check the tension)

You can decorate the cushion as you like using flowers, leaves, pompoms or beads.

Finished size:

15 x 27 cm when stuffed

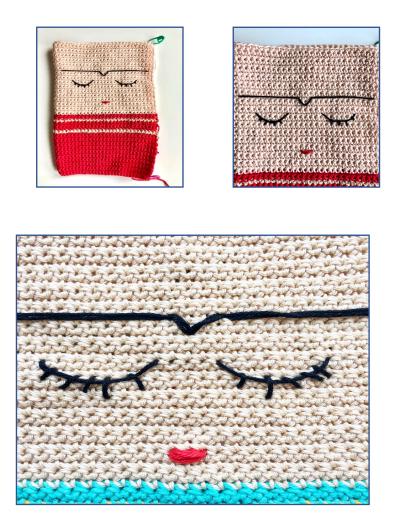
Abbreviations (US):

Sc – single crochet SI st – slipstitch St – stitch Sts - stitches Ch – chain Hdc – Half double crochet Tch – turning chain BLO – back loop only FLO – front loop only Inc - increase

Pattern:

R1: with color red and hook size 3, ch 60, tch
R2 - 20: sc 60, tch (19 rows)
R21: change color, sc60, tch
R22 - 25: change color (4 rows) sc 60, tch
R26: change color, sc 60, tch
R27 - 28: change color, sc 60, tch
R29 - 61 (32 rows): change to skin color; sc 60, tch
Fasten off.
Fold the piece (use stitch markers to keep in place) and embroider the eyes and eyebrows with black yarn
Embroider the mouth with red yarn.





Keep the piece folded in half (wrong side on the outside) and close the side by sewing with yarn and needle. You do this with the wrong side facing because it will look neat when you turn to the right side after sewing. Close top of the head with yarn and needle. Stuff your cushion and close the bottom. Turn inside out to see the right piece.

Crochet some flowers and leaves and sew them on top. I made the flowers and leaves with hook size 3 and cotton yarn. You can choose to use other flower patterns of course.





Leaves (green)

Ch 9, sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next ch, dc in each of next5 chs, [2hdc, ch2, sc back into 2nd ch from hook, 2hdc] in last ch.

On other side of ch9: dc in next 5 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in last ch. Sl st to first sc to join. Fasten off.

Small flower

R1: ch 4, join in 1st ch to form a ring. Ch1, work 12 sc in ring, join to beg sc R2: *ch3, 1dc in same st, ch1, 1dc, ch3, sl st in next st*, repeat ** 5 times, sl st to first sc and fasten off. (6 petals)

Big flower:

R1: Ch4, join in 1st ch to form a ring.
R2: Ch2 (counts as 1hdc), 9hdc in the ring. SI st to close the round. (10hdc)
R3: make5 petals as below.

- Ch1, 2sc in same st, 2sc in next st, ch1, turn (4sts)
- 2sc in each st, ch1, turn (8sts)
- Sc in first st, hdc in each of next 6sts, sc in last st, ch1, turn (8sts)
- Sc in every st (8sts)
- Dec, sc, dec, sc, dec, ch1 and turn (5sts)
- Dec, sc, dec, ch1 and turn (3sts)
- Sc 3 dec (crochet 3 sts together) fasten off



Poinsetta flower

Leaf (make 6 in green) Ch10

R1: sl st in 2nd ch from the hook, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 3 ch, sc in next 2 ch, (sl st, ch2, sl st) in last ch (tip of leaf)

On opposite of foundation chain, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next 3 ch, sc in next 2 ch, sl st in next ch. Fasten off



Petal (make 6 in pink)

Ch6

R1: sl st in 2nd ch from the hook, sc in next 2 ch, hdc in next ch, 5hdc in last ch (tip of petal) On opposite of foundation ch, hdc in next ch, sc in next 2ch, sl st in next ch. Fasten off. Center of the flower: Ch2 R1: 3sc in 2nd ch from the hook (3sts) R2: 2 sc in every st (6sts) fasten off. Sew leaves first to the head, then the petals and the center last.

Now you can decorate as you like. I used small fabric with pompom (don't know the English word for this, sorry) but you can also add beads for example or make some tassels to attach to the bottom corners.

Happy crocheting!



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