

Cushy Pet Pad

Finished Size: approximately 20 inches by 14 inches (for larger pad see note below)

Skill Level: Beginner /Easy

Materials:

Worsted weight acrylic or cotton yarn scraps Size J hook (or size to get gauge, depending on your tension, you may need a K hook)

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Gauge: 10 sc = 4", 6 rows = 2" in single crochet cluster pattern on size J hook

Terms/Abbreviations:

back loop only (BLO)

beginning (beg)

chain (ch)

double crochet (dc)

half double crochet (hdc)

hook (hk) repeat (rep)

single crochet (sc) skip (sk)

slip stitch (sl st) stitch (st)



Pad:

Foundation row: Ch 50, sc in second ch from hook and in ea ch across (49 sc). Row 1: Ch 1, turn, sc in first sc, *insert hook in same sc, yo, draw loop through sc, insert hook in next sc, yo, draw loop through sc (3 loops on hook), yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook (sc cluster completed), rep from * across.

Repeat Row 1 until pad measures 14" (or desired measurement) from beginning, changing colors at random for stripe pattern. (Note: When cutting off or joining new colors leave long 6" tails. Either work over old/new tail ends on next row by holding strands along top of next row and working sc clusters over them, or weave tails in securely with a yarn needle later, so ends won't come loose during use or washing.)

Edging:

Rnd 1: With choice of color, attach yarn to center of one side, ch 1, sc evenly around entire pad, working 3 sc in ea corner so pad lays flat. Join with slip st to first sc. Rnd 2: Ch 1, work in reverse sc (working from left to right) evenly around pad, join with sl st. Fasten off and weave in all ends securely.

*NOTE: For a larger pad, ch 75 to 100 and work in pattern until desired measurement.

Variations: Instead of single crochet, work stitch pattern in half double or double crochet, and work edging round in plain half double or double crochet, omitting reverse single crochet round.