

Crochet American Flag Pillow



Abbreviations:

- ch = chain
- st = stitch
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- dc = double crochet
- rnd (s) = round(s)

Note:

- Beginning chs of dc rows count as first st.
- With each color change, do not cut the strands, but allow them to hang on the row ends or the wrong side of the pillow front until they are picked up again.

Gauge:

4 pillow rows = 1 1/2"

Finished Size:

11 1/2" x 14 1/2"

Things You Will Need:

- Worsted weight yarn: white 4 oz., red 1 1/2 oz., blue 1 oz.
- G crochet hook
- Scissors
- Ruler
- 1/3 yard white cotton fabric
- Straight pins
- Sewing machine
- Stuffing
- Yarn needle

Pillow Front:

With red yarn, ch 48.

Row 1: Turn. Dc in 4th ch from hook and in each ch across. (46 dc)

Row 2: Turn. Ch 1, sc in each st across. (46 sc)



Row 3: Change to white yarn. Turn. Ch 3, dc in each ch across. (46 dc)

Row 4: Turn. Ch 1, sc in each st across. (46 sc)

Row 5: Change to red yarn. Turn. Ch 3, dc in each ch across. (46 dc)

Row 6: Turn. Ch 1, sc in each st across. (46 sc)

Rows 7-12: Repeat and alternate Rows 3 and 4 (white) and Rows 5 and 6 (red), ending with white.

Row 13: Change to red yarn. Turn. Dc in 28 sts. Change to blue yarn. Dc in remaining 18 sts.

Row 14: Turn. Ch 1, sc in 18 sts. Change to red yarn. Sc in the remaining 28 sts.

Row 15: Change to white yarn. Turn. Dc in 28 sts. Change to blue yarn. Dc in remaining 18 sts.

Row 16: Turn. Ch 1, sc in 18 sts. Change to white yarn. Sc in the remaining 28 sts.

Rows 17-26: Repeat and alternate Rows 13 and 14 (red and blue) and Rows 15 and 16 (white and blue), ending with red and blue.

Border:

Change to white yarn. Turn. Ch 1. Sc in each stitch across. 3 sc in the last st. Turn the corner and work down the rows. Sc once in the ends of the sc rows and 2 sc in the ends of the dc rows. 3 sc in the end of the last row. Turn the corner and sc in each of the beginning ch sts across. 3 sc in the last st. Turn the corner and sc in the ends of the rows in the same way as the other side. 3 sc in the end of the last row. Sl st to the beginning ch 1. Finish off the yarn and weave in the ends.

Pillow Back:

With white yarn, repeat Rows 1-26 and the border. Do not change colors. Work the entire back using the white yarn.

Star:

With white yarn, form a magic ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 3 (counts as first dc). Dc 19 times in the ring for a total of 20 dc sts. Sl st to the top of beginning ch 3.

Rnd 2: Ch 1. *Sc in the first st, skip a st, (3 dc, ch 2, 3 dc in the same st), skip a st. Repeat from * 4 more times. Sl st to the first sc of the rnd. Finish off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Pillow Insert:

Cut two 11" x 14" rectangles from white cotton fabric. Pin the rectangles together. Sew the two long sides and one short side using a 1/4" seam allowance. Turn the case right side out and stuff. Sew the open end closed.

Assembly:

Step 1: Place the pillow back and front together with the right sides facing out. With the pillow front facing you, attach the white yarn to the top, right-hand corner. Ch 1. Matching the border stitches on the front and back, sc the pillow case together. 3 sc in each corner. Leave the right-hand edge of the flag unstitched. Do not finish off the yarn.

Step 2: Place the pillow insert in the case. Continue to sc the opening closed. Sl st to the beginning ch. Finish off and weave in the end.

Step 3: Center the star on the blue field of the flag. Thread the tail on a yarn needle. Sew the star to the pillow case. Finish off and weave in the end.