

Crochet Character Pillow

A soft striped cushion with expressive eyes, simple arms and little yellow shoes. A complete photo-inspired adaptation in **U.S. crochet terms**.



PROJECT AT A GLANCE	FINISHED TARGET
Skill level	Confident beginner / intermediate assembly
Body size	About 30 × 40 cm (11.8 × 15.7 in), before stuffing
Overall size	About 48 cm (18.9 in) tall, including feet
Construction	Two flat panels; crocheted appliques and tubular limbs

Before you begin: This is an original reconstruction from the supplied visual reference, not the original designer's verified pattern. It has not been physically test-crocheted. Make the gauge swatch and check each piece before final sewing.

New 3D illustrations explain the assembly; stitch counts come from the written instructions. The supplied reference diagram is reproduced only on the final page.

Materials & measurements

Choose a soft bulky chenille yarn that produces a dense single-crochet fabric. Use the same yarn range for all large pieces. Quantities below are planning estimates; purchase extra from the same dye lot.

MATERIAL	SUGGESTED AMOUNT / USE
Baby blue chenille	350-450 m (383-492 yd): both panels and eyelids
Ivory chenille	80-110 m (87-120 yd): stripes, arms and legs
Pink / pale yellow	Pink 25-40 m (27-44 yd); yellow 20-30 m (22-33 yd)
Smooth black / ivory yarn	Small amounts, medium weight: pupils, mouth and teeth
Smooth red yarn	About 3-5 m (3.3-5.5 yd), for eye embroidery
Hooks	Start with 5 mm for chenille; 3.5 mm for small face details
Other supplies	250-400 g fiberfill (estimate), blunt yarn needle, stitch markers, scissors, ruler and sewing clips

Gauge controls the size

Target: 12 sc × 14 rows = 10 × 10 cm (4 × 4 in), measured relaxed. Ch 19; sc in the second ch and across (18 sc). Work 22 rows total, with ch 1 and turn between rows. Measure the central 10 cm without stretching.

If you have fewer than 12 stitches per 10 cm, try a smaller hook; if you have more, try a larger hook. Recheck row gauge. Dense fabric matters: filling should not show through. A different gauge changes all finished measurements.

Size calculation: body width = 36 ÷ your stitches per cm; height = 56 ÷ your rows per cm. Keep both panels identical. A 10 cm swatch at 14 sc gives a body about 25.7 cm wide, not 30 cm.

Stitch guide & pattern rules

ABBREVIATION	U.S. MEANING
ch / st / sl st	Chain / stitch / slip stitch
sc	Single crochet
inc	Work 2 sc in the same stitch: adds 1 stitch
dec / sc2tog	Single crochet 2 stitches together: removes 1 stitch
MR	Magic ring (adjustable starting loop)
R / [number]	Round or row, as specified / final stitch count
(sequence) × n	Repeat the entire sequence n times

How to work the essential stitches

Single crochet: insert the hook into the stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through both loops. Work under both top loops unless stated otherwise.

Decrease: insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop; repeat in the following stitch (3 loops on hook). Yarn over and pull through all 3 loops.

Magic ring: make an adjustable loop, work the required sc around the loop, then pull the tail gently to close. If chenille breaks when tightened, use ch 2 and work the first round into the second ch instead. Secure the center with the tail.

Rows: ch 1 and turn after each row unless fastening off. The turning ch does not count as a stitch. Place the first sc in the first stitch. Count the last stitch carefully to keep straight edges.

Rounds: eyes, pupils and limbs use continuous spirals. Do not join or turn; move a marker to the first stitch of every round. Eyelids and mouth are worked in rows.

Change color: make the last yarn-over of the preceding sc with the new color. Leave 15 cm (6 in) tails and weave them securely into the wrong side. Do not tie hard knots on the visible surface.

Terminology reference: Craft Yarn Council, Crochet Abbreviations and How to Read a Crochet Pattern. This guide supplies its own complete stitch definitions.



Crochet the body panels



Foundation: with baby blue and the main hook, ch 37. **Row 1:** sc in second ch from hook and each remaining ch. [36] Ch 1, turn. **Rows 2-56:** sc in every stitch. [36 each row] Follow the color schedule below.

ROWS	COLOR / STITCH COUNT
1-4 / 5-6 / 7-8 / 9-10	Blue / ivory / blue / ivory; 36 sc in every row
11-46	Blue; 36 sc per row (36 rows)
47-48 / 49-50 / 51-52 / 53-56	Ivory / blue / ivory / blue; 36 sc per row

Fasten off after Row 56. Repeat the complete panel once more. You now have **2 panels, each 36 stitches wide and 56 rows tall**. Lay them together and check that the edges and white stripes match.

Checkpoint: each relaxed panel should measure about 30 × 40 cm (11.8 × 15.7 in). The center has a broad blue area for the face. Mark the chosen front side; keep the second panel plain.

These panels are rectangular, without shaping increases or decreases. Stuffing rounds the corners and can pull the sides inward slightly. The silhouette is an adaptation of the reference.

Build the two eye appliques



Pink eye disks - make 2: use the main hook. R1: 6 sc in MR. [6] R2: inc × 6. [12] R3: (sc, inc) × 6. [18] R4: (2 sc, inc) × 6. [24] R5: (3 sc, inc) × 6. [30] R6: (4 sc, inc) × 6. [36] Sl st in next st; fasten off with a 40 cm sewing tail.

Blue semicircle eyelids - make 2, in rows: Row 1: 3 sc in MR; pull closed, ch 1, turn. [3] Row 2: inc × 3. [6] Row 3: (sc, inc) × 3. [9] Row 4: (2 sc, inc) × 3. [12] Row 5: (3 sc, inc) × 3. [15] Row 6: (4 sc, inc) × 3. [18] Ch 1 and turn between rows only; fasten off after Row 6.

The straight edge of each semicircle spans the eye horizontally; the curved edge follows the upper half of the pink circle. Sew the blue eyelid over that upper half, leaving the bottom half pink. Secure the straight edge as well as the outer curve.

Black pupils - make 2: with medium-weight smooth yarn and 3.5 mm hook, R1: 6 sc in MR. [6] R2: inc × 6. [12] Sl st, fasten off. Each pupil should be about 2-2.5 cm (0.8-1 in) across. Sew it into the visible pink area.

Red embroidery: with smooth red yarn, add 2-3 branching lines on each pink half. Use small backstitches; avoid loose surface loops. Knot and bury the tails on the reverse. Eyes should be roughly 9-10 cm (3.5-4 in) wide; compare them before sewing to the body.

Crochet arms, legs & shoes



Arms - make 2 in ivory

R1: 6 sc in MR. [6] R2: inc $\times$ 6. [12] R3-18: sc in each stitch. [12 per round] Fasten off, leaving 35 cm (14 in) for sewing. The closed starting end is the hand; the open end joins the body. The simple rounded hand has no separate fingers.

Add a little filling at the hand and lower arm; leave the upper 2 cm (0.8 in) unstuffed so the arm can bend. Flatten the opening and stitch the two layers together across 6 paired stitches. Target length: 12-14 cm (4.7-5.5 in).

Shoes and legs - make 2, starting in yellow

R1: 6 sc in MR. [6] R2: inc $\times$ 6. [12] R3: (sc, inc) $\times$ 6. [18] R4-6: sc around. [18] R7: (sc, dec) $\times$ 6. [12] Change to ivory on the final yarn-over of R7.

R8-13: sc around in ivory. [12 each round] Sl st in next st; fasten off with a 35 cm tail. Lightly stuff the yellow shoe and the lower leg. Flatten the top and close across 6 paired stitches. Target combined shoe-and-leg length: 8-9 cm (3.1-3.5 in).

Optional red hand tip: for one arm, work R1-3 in red, then change to ivory for R4-18. Use no separate prop. Keep both arms the same number of rounds.

Add the smile & expression



Black mouth, in rows: use smooth medium-weight yarn and 3.5 mm hook. Ch 11. Row 1: sc in second ch and across. [10] Row 2: dec, 6 sc, dec. [8] Row 3: dec, 4 sc, dec. [6] Row 4: dec, 2 sc, dec. [4] Row 5: dec, dec. [2] Row 6: dec. [1] Ch 1 and turn between rows. Fasten off; keep the wide edge at the top.

Teeth: in smooth ivory yarn, ch 9. Sc in second ch and across. [8] Fasten off. Sew this strip just below the mouth's wide upper edge, with black showing around it. Add 3 short vertical black stitches to divide it into 4 teeth.

Position the eyes: lay the front panel flat, Row 1 at the bottom. Place eye centers about 9.5 cm and 20.5 cm from the left edge, and 21 cm above the bottom. Aim for a 1-2 cm gap between them. Clip in place, then step back to check symmetry.

Sew each eye around its outer edge, catching the front panel only. For a slightly raised effect, add a thin pinch of fiberfill before the final stitches. Avoid bulky filling that distorts the eyelid.

Eyebrows and mouth: embroider two slanted black brows about 5-6 cm long, 1-2 cm above the eyes, using short backstitches. Center the mouth below the eyes, its top about 14 cm above the bottom. Sew every outer edge securely. Adjust placement to your actual panel size.

Assemble the cushion



- 1. Prepare:** weave in all face tails while the back is accessible. Place the panels wrong sides together, with the face outward. Align all 56 row ends, both sets of stripes and the top and bottom edges; clip the corners.
- 2. Sew three sides:** use matching smooth blue yarn or a strong matching strand. Whipstitch through corresponding edge loops. Join the bottom edge stitch for stitch (36 pairs), then each side row end for row end (56 pairs). Keep the stitches close and the seam flexible.
- 3. Fill:** leave the top open. Push small tufts of fiberfill into the bottom corners first, then distribute filling across the body. Add enough to create a soft cushion approximately 8-10 cm (3-4 in) deep. Avoid stretching the stitch openings.
- 4. Close:** align the top edges and whipstitch across the 36 paired stitches. Before the last 5 cm (2 in), check the corners and add a little filling if needed. Finish the seam and bury the yarn end through the cushion.
- 5. Attach limbs:** sew the flattened arm ends firmly to the side seams about 20-22 cm above the bottom. Sew leg tops to the bottom seam, centered about 9 cm and 21 cm from the left corner. Catch both panel edges and all layers of each closed limb top; reinforce with a second pass.

Final checks & diagram notes



CHECK	WHAT TO LOOK FOR
Body and stripes	Both panels line up; the cushion is evenly filled
Face	Every applique edge is sewn down; no loose embroidery
Limbs	Both arms and both legs are securely attached
Ends and seams	No visible filling, long tails, gaps or exposed clips

Common fixes: if an eye curls strongly, loosen the tension or try a slightly larger hook. If it waves, check that each round adds exactly 6 stitches. If a body edge slopes, recount the 36 sc and check for missed first or last stitches.

Care: follow the yarn and filling manufacturers' care instructions. Spot-clean gently when possible, reshape and dry thoroughly. This is a decorative cushion; keep it out of infant sleep spaces. Check sewn attachments regularly.

Final-page diagram: the next page contains only your supplied diagram image plus the requested branded footer. It is a visual reference, not a verified stitch-by-stitch chart: it mixes symbols and does not specify complete rows, repeats or assembly counts. Follow the written recipe in this guide whenever the drawing differs.

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