

Step Pillow

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Finished Size (excluding edging) (16) 18 (20, 24). Sample pillow is 18" x 18" without edging and holds an 18" pillow form. (including edging): (17) 19 (21, 25)". Sample pillow is 19" x 19".

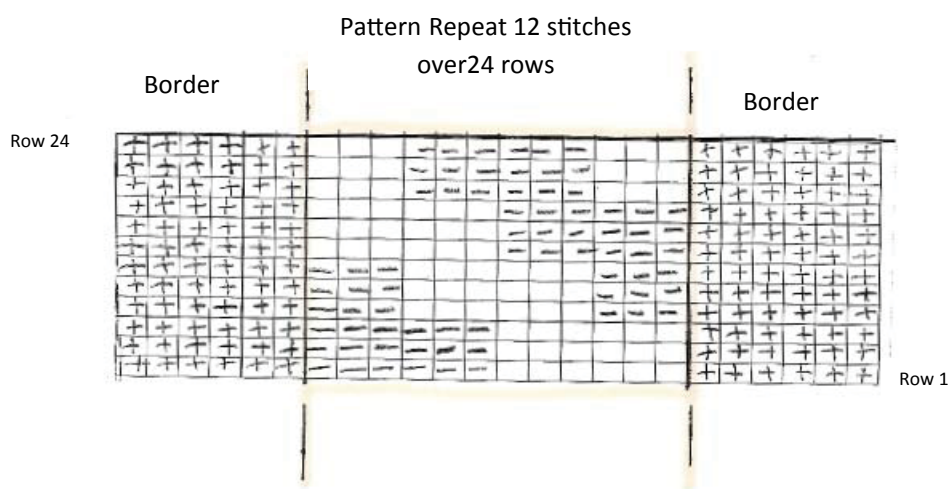
Yarn: Misti Alpaca Landscape 100 gram skein, approx. 108 yards per skein. (4) 4 (5, 5) skeins

Needles: Size 10 (6 mm) and size J (6 mm) crochet hook. Adjust needle/hook size if necessary to obtain the correct gauge.

Notions: 2 stitch markers, 3 buttons, pillow form of desired finished size, and tapestry needle that will fit through shank of buttons.

Gauge: In pattern, unblocked approximately 4 stitches per inch and 3 1/3 stitches per inch after blocking.

Stitch Pattern:



+ Garter stitch (knit on front and back)

blank knit on front, purl on back

- purl on front, knit on back



The Landscape Collection

jimmy beans wool

Front:

Long tail cast-on (54) 60 (66, 78) stitches.

For bottom border knit every row for 8 rows. Place markers if desired after first 6 stitches and before last 6 stitches.

Work in pattern per chart for approximately (60) 66 (72, 84) rows.

For top border knit every row for 8 rows. Bind off.

Back:**Smaller piece:**

Long tail cast on (54) 60 (66, 78) stitches.

For button band knit 12 rows. Place markers if desired after first 6 stitches and before last 6 stitches.

Work in pattern per chart for (6) 12 (18, 24) rows.

For top border knit every row for 8 rows. Bind off.

Larger piece:

Long tail cast on (54) 60 (66, 78) stitches.

For bottom border knit 8 rows. Place markers if desired after first 6 stitches and before last 6 stitches.

Work in pattern per chart for (36) 42 (48, 60) rows.

Knit 6 rows for beginning of buttonhole border.

Knit button hole row as follows: knit 6, space 3 or 4 buttonholes evenly above body of pattern, knit 6.

Buttonhole spacing for pillows by size:

Knit 6 for border; *knit (5) 6 (7, 9), make 1 row buttonhole (instructions below), knit (5) 6 (7, 9). Repeat from * 2 more times, knit 6 for opposite border.

Knit 6 rows to finish buttonhole border. Bind off.

Finishing:

Block pieces to finished size excluding edging. Baste pieces together with smooth yarn if desired and seam together with single crochet through all layers. Attach yarn a couple of inches before any corner

with a slip stitch, chain 1, single crochet evenly around all sides of pillow through all layers. Join to first single crochet with a slip stitch.

Reverse single crochet (sometimes called the crab stitch) around pillow in each of the previous single crochet stitches. End after slip stitching to beginning stitch.

Weave in any ends.

Sew buttons in place and insert pillow form and ENJOY!

Stitch Explanations:

One-row buttonhole:

1. Bring yarn to the front of the work. Slip one stitch purlwise and then bring the yarn to the back of the work.
2. Slip the next stitch and pass your previously slipped stitch over it to cast off one stitch for the buttonhole. Repeat step 2. until you have cast off enough stitches for the size of your chosen button. Turn your work.
3. Using the cabled cast on, cast on as many stitches as you cast off plus one extra stitch. Turn your work.
4. With the yarn at the back of your work, slip one stitch from your left needle onto your right needle then pass the extra cast on stitch from your right needle over it. Pull your yarn snug to tighten the buttonhole and continue in pattern,

Single crochet:

1. Insert the hook under at least 2 threads of each piece to be seamed together.
2. Yarn over and draw the loop through. There are now 2 loops on the hook.
3. Yarn over and draw the loop through both loops on the hook. This completes one single crochet.

Reverse single crochet:

1. Insert the hook under the top two strands of the stitch to the RIGHT of the hook.
2. Yarn over and draw the loop through. There are now 2 loops on the hook to the right of the last stitch.

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3. Yarn over and draw the new loop through both loops on the hook. This completes one reverse single crochet. Continue working to the right (instead of the left) to create this interesting border stitch.

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