CROCHET PILLOW COVER: ENVELOPE PILLOW COVER IN GRIDDLE STITCH

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Printable pattern, adapted in my own words from the free Amelia Makes design listed in sources.txt. US crochet terms.

SKILL LEVEL

Easy

MATERIALS

- Medium weight (4) yarn, about 600 yards for the cover body
- Crochet hook: size H/8 (5.0 mm)
- 18 inch square pillow form
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (4, for marking the fold lines)
- Optional: about 125 yards of yarn for 4 large pom poms, plus a pom pom maker

GAUGE

12 stitches and 10 rows in griddle stitch measure 4 inches. Check your gauge with a small swatch before you start. At this gauge, one stitch measures about 0.33 inches wide and one row measures about 0.4 inches tall.

FINISHED SIZE

One rectangle about 18 to 19 inches wide and 40 to 42 inches long, folded and seamed into an envelope cover that fits an 18 inch square pillow form.

ABBREVIATIONS

ch: chain

dc: double crochet

sc: single crochet

sl st: slip stitch

st: stitch

sts: stitches

PATTERN NOTES

- The whole cover is one long rectangle in griddle stitch, which is single crochet and double crochet worked in turns.
- In griddle stitch, each single crochet goes into a double crochet of the row below, and each double crochet goes into a single crochet of the row below. This keeps the texture even.
- The turning chain (ch 1) at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- The stitch count stays at 54 stitches in every row. If you are off by one or two stitches, adjust in the next row to return to 54 stitches; the seaming will hide small uneven edges.
- The middle of the rectangle becomes the front of the pillow, and the two ends overlap at the back to form the envelope opening.
- Optional tip from the source: use a slightly smaller hook for the first few rows and the last few rows for a tighter edge at the opening.

MAIN RECTANGLE

Chain 55.

Row 1: Skip the first chain from the hook. Work one single crochet in the next chain, then one double crochet in the next chain. Repeat the single crochet, double crochet pair across the rest of the chain. Chain 1 and turn. (54 sts: 27 single crochet and 27 double crochet)

Rows 2 to 100: Work one single crochet in the first stitch, then one double crochet in the next stitch. Repeat the single crochet, double crochet pair across the row. Chain 1 and turn. (54 sts in every row)

Check your length: after 100 rows the rectangle measures about 40 inches long at the stated gauge (100 rows at 0.4 inches per row). If your rectangle is shorter than 40 inches, keep working rows in the same repeat until it measures 40 to 42 inches long, up to 105 rows in total (105 rows at 0.4 inches per row is 42 inches).

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for seaming.

FOLDING AND MARKING

Lay the rectangle flat with the right side facing up. Take your pillow form and wrap the cover around it to check the fit, with the two ends overlapping by several inches on one side. That overlapped side will be the back of the cover.

Mark the fold lines with stitch markers: put one marker on each side edge at the top of the pillow and one marker on each side edge at the bottom of the pillow, so you can fold the rectangle in the same place after you take the form out.

Take the pillow form out. Fold the two ends toward the middle at the markers, with the wrong side facing out and the ends overlapping by several inches. Decide which end you want to show at the back, and put that end underneath the overlap so it shows on top when the cover is turned right side out.

Pin or clip the layers together at the corners so nothing shifts while you seam.

SEAMING

With the wrong side facing out and the rectangle folded as marked, join yarn at one bottom corner with a slip stitch.

Work a line of slip stitches down one side edge through all layers, from the bottom fold to the top fold. Fasten off.

Repeat on the other side edge.

Turn the whole cover right side out through the back opening.

FINISHING

- Weave in every yarn end neatly on the inside of the cover.
- Slip the 18 inch pillow form inside through the back opening and arrange the overlap so the back looks tidy.
- Optional pom poms: make 4 large pom poms using about 125 yards of yarn in total, and attach one to each corner of the front if you like. The source does not give an exact pom pom size, so make yours large enough to show clearly at the corners.
- Check the finished cover: it should fit the form snugly with no sagging corners, the back overlap should stay closed, and the cover should slip off easily for washing.

Source credit: adapted from Amelia Makes, Make Your Own Crochet Pillow Cover, Free Pattern. See sources.txt for the full link.

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