

An easy-peasy cushion cover

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This pillow cover is as cute as it is simple to knit. There are no advanced techniques – perfect for a beginner or a comfortable tv-watching knitter. Choose your favourite bulky yarn and begin!

Needle sizes and yarnweight can be varied, just make sure you have the gauge you need!



You'll need:

24 in US Size 11 (8mm) needle

3 skeins of Viking Eco-Ull á 191 yds/175 m (or other bulky yarn to obtain gauge).

Three large buttons (Ø appx. 1,5 in)

Crochet hook 7 mm

Gauge: 11 stitches = 4 inches

Instructions:

Cast on 49 stitches to make the cushion cover fit a 17,5 in pillow. If you want to make it another size, just add or decrease the amount of stitches by your choice. Work in garter

stitch back and forth until the work measures 45 in, or until you can wrap it around the pillow with a piece of 4 in left. Wrap it as you go to make sure it fits nicely.

Now it's time to make the buttonholes.

Divide your stitches by four and place 3 stitch markers evenly before you begin next row.

Row 1: Knit until 2 st before m, bo 4 st, repeat twice and knit to end.

Row 2: Knit and cast on 4 new st in each gap.

Knit 6-10 more rows and bind of loosely.

Fitting:

Fold the work as an envelope in the shape you've chosen. Pin it together and put the pillow inside to make sure it fits. Leave the pins to keep it attached and begin crocheting the work together along the edges in double crochet. Also crochet along the edges to make them firm and nice.

Weave in all ends and sew on buttons and then you're good to go.

Abbreviations:

BO: bind off

CO: cast on

M: marker

ST: stitch

