

button crochet pillows

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Materials

- *Coats & Clark* Red Heart Eco-Ways Yarn (4 oz., 113g, 186 yds, 170 m skein) in two skeins of No. 1615 Lichen (A), 2- $\frac{1}{4}$ skeins of No. 1821 Blue Cloud (B), and 60 yds. of No. 3312 Lava (C)
- *Fairfield Processing* Soft Touch round pillow inserts, one 14" diameter and one 12" diameter
- US I-9 (5.5mm) crochet hook (of size needed to obtain gauge)
- Large eye tapestry needle, straight pins (four)

Instructions

Notes: Gauge is 4 hdc = 1" and 5 hdc rows = 2". Unless otherwise indicated, work stitches through both loops of previous row.

Hole (Make 8 per pillow)

1. **Rnd 1:** With C, ch 2, 8 sc in first chain, join to 1st sc—8sc.

2. **Rnd 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each sc around, join to 1st sc, fasten off—16 sc.

Lichen Button (Make 2)

1. **Rnd 1:** With A, ch 2, 10 hdc in first ch, join to top of first hdc—10 hdc.

2. **Rnd 2:** Ch 2, 2 hdc in each hdc around; join to top of 1st hdc, turn work over to wrong side—20 hdc.

1st Opening

1. **Row 1:** Beginning on wrong side, ch 2, (counts as 1 hdc), hdc in each of next 2 hdc, turn—3 hdc.

2. **Row 2:** Ch 2, (counts as 1 hdc), hdc in same space, hdc to within last hdc, 2 hdc in last hdc, turn—5 hdc.

3. **Rows 3 and 4:** Repeat row 2. Fasten off A after row 4—9 hdc.

2nd Opening

1. **Rows 1 - 4:** Skip next 2 hdc on button rnd 2 to left of opening just made and attach A, repeat rows 1 - 4 of first opening, except do not fasten off after row 4.

2. **Row 5:** Ch 1, work 1 sc in side of last hdc just made, continue to work 4 more sc along ends of rows 1 - 3, sc in same space as sl st join of rnd 2, sc in each of next 2 sc of rnd 2, sc in same space as last hdc of row 1 of previous opening, work 5 sc along ends of rows 1 - 4 of previous opening, fasten off A—14 sc.

3rd and 4th Openings

1. **Rows 1 - 5:** Repeat rows 1 - 5 of 2nd opening.

Row 5 of 1st Opening

1. With right-side facing, attach A to top of last hdc of row 4 on 1st opening, work row 5 same as for 2nd opening, fasten off A—14 sc.

Hole Joining

1. **Row 1:** With hole wrong side up, attach A to front loop of any sc on rnd 2 and align with

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1st sc of row 5 on right side of opening, ch 1, inserting hook through front loop of hole and back loop of first sc, work one sc through both layers, continue working 1 sc in same manner in each of next 13 sc, to join hole to opening, fasten off A—14 sc.

(**Note:** Remaining 2 unstitched sc of hole will be worked on next row.)

2. Row 2: With right side facing, attach A to top of last hdc of any opening row 5, ch 1, sc in side of first sc of joining row 1, sc in same space as 1st sc of joining row 2, 2 sc through back loops only in each of next 2 unworked sc of hole, sc in same space as last sc of joining row 2, sc in side of last sc or joining row 1, join with sl st to top of beg ch-2 of next opening row 5, fasten off A—8 sc. Repeat rows 1 and 2 to join one hole to each remaining opening, do not fasten off after joining last hole; instead continue to work remainder of button as follows in Outer Rnds instructions below.

Button Outer Rnds: Rnd 3

1. Ch 2, hdc in same space, *hdc in each of next 3 hdc, 2 hdc in next hdc, hdc in each of next 3 hdc, work over sts of joining row 2 as follows: hdc in same space as sl st join, hdc in first sc, hdc through back loops only of each of next 3 sc, 2 hdc in back loop only of next sc, hdc in back loop only of each of next 2 sc, hdc in last sc, hdc in same space as sl st join of joining row 2, repeat from * 3 times more, join to 1st hdc of beginning of row—76 hdc.

Button Outer Rnds: Rnds 4 - 12

1. Ch 2, hdc in same space, hdc in each hdc around, increasing 8 hdc evenly spaced, join to 1st hdc of rnd, fasten off A after rnd 12—148 hdc.

Assembly

1. Center one button over 12" pillow form and pin in place.

2. Cut 1 yard of C and thread through needle to create a double strand. Insert needle from back side of pillow form, up through center of one hole and back down diagonally through center of hole on opposite side to create an X. Knot ends together to secure. Repeat this step to create an X through centers of remaining two holes. Knot on back side, trim yarn ends, and remove pins.

3. Center remaining button onto opposite side of pillow form and repeat step 2.

4. Use A and crochet hook to slip stitch outer edges of button together; fasten off A.

Blue Cloud Button (Make 2)

1. With B, repeat same as for Lichen Button through outer rnd 12.

2. Rnds 13 and 14: Repeat rnd 4 twice more; fasten off B after rnd 14—164 hdc.

Rim (Make 2)

1. **Rnd 1:** With B, ch 124, join with slip stitch to form a ring, ch 2, hdc in same space as join, hdc in each chain, increasing 8 hdc evenly spaced, join to 1st hdc of rnd—132 hdc.

2. **Rnds 2 - 5:** Repeat rnd 4 of button, fasten off B after rnd 5—164 hdc.

Assembly

1. Using 14" pillow form, repeat steps 1 - 3 in the same way as Lichen Button assembly.

2. Place on rim on top of each button side, having all outer edges even. Use B and crochet hook to slipstitch through all layers of outer edges together; fasten off.

3. Use needle and one strand of B to tack inside edge of rim to pillow front on each side.

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