



GRANNY'S PINCUSHION





Organise your pins and needles with a handmade pincushion. I love using handmade things throughout my craft room. This granny pincushion was my first try at crochet in the round. It's been a staple in my sewing room since.

Granny Circle

Foundation: Ch4, ss to join.

Round 1: ch4, (tr, ch) seven times, ss to 3rd ch to join.

Round 2: ch3, tr, ch1, (next sp 2tr, ch1) to end, ss to join.

Round 3: ch3, ch2, (next sp 3tr, ch2) to last sp, 2tr into space next to ch3, ss to join.

Round 4: ch3, 3tr into first space, ch2, (next sp 4tr, ch2) to end, ss to join.

Round 5: ch3, 2tr into middle of 4tr of previous row, ch1, (next sp 3tr, ch1, 3tr into middle of previous 4tr, ch1) to end, ss to join.

Round 6: ch3, 2ch, (next sp 4tr, ch2) until last sp, 3tr in last sp, ss to join.

Round 7: ch3, tr, (2tr in

MATERIALS

- Sock or sport weight yarn
- 2.5mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle, scissors
- Fabric, stuffing, sewing needle and thread

PATTERN KEY

ch = chain
tr = treble (UK, US dc)
ss = slip stitch
sp = space

middle of previous 4tr, ch1, next sp 2tr, ch1) to after last sp, 2tr in middle of previous 4tr, ch1, ss to join. Fasten off, leaving a long tail (40cm) to sew the circles together later.

Treble Circle

Round 1: 12tr into magic ring, ss to join. Pull tight on the tail

until the space is gone.

Round 2: Increase in each stitch. = 2tr into each stitch. Ss to join. (= 24 tr)

Round 3: Increase in every other stitch. = 2tr, 1 tr, 2 tr, 1 tr, etc until end. Ss to join. (= 36tr)

Round 4: Increase in every third stitch. = 2tr, 1tr, 1tr, 2 tr, 1 tr, 1 tr, etc until end. Ss to join. (= 48tr)

Round 5: Increase in every fourth stitch. Ss to join. (= 60tr)

Round 6: Increase in every fifth stitch. Ss to join. (= 72tr)

Fasten off and weave the tail throughout the work to hide.



The Cushion

Use your granny circle as a template to trace two circles onto fabric. Cut out the fabric, place wrong sides together, and pin. (Fig 1)

With running stitch, sew along the circles until there's a 1 inch gap left. Snip carefully along the curved seam allowance and turn the fabric right side out. (Fig 2)

Stuff the cushion firmly. Really, really firmly. You want it to hold your pins and needles without complaints! (Fig 3)



Sew the gap closed with whip stitch or whatever you prefer. Remember the seam won't show at all once the crochet is in place. (Fig 4)

Assembly

Wrap the finished cushion with the granny and treble circles. Thread the yarn tail

onto a yarn needle and sew the circles together. For a neater seam, go through the back loops only. The granny circle should have 96 stitches and the treble 72 stitches. Skip every fourth loop on the granny circle to match the edges. (Fig 5)

