

Cabled Pillow Cover

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I designed this simple cabled pattern to create a panel to fit over a store-bought 14" square pillowform. It's attractive and classic and makes a nice looking decorative throw pillow.

Each side of the pillow cover is made separately and then joined by crocheting the two panels together around the pillowform. You can choose to make both panels in the same color, or you could choose two different colors, as I did. You will need one ball of yarn for each panel.

You could also choose to make your panels in two different patterns. My original pillow had the knitted cable pattern that I designed on one side (the dark brown side) and a plough and cable pattern that I found in *Tunisian Crochet* by Sharon Hernes Silverman and modified to fit my pillowform (the light brown side).

YARN

2 balls Knit Picks Swish Worsted (100% superwash merino wool; 110 yds/50g) in color(s) of your choice (see **NOTES**).

NEEDLES, HOOKS & NOTIONS

US 8 (5.0 mm) needles.

Cable needle.

14" x 14" pillowform.

Darning needle to finish.

Size H (5.0 mm) crochet hook to finish, if you choose (see **NOTES**).

GAUGE

Approx 20 sts and 24 rows = 4" in Patt.

FINISHED SIZE

To fit a 14" x 14" pillowform.



Cabled Pillow Cover (see **INSTRUCTIONS** below).



Plough and cable pattern, found in *Tunisian Crochet* by Sharon Hernes Silverman.



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NOTES

Purchase yarn in one color if you want both sides of your pillow to match, or in two colors if you want a two-toned pillow like mine. I used Knit Picks Swish Worsted in the colors Camel Heather and Truffle.

I chose to crochet my two pillow panels together around the pillowform and used one strand of each color of yarn to visually unite both sides. You could knit the two panels together or sew them if you'd prefer; I just found a single crochet stitch all the way around to be easiest and fastest.

Finally, if you need help with knitting cables, www.knittinghelp.com is a great online resource.

INSTRUCTIONS (FOR ONE PANEL; MAKE TWO)

CO 71 sts.

Rows 1, 3 and 5 (WS): (k5, p6) 6 times, k5.

Rows 2 and 4 (RS): (p5, k6) 6 times, p5.

Row 6: (p5, place 3 sts on cable needle, hold in back, k3, k3 from cable needle) 6 times, p5.

Rep Rows 1 through 6 until panel measures desired length. For my 14" square pillow, I knit 14 cables, which is 84 rows (14 cables x 6 rows per patt rep = 84 rows).

Rep Rows 1 and 2 once more then BO kwise on WS. (For my 14" square pillow, I knit a total of 86 rows before binding off.)

FINISHING

Secure and weave in ends on each panel. Place the panels over your pillowform with the RS showing on each side and the direction of your cables matching if you want your pillow to look exactly the same front-to-back. Starting at a corner, join the two panels by using two strands of yarn (one of each color if you're making a two-toned pillow and want yours to look like mine) and single crocheting around the entire pillowform, making sure to keep your panels aligned and to crochet through each panel evenly. When you've crocheted all the way around your pillow, slip stitch into the first stitch to join your crocheted edging. Cut yarns leaving an 8" tail. Secure and weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

approx approximately
BO bind off
CO cast on
g gram(s)
k knit

kwise knitwise, as if to knit
mm millimeter(s)
p purl
patt pattern
rep repeat

RS right side
st(s) stitch(es)
WS wrong side
yd(s) yard(s)



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