

Crochet Roses for Pillow Slips

Crochet the roses of this attractive design in your favorite color—yellow, pink, red or salmon. The roses of the original were made of pink and leaves green. Use size 30 mercerized crochet thread and a number 9 crochet hook. You will need about 110 yards of colored thread for roses, 100 yards each of white and green. You will also need two yards of 42 inch pillow tubing.

Abbreviations: Ch (chain); st (stitch); sl st (slip stitch); sk (skip); sc (single crochet); dc (double crochet); lp (loop); sp (space); p (picot); dtr (double treble—thread over 3 times and work off 2 lps at a time); rnd (round).

Leaves: With green, ch 10.

Row 1: Sc in second st from hook, sc in each of next 8 sts, 2 more sc in last st, going up opposite side of ch, sc in each of next 7 sts, ch 2 to turn all rows.

Row 2: Sc in each of next 7 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 7 sc, turn.

Row 3: Sc in next 8 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 6 sc, turn.

Row 4: Sc in each of next 6 sc, 2 sc in next sc, 1 sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each of next 8 sc, turn.

Row 5: Sc in each of next 8 sc, sl st in next st, cut and fasten thread.

Make 9 more leaves.

Rose Motif: With shaded pink or desired color, ch 6, sl st to form a ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 6 (counts as a dc and ch 3), (dc in ring, ch 3) 5 times, join last ch 3 with sl st to third st of ch 5 (6 sps).

Rnd 2: (Sc, 5 dc, sc) in each ch 3 lp.

Rnd 3: (Ch 5, sc in dc of rnd 1) repeated around, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 4: (Sc, 7 dc, sc) in each ch 5 lp.

Rnd 5: (Ch 6, sc in sc of rnd 3) repeated around, ch 1, turn.

Rnd 6: (Sc, 9 dc, sc) in each ch 6 lp, cut and fasten thread.

Join green where thread was fastened off, (ch 7, sc in sc of rnd 5) repeated around.

Next Rnd: Ch 6 (for a dc and ch 3), * (dc on lp, ch 2) twice, dc in sc, ch 3, repeat from * around, join last ch 3 to third st of ch 6, cut and fasten thread (18 sps).

Join white where green thread was fastened off, * ch 3, dc in next sp, (ch 4, sl st in same dc for a p), ch 2, sl st to bottom of leaf, ch 2, sl st in same dc for second p, ch 4, sl st in same dc for third p, ch 3, sc in next green dc, ch 3, dc in next sp, p, ch 2, thread over 3 times, sk 3 sts of leaf, pull up lp in next st and corresponding st of next leaf, (thread over and pull through 2 lps) 4 times (dtr), ch 2, sl st in same dc, p in same dc, ch 3, sc in next green dc. Repeat from * until 5 leaves are joined. Then (ch 3, dc in sp, 3 ps in same dc, ch 3, sc in next green dc) repeated around remainder of medallion, cut and fasten thread.

Make another rose motif to correspond, picking up the other 5 leaves in same manner.

Make 9 rose motifs without the white. Join white in any green dc on one motif. Ch 3, dc in next sp, ch 4, sl st back in dc for a p, ch 2, hold one rose with 5 joined leaves right side up, sl st in center tip of right hand leaf, ch 2, sl st in same dc, make a third p, ch 3, sc in next green dc, ch 3, dc in next sp, p, ch 2, thread over twice, sk 4 sc from first joining of leaves, pull up lp in next st of right hand leaf and adjacent sc in next leaf, (work off 2 lps at a time) 3 times, ch 2, sl st



back in same dc for a p, make a third p, ch 3, sc in next green dc, ch 3, dc in next sp, p, ch 3, sc in next green dc; continue around motif making p groups. Join and fasten off.

* Join white thread to any green dc of next motif, make a p group, ch 3, sc in next dc, ch 3, dc in next sp, p, ch 2. On left hand side of motif just completed, sl st in second free p group from leaf, ch 2, sl st back in dc, make a third p, ch 3, sc in next dc, make another p group joining to free p group on first motif next to leaf. Ch 3, sc in next dc on second motif, make a p group joining to center tip of second leaf, where first motif was joined; continue around motif joining leaves in same manner as before, fasten and cut thread. Repeat from * for third and fourth motifs.

You have just completed one side of pillow slip design. Make a second to correspond. The 2 side pillow slip designs are separated by one rose motif. Work p groups around edge of this motif in same manner as for others. Join 2 p groups on each side design to center motif, leaving 4 free p groups

across top of center motif and 5 free p groups from joining to leaf on each side.

After the design is joined, center on pillow slip and pin in place. To form the outline for hemstitching, trace around design, from design draw curved line to edge of pillow slip on each side. If scallops are desired across back, continue curved line to the back, curving up to meet first rose motif joined to front edge. Make scallop following outer curve of design, around to fourth rose motif, then straight across to corresponding point on other design. Make scallop for last half same as for first half of back.

After the edge is hemstitched, make a row of sc in pink or desired color around pillow slip. Sew crocheted portion in place.

A shell edge may be added if desired. Join white in same st where last p group of outer rose motif is joined, sk 2 sc, * shell of (3 dc, ch 4 for a p, 3 dc) in same place, sk 2 sc, sc in next, repeat from * around scallops and edge.