crochet

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each 256 Carrot **A**, 320 Cornmeal **B**, 316 Soft White **C**, 360 Café Latte **D**, 321 Gold **E**, 341 Light Grey **F**, 373 Petal Pink **G**, 706 Perfect Pink **H**, 885 Delft **I**, 672 Spring Green **J**, and 312 Black **K**
Note Only small quantities of **D**, **E**, **H**, **I**, and **K** are needed for this project.

Susan Bates® Crochet Hooks: 3.5mm [US E-4] and 5mm [US H-8]

Yarn needle, stitch marker, 16" (40.5 cm) square pillow form, black embroidery floss (for facial features), six ¼" (6 mm) black safety eyes, two 3/8" (9 mm) yellow safety eyes

GAUGE: 8 sts = 2" (5 cm); 8 rows = 2" (5 cm) in single crochet with larger hook. **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.**

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Three Little Pigs Pillow

Our chubby cheek bad wolf looks like he has the confidence and power to blow down shabbily constructed homes in the pig-ster neighborhood. This is the perfect crochet pillow to accompany story time with a youngster and young-at-heart oldster.

Pillow measures 16" x 16" (40.5 x 40.5 cm).

Special Stitches

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.
sc3tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] 3 times, yarn over and draw through all 4 loops on hook.

Special Technique

Join with sc = Place a slip knot on hook, insert hook in indicated stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop, yarn over and draw through both loops on hook.

Notes

1. Pillow is made from 2 panels with larger hook: 4 squares sewn together for front panel and back panel worked back and forth in rows.
2. All other animal pieces are worked separately with smaller hook and sewn to sides of pillow. Fasten off all pieces with long tails for sewing.
3. To change color, work last stitch of old color to last yarn over. Yarn over with new color and draw through all loops on hook to complete stitch. Proceed with new color. Cut old color.

PILLOW
House of Bricks

With larger hook and **A**, ch 23.
Row 1 (wrong side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—22 sc.
Rows 2–10: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn; change to **B** at end of Row 10.
Row 11: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in each sc across, turn.
Rows 12–22: Repeat Row 2. Fasten off.

Edging

Round 1 (right side): With right side facing, join **B** with sc in first sc, 2 sc in same sc (corner made), sc in each sc across to last st, 3 sc in last sc (corner made); working in ends of rows, work 20 sc evenly down side changing to **A** as needed to match rows; working in opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch (corner made), sc in each ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch (corner made); working in ends of rows, work 20 sc evenly up side changing to **B** as needed to match rows; join with slip st in first sc—92 sc. Fasten off.
Round 2: Join **C** with sc in first sc, sc in each sc around working 3 sc in center sc of each corner (corner made); join with slip st in first sc—100 sc.
Round 3: Ch 1, working back loops only, sc in each sc around working 3 sc in center sc of each corner (corner made); join with slip st in first sc—108 sc. Fasten off.

Window Sill

Row 1: With right facing and working in unworked front loops of Row 11, join **C** with sc in first sc, sc in each sc across—22 sc. Fasten off.

House of Sticks

Rows 1–10: With **D**, work same as Rows 1–10 of house of bricks.
Rows 11–22: With **E**, work same as Rows 11–22 of house of bricks.

Edging
Round 1: With **E** and **D**, work same as edging of house of bricks.
Rounds 2 and 3: Work same as Rounds 2 and 3 of edging of house of bricks.
Windowsill
Work same as windowsill of house of bricks.

House of Straw
Rows 1–10: With **B**, work same as Rows 1–10 of house of bricks.
Rows 11–22: With **F**, work same as Rows 11–22 of house of bricks.

Edging
Round 1: With **F** and **B**, work same as edging of house of bricks.
Rounds 2 and 3: Work same as Rounds 2 and 3 of edging of house of bricks.
Windowsill
Work same as windowsill of house of bricks.

Wolf Panel
Rows 1–10: With **J**, work same as Rows 1–10 of house of bricks.
Rows 11–22: With **I**, work same as Rows 11–22 of house of bricks.

Edging
Round 1: With **I** and **J**, work same as edging of house of bricks.
Rounds 2 and 3: Work same as Rounds 2 and 3 of edging of house of bricks.

PIG (make 3)
Work all pieces with smaller hook.
Head (make 3)
With **G**, ch 6.

Round 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 ch, 3 sc in last ch; working on opposite side of foundation ch, sc in next 3 ch, 2 sc in last ch—12 sc. Do not join rounds until instructed; place marker on first st and move up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in first sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next 3 sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in last 2 sc—18 sc.
Round 3: *Sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—24 sc.
Round 4: *Sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around—30 sc.
Round 5: *Sc in next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc; repeat from * around; join with slip st in first sc—36 sc. Fasten off.

Snout (make 3)
With **H**, ch 2.
Round 1 (right side): Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook—6 sc. Do not join rounds until instructed; place marker on first st and move up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Work 2 sc in each sc around—12 sc.
Round 3: Working in back loops only, slip st in each sc around; join with slip st in first slip st. Fasten off.

Ear (make 6)
With **H**, ch 2.
Row 1 (right side): Work 5 sc in 2nd ch from hook, turn—5 sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first sc, sc3tog, sc in last sc, turn—3 sc.
Row 4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Row 5: Ch 1, sc3tog (tip of ear made)—1 sc. Fasten off.

Shirt (make 3 - 1 each with A, J, and K)
Ch 15.
Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—14 sc.
Rows 2 and 3: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Rows 4 and 5: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each sc to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—12 sc.
Fasten off.

WOLF
Work all pieces with smaller hook.

Head
With **F**, ch 9.
Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—8 sc.
Rows 2–5: Ch 1, sc in first sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in each sc to last 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc, sc in last sc, turn—16 sc.
Row 6: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Rows 7–9: Ch 1, sc in next sc, sc2tog, sc in each sc to last 3 sc, sc2tog, sc in last sc, turn—10 sc.
Row 10: Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each sc to last 2 sc, sc2tog, turn—8 sc.
Rows 11–13: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Row 14: *Ch 5, slip st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in last ch (ear made)*, skip first 2 sc, slip st in next 3 sc; repeat from * to * once, skip next 2 sc, slip st in last sc. Fasten off.

Nose
With **K**, ch 2.
Round 1: Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Neck
With **C**, ch 6.
Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—5 sc.

Rows 2–4: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn; change to **F** at end of Row 4.
Rows 5 and 6: Ch 1, 2 sc in next sc, sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in last sc, turn—7 sc.
Rows 7 and 8: Ch 1, sc in each sc across, turn.
Fasten off.

BACK PANEL
With **J**, ch 51.
Row 1 (right side): Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—50 sc.
Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as first dc here and throughout), dc in each sc across, turn.
Row 3: Ch 1, sc in each dc across, turn.
Row 4: Ch 3, dc in each sc across, turn.
Row 5–36: Repeat Rows 3 and 4 sixteen times.
Do not fasten off.

Edging
Round 1 (right side): Ch 1, 3 sc in first sc (corner made), sc in each sc across to last sc, 3 sc in last sc (corner made); *working 1 sc in end of sc rows and 2 sc in end of dc rows, work 54 sc across side*; working in opposite side of foundation ch, 3 sc in first ch (corner made), sc in each ch across to last ch, 3 sc in last ch (corner made); repeat from * to * once; join with slip st in first sc—216 sc. Fasten off.
Round 2: Join **C** with sc in first sc, sc in each sc around working 3 sc in center sc of each 3-sc corner; join with slip st in first sc—224 sc.
Round 3: Ch 1, working back loops only, sc in each sc around working 3 sc in center sc of each 3-sc corner; join with slip st in first sc—232 sc. Fasten off.

FINISHING

Use photograph as a guide for placement of stitches and squares.

House of Bricks With **C**, embroider back stitches horizontally between Rows 1 and 2, Rows 3 and 4, and each pair of rows thereafter. Separate bricks with back stitches worked vertically between horizontal lines. Begin first vertical line between first 2 stitches of Rows 2 and 3; begin first vertical line between 3rd and 4th stitches of Rows 4 and 5. Separate bricks by skipping 4 stitches between vertical stitches and alternate placement of stitches as you work across the square.

House of Sticks With **D** and **K**, embroider chain stitches for branches on each section. With **J**, embroider French knot leaves on branches.

House of Straw With **B** and **E**, embroider as many straight stitches as desired for pieces of straw.

Pigs

Snout With 6 strands of embroidery floss, embroider French knot nostrils and back stitches for smile. Sew snout in place. Insert black eyes and secure. If desired, vary the placement of eyes on each pig so faces appear different.
Ears Sew first row of ear to head, then pull tip of ear down over last 2 rounds of head. Tack in place.
Shirt Sew shirt in place on upper section of square. Place head on top edge of shirt and sew.

Wolf

Sew nose on head. Embroider back stitches for smile. Insert yellow eyes and secure. With **C**, work a small back stitch over the first stitch of Row 8 of neck, work next back stitch close to the first allowing a ½-¾" (1.5-2 cm) long loop to form; *holding the loop in place, work next back stitch close to the last one made; repeat from * as many times as needed to create loops and back and forth across all **C** rows. Fasten off. Sew neck and head to wolf panel.

Front Panel

Arrange houses and wolf panel and sew together through both sets of loops. Pull tails to wrong side of front panel to minimize weaving in ends.
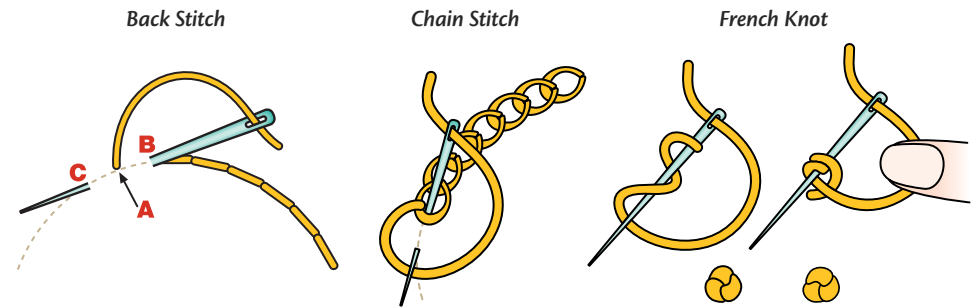
Border

Hold front and back panels with wrong sides together, matching corners and easing sides to fit.
Round 1: With larger hook and working in both sets of loops, join **C** with sc in center sc of any corner, 2 sc in same sc, *sc evenly spaced across to next corner, 3 sc in next corner; repeat from * twice; insert pillow form, sc evenly spaced across last side; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

Weave in ends.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, **B**, **C** = Color A, Color B, Color C, etc.; **ch** = chain; **dc** = double crochet; **hdc** = half double crochet; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; ***** = repeat whatever follows the * as indicated.

Back Stitch

Chain Stitch

French Knot

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