

Garden Bird Cushion Cover

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Materials:

Rowan Cotton Glace	
2 x 50g 730 Oyster (A)	Approx 130 aqua knitting beads
1 x 50g 749 Sky (B)	Approx 35 bronze knitting beads
Small amount x 809 Pier (C)	3.25mm knitting needles
Small amount x 739 Dijon (D)	3.00mm crochet hook
Small amount x 827 Chalk	30 x 30cm cushion pad
Small amount x 838 Umber	
Small amount x 837 Brick Red (for sewing)	

Abbreviations:

st/sts = stitch/stitches	ss = slip stitch
RS & WS = Right Side and Wrong Side	foll = following
k = knit	nxt = next
p = purl	st = stitch
ch = chain	rep = repeat
dc = double crochet	sp = space

Tension:

25st & 35 rows to 10cm using 3.25mm knitting needles.

Tips:

Beading:

To place a bead (on a wrong side row) work to where the bead is required. Bring a bead up to the top of the yarn then work a dc into the next stitch.

Joining in a new colour/ball:

When joining in a new colour try to weave over the top of the tail end of yarn so that you don't have to sew at the end. (This is done on the wrong side of the work.)

Front Piece:

Using 3.25mm knitting needles and yarn (A) cast on 52 sts.

Working in stocking stitch throughout, work from chart using the intarsia technique. Cast off.

With RS facing and using 3.25mm knitting needles and yarn (A) pick up and knit 52 sts along right side edge. Turn and cast off purl wise.

With RS facing and using 3.25mm knitting needles and yarn (A) pick up and knit 52 sts along left side edge. Turn and cast off purl wise.

Crochet edge:

Using 3mm crochet hook and yarn (D) work a row of dc around outside edge of knitted piece working 3ch at each corner. Finish with a slip stitch into first dc. Fasten off.

Thread aqua knitting beads onto yarn (C)

Starting in space created by 3ch on previous round at any corner work 3dc into space then * 1dc into every stitch to next corner, work 3dc into corner sp. Rep from * to end of round. Finish with a slip stitch into first dc. 1ch, turn.

Working with WS facing, work a row of dc, beading every alternate stitch and working 3dc into each corner dc of previous row. (do not bead any of these 3dc). Finish with a slip stitch into first dc. Fasten off.

With RS facing join in yarn (B) and work a further 3 rows of dc around outside edge, finishing each round with a slip stitch and working 3dc at every corner. Fasten off.

Back Piece:

Using 3.25mm knitting needles and yarn (A) cast on 61 sts.

Working in stocking stitch throughout, work until piece measures 25cm ending with a WS row. With RS facing, cast off knit wise.

With RS facing and using 3.25mm knitting needles and yarn (A) pick up and knit 61 sts along right side edge. Turn and cast off purl wise.

With RS facing and using 3.25mm knitting needles and yarn (A) pick up and knit 61 sts along left side edge. Turn and cast off purl wise.

Crochet edge:

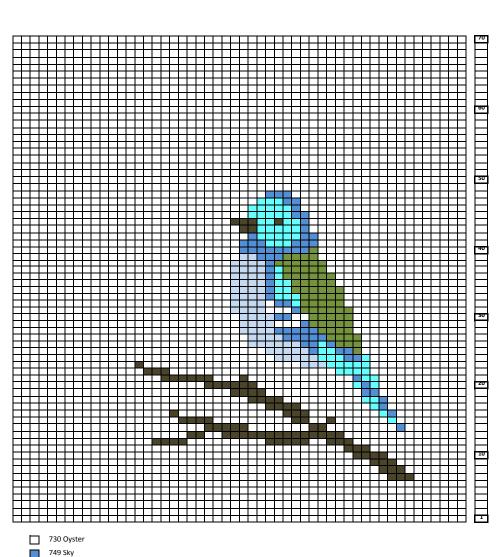
Using 3mm crochet hook and yarn (D) work a row of dc around outside edge of knitted piece working 3ch at each corner. Finish with a slip stitch into first dc. Fasten off With RS facing join in yarn (B) and work a further row of dc around outside edge, finishing the round with a slip stitch and working 3dc at every corner. Fasten off.

Finishing Off:

Sew bronze beads in place using image as a guide. Using 837 Brick Red, sew French knots around 'branch' to look like blossom. Using back stitch, sew on bird 'legs'.

With wrong sides of work facing each other work a row of dc around the edges of both front and back piece simultaneously to join, inserting cushion pad as you join. Fasten Off.





730 Oyster

749 Sky

809 Pier

739 Dijon

827 Chalk

838 Umber