



apture the beauty of
the poinsettia with this vibrant and
textured holiday pillow!

Poinsettia Pillow

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Skill Level

Intermediate

Size

11½ inches

Materials

✿ 9-inch round pillow form

✿ Size G/6 crochet hook or size
needed to obtain gauge

✿ Worsted weight yarn: 4 ounces
white, 2 ounces each red and
green

✿ Tapestry needle

Gauge

3 hdc = 1 inch; 2 hdc rnds = 1 inch
Check gauge to save time.

Pattern Notes

Weave in loose ends as work pro-
gresses.

Sl st to join each rnd in beg st.

Poinsettia Overlay

Rnd 1 (RS): With red, ch 8, sl st to
join to form a ring, ch 3 (counts as
first dc throughout), 23 dc in ring,
join in top of beg ch-3. (24 dc)

Rnd 2: Ch 1, sc in same st as beg
ch-1, ch 11, sk 2 dc, [sc in next dc,
ch 11, sk 2 dc] rep around, join in
beg sc. (8 ch-11 lps)

Rnd 3: Sl st in next ch, ch 2 (counts
as first hdc throughout), hdc in each



of next 4 chs, [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in next ch, [hdc in next 5 ch, sk next sc, hdc in each of next 5 ch, {hdc, ch 2, hdc} in next ch] 7 times, hdc in each of next 5 ch, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in next 5 hdc, [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in next ch-2 sp, [hdc in each of next 12 hdc, {hdc, ch 2, hdc} in next ch-2 sp] 7 times, hdc in next 6 hdc, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 5: Ch 2, hdc in next 6 hdc, [hdc, ch 2, hdc] in next ch-2 sp, [hdc in each of next 14 hdc, {hdc, ch 2, hdc} in next ch-2 sp] 7 times, hdc in each of next 7 hdc, join in top of beg ch-2, fasten off.

Rnd 6 (Petal twist): With RS facing, hold top of petal of Rnd 5 and twist to the left so that WS of top of petal is facing, attach green in 4th hdc to the right of ch-2 sp, ch 1, sc in same hdc, sc in each of next 3 hdc, [sc, ch 2, sc] in ch-2 sp, sc in next 4 hdc of same petal, [holding top of next petal of Rnd 5 to the left, twist to the left so that WS of top of petal is facing, sc in 4th hdc to the right of ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 3 hdc, {sc, ch 2, sc} in ch-2 sp, sc in each of next 4 hdc of same petal] 7 times, join in top of beg ch-2.

Rnd 7: Sl st in next sc, ch 1, sc in same sc as beg ch-1, hdc in next sc, dc in each of next 2 sc, [2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc] in ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 sc, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc, dec 1 sc over next 2 sc, [sc in next sc, hdc in next sc, dc in each of next 2 sc, {2 dc, ch 2, 2 dc} in ch-2 sp, dc in each of next 2 sc, hdc in next sc, sc in next sc, dec 1 sc over next 2 sc] rep around, join in beg sc.

Rnd 8: *[Ch 1, sl st in next st] rep ending with sl st in ch-2 sp, [sc, ch

2, sc] in ch-2 sp, rep from * around, ending with sl st in same st as beg ch-1, fasten off.

Pillow Back

Rnd 1: With white, ch 5, sl st to join to form a ring, ch 2, 9 hdc in ring, join in top of beg ch-2. (10 hdc)

Rnd 2: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, 2 hdc in each rem st around, join in top of beg ch-2. (20 hdc)

Rnd 3: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in next st, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (30 hdc)

Rnd 4: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in each of next 2 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 2 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (40 hdc)

Rnd 5: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in each of next 3 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 3 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (50 hdc)

Rnd 6: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in each of next 4 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 4 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (60 hdc)

Rnd 7: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in each of next 5 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 5 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (70 hdc)

Rnd 8: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in each of next 6 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 6 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (80 hdc)

Rnd 9: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in each of next 7 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 7 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (90 hdc)

Rnd 10: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-2, hdc in each of next 8 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 8 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2. (100 hdc)

Rnd 11: Ch 2, hdc in same st as beg ch-1, hdc in each of next 9 sts, [2 hdc in next st, hdc in each of next 9 sts] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2, fasten off. (110 hdc)

Pillow Front

Rnds 1–10: Rep Rnds 1–10 of pillow back. (100 hdc)

Rnd 11: Draw up a lp of white, remove hook, place poinsettia overlay on top of front, insert hook in ch-2 sp of poinsettia overlay, pick up dropped lp, ch 2, hdc in same st as joining and in same ch-2 sp, hdc in each of next 9 sts of pillow only, [working through both thicknesses, insert hook in next ch-2 sp and next hdc of pillow, work 2 hdc in same st, hdc in each of next 9 sts of pillow only] rep around, join in top of beg ch-2.

Joining

Rnd 12: Holding pillow back to pillow front, with front facing and working through back lps only of both thicknesses, ch 1, sc in each st around, inserting pillow form before closing, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Trim

Rnd 1: Attach green in any sc, ch 1, sc in same sc as beg ch-1, ch 1, [reverse sc in next st, ch 1] rep around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Rnd 2: Attach red in any ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in same ch-1 sp, ch 1, [reverse sc in next ch-1 sp, ch 1] rep around, join in beg sc, fasten off.

Rnd 3: With green, rep Rnd 2. ❀