

Monster Pillow Shams



Big thanks to JoAnne Thompson (top right) and Shaunna Hallsson (bottom right) for sharing their fabulous Frank pillows.



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Included In Pattern:

BIG Frank Pillow Sham - made from Bernat Blanket Yarn.

Small Frank Pillow - made from worsted weight yarn.

Materials and Details

- Yarn:
 - Bernat Blanket Yarn/BIG Frank Version: Hair and shoes (Coal) - 220 yards; Pants and sleeves (Pow Purple) - 600 yards; Small amount of White and Grey; Body (Bernat Baby Blanket Yarn Lemon Lime) - 600 yards; Small amount of black ww yarn for stitching smile and scar.
 - Worsted Weight: Hair and shoes (black) 200 yards, Body and hands (lime green) 400 yards, Pants and sleeves (purple) 400 yards, small amounts of white and grey yarn.
- Hooks: BIG Frank - 9mm (M/N); WW - H, I
- Miscellaneous: yarn needle for weaving in ends, 2 black buttons, sewing needle, black thread, small amount of stuffing for eyes (optional), stuffing for bottom of legs, pillow, old pair of black socks (optional for stuffing bottom of pant leg/shoe piece).

Measurements

Base/Body Pieces (not including legs and arms):

BIG Frank: 19" wide x 24" tall; Small Frank: 13" wide x 13" tall

Finished and stuffed:

BIG Frank: 21" wide x 36" tall; Small Frank: 15" wide x 19" tall

Gauge: Not needed for this project.

Tips

- The first stitch of each row is worked into the same st as the turning chain.
- Stitch counts remain the same unless noted at end of row.
- The directions begin at the top/head of the monster.
- Make all pieces and then assemble the monster.



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Directions - both versions use the same pattern

Use the following material sizes unless noted in pattern:

BIG Frank: Use Bernat Blanket yarn and a 9mm (M/N) hook

Small Frank: Use worsted weight yarn and an I hook

Monster Body (make 2)

1. With hook and yarn for the hair section (black in sample), ch 35, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (34sts)
2. Ch 2, turn, 2hdc in same st, hdc in each st until 1 st remains, 2hdc in last st. (36sts)
3. Ch 2, turn, 2hdc in same st, hdc in each st until 1 st remains, 2hdc in last st. (38sts)
4. Ch 2, turn, 2hdc in same st, hdc in each st until 1 st remains, 2hdc in last st. (40sts)
- 5-6. Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
7. For first monster body piece only: Ch 2, turn, BPHDC around each post from previous row.
For second monster body only: Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
8. Change to yarn for the body (green in sample). Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
- 9-23. Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
24. Change to yarn for the pants (purple in sample). Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
- 25-30. Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
31. Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st until 2 sts remain, hdc2tog. (38sts)
32. Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st until 2 sts remain, hdc2tog. (36sts)
33. Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st until 2 sts remain, hdc2tog. (34sts) Finish off and weave in ends.

Hair Trim (first monster body piece only)

1. With the bottom edge of the monster towards you, use an I hook and yarn to attach to the first stitch on the ridge row (created by step #7).
2. Ch 2, hdc in same st and in each st to end of row.
3. Ch 1, turn. The top of the monster should now be towards you. Sc in same st, sc 2, ch 3, hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in side of sc, sc in next 2 sts, *sc 3, ch 3, hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in 3rd ch from hook, hdc in side of sc, sc in next 2 sts*, repeat to end of row. Finish off and weave in ends.



Pants and Shoes (make 2)

These start at the bottom with the black "shoe" part.

1. With hook and yarn for shoes (black in sample), ch 14, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (13sts)
 2. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
 - 3-5. Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row.
 6. Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st until 2 sts remain, sc2tog. (11sts)
 7. Ch 1, turn, sc2tog, sc in each st until 2 sts remain, sc2tog. (9sts)
 8. This step is worked around the outer edge. Ch 1, sc in same st, pivot to work down side. Sc 7 sts evenly to corner, (sc, ch 1, sc) in first st of beginning edge (from step 1), sc in each st across row until 1 st remains, (sc, ch 1, sc) in last st, pivot piece to work up side. Sc 7 sts evenly to corner, (sc, ch 1, sc) in first st of last row (from step 7), sc in each st across row. Do not join. Place a marker for working in the round. (approximately 40 sts not including ch 1 at each corner)
 9. Change to purple yarn. Sc in each st to end of round.
 10. Look at the piece and place a marker at each corner. *Sc2tog, sc in each st to corner*, repeat to end of round. (36sts)
 - 11-12. Sc in each st to end of round.
 13. *Sc2tog, sc in each st to corner*, repeat to end of round. (32sts)
 - 14-15. Sc in each st to end of round.
 16. *Sc2tog, sc in each st to corner*, repeat to end of round. (28sts)
 - 17-19. Sc in each st to end of round.
 20. *Sc2tog, sc in each st to corner*, repeat to end of round. (24sts)
 - 21-26. Sc in each st to end of round.
- Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing top of pant leg to the body.

Stuffing: for the samples I only stuffed the bottom ¼ each pant leg/shoe piece. I put stuffing in an old black sock and then put the sock in the bottom of the piece. It works great because the black sock hides the white stuffing plus keeps the stuffing from working through the stitches.

Set Pant Leg/Shoe pieces aside.



Eyes (make 2)

BIG Frank: Use Bernat Blanket yarn White and a 9mm (M/N) hook

Small Frank: Use worsted weight yarn white and an H hook

1. With hook and white yarn, start with a magic circle of 5 sts (or preferred method for starting a circle of 5 sc sts), pull closed and place a marker for working in the round. (5sts)
2. 2sc in each st to end of round. (10sts)
3. *sc, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (15sts)
4. Sl st in next st. Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Check placement and then use a yarn needle and yarn tails to sew the eyes to the center front of the monster, allowing the centers to bulge. Add some stuffing under each eye piece if desired. Use a needle and black thread to sew a button on top of each eye center.

Eyelids (make 2)

BIG Frank: Use Bernat Blanket yarn Lemon Lime (color to match face) and a 9mm (M/N) hook

Small Frank: Use worsted weight yarn lime green (color to match face) and an H hook

1. With hook and green yarn, ch 4, 2sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc, 2sc in last ch. (5sts)
2. Ch 1, turn, 2sc in same st, sc 3, 2sc in last st. (7sts)
3. Ch 1, turn, 2sc in same st, sc 5, 2sc in last st. (9sts) Finish off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing.

Place the eye lids on top of each white eye piece. Mine were sewn with the long edge straight across. By slantly the eye lid up or down it will change the monster's personality.

With a yarn needle and yarn tail, sew the outer edge, but not the long edge, in place.

Scars and Smile: with a yarn needle and black yarn, stitch these in place.

Body Assembly

With right sides together, place body pieces so edges line up. Pin pieces together.

With matching yarn and yarn needle, sew outer edge of layers together, leaving the center ⅓ of the bottom edge unsewn. Turn pillow right side out.

Big Frank: Insert pillow. Leave bottom edge open.

Sew top edge of each pant leg piece to the center, bottom edge of the front layer. The legs are placed side by side.

Small Frank: Stuff pillow until desired firmness. With matching yarn and yarn needle, sew bottom edges together.

Sew top edge of each pant leg piece to the center, bottom edge of the pillow. The legs are placed side by side.



Sleeves (make 2)

These are worked flat, starting at the shoulder, and then seamed together.

1. With hook and purple yarn, ch 23, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (22sts)
 - 2-8. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
 9. Ch 1, turn, *sc 9, sc2tog*, repeat once. (20sts)
 - 10-19. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row.
 20. Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, (hdc, dc) in next st, ch 1, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st, *sc in next st, (hdc, dc) in next st, ch 1, (dc, hdc) in next st, sc in next st*, repeat to end of row. (5 peaks)
- Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing side seams.



Fold sleeve piece in half, right sides together. With a yarn needle, use the ending yarn tail to sew side and top seams together. Pull remaining yarn tail to inside. This will be used to sew the shoulder section to the pillow. Turn sleeve right side out. Stuff the top/shoulder section firmly. Lightly stuff the rest of the sleeve section. Set aside.

Hands (make 2)

1. Leave a yarn tail in the beginning for sewing side seam.
With hook and lime green yarn, ch 18, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (17sts)
 2. Ch 1, turn, sc in same st and in each st to end of row.
 3. Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc 4, ch 7, sk 7, sc 5.
 4. Ch 1, turn, sc in same st, sc 4, sc in each ch, sc 5.
 5. Ch 1, turn, sc in same st and in each st to end of row.
 - 6-11. Repeat steps 3-5 two more times.
- Finish off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing side seam.



Fold each hand piece in half, matching the short edges together. With a yarn needle, use the yarn tail to sew the side seams together.

Sew between the fingers with a yarn needle and matching yarn.

Stuff each finger. Add some stuffing to the "palm" area.

Insert the open "wrist" area into the open part of the sleeve. With a yarn needle and yarn to match the sleeve, sew the last straight row (not the added peaks) to the hand.

With a yarn needle, use the yarn tail at the shoulder to sew the top 2-3" of the arm at the side of the body, so the shoulder is even with the middle of the green section.

Repeat for the second sleeve and hand.



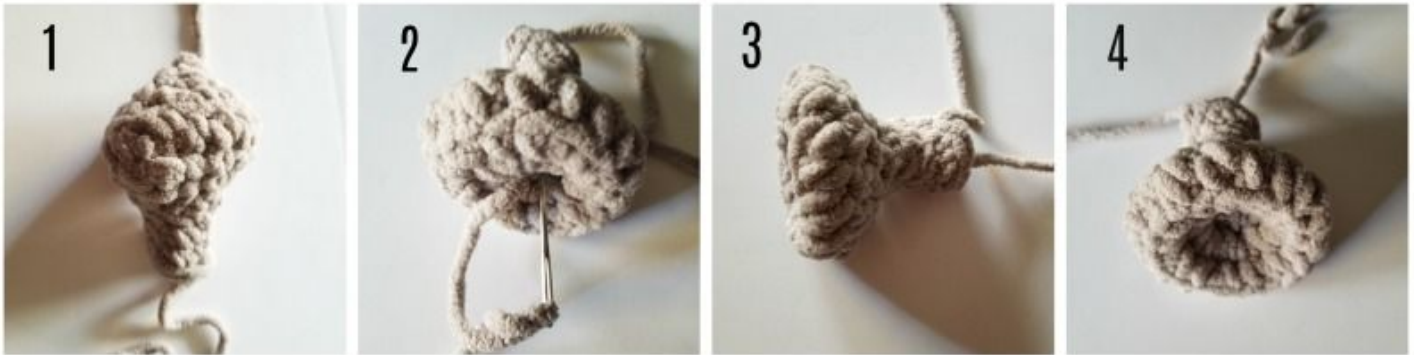
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Screws (make 2)

1. Leave a yarn tail in the beginning. With hook and grey yarn, create a magic circle of 6 sc sts (or preferred method for starting a circle of 6 sc sts), pull closed and sl st to join. (6sts)
 2. Ch 1, 2sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join. (12sts)
 3. Ch 1, *sc, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (18sts)
 4. This step is worked in BLO. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
 5. Ch 1, *sc, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (12sts)
 6. Ch 1, *sc, sc2tog*, repeat to end of round, sl st to join. (8sts)
 - 7-9. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.
- Finish off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing to pillow.

The top of the screw might bulge like photo #1 below. It might look more like a mushroom at this point.



Use a yarn needle to pull the beginning yarn tail down through the middle of the screw (photo #2 above). Pull the tail out the bottom until the top has an indent (photos #3 and #4 above). Tie this yarn tail to the end yarn tail to keep the top indented. Lightly stuff the screw.

With a yarn needle, use the end yarn tail to sew the screw to the side of the monster's head, next to the hair line.

Repeat for the second screw.



Common Abbreviations	
beg	beginning
ch	chain
sl	slip
st	stitch
sp	space
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
tr	treble/triple crochet
bp	back post
fp	front post
blo	back loop only
flo	front loop only
sc2tog	single crochet 2 sts together
hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 sts together
dc2tog	double crochet 2 sts together
*	repeat instructions
yo	yarn over

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