

Nap Monster Pillow Pack

A goofy monster pillow with a giant mouth pocket and arms that can double as backpack straps or handles. Choose the face, teeth, arm length, and colors to make your own one-of-a-kind Nap Monster.



Materials & Details

- **Yarn:** Bernat Maker Outdoor Yarn. 200 yards of each: Deep Sea Teal, Oranges, Navy Ink, Beach Red, Fresh Citrus Stripe. The white for the eyes and teeth is from the Fresh Citrus Stripe yarn. See end of pattern for worsted weight version.
- **Crochet Hook:** J (6mm)
- **Miscellaneous Supplies:** Yarn needle, sewing needle, black thread, 2 small black buttons, stuffing
- **Gauge:** Not important for this project
- **Finished Measurements:** 18.75" long x 14" wide

HEIDI'S TIP

The first stitch of each row is worked into the same stitch as the turning chain. Numbers at the beginning of each line may refer to steps and not indicate number of rows.

MAKE IT YOURS

Change the colors, eye style, teeth, and arm length. You can also use an H hook and one strand of worsted weight yarn for a smaller version.



DIRECTIONS

Body

This project starts at the base (blue).

1. With a J hook and dark blue yarn, ch 21, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch until 1 ch remains, work 5sc in last st. Pivot piece to work back across the chain in the unused loops. Sc in each ch across, working 4sc in the last st. Place a marker for working in the round. (46sts)
2. 2sc in the next st, sc 18, 2sc in the next st, sc, 2sc in the next st, sc, 2sc in the next st, sc 18, 2sc in the next st, sc, 2sc in the next st, sc. (52sts)
3. 2sc in the next st, sc 21, 2sc in the next st, sc, 2sc in the next st, sc, 2sc in the next st, sc 21, 2sc in the next st, sc, 2sc in the next st, sc. (58sts)
4. Sc, 2sc in next st, sc 22, 2sc in next st, sc, 2sc in next st, sc, 2sc in next st, sc, 2sc in next st, sc 22, 2sc in next st, sc, 2sc in next st, sc, 2sc in next st. (66sts)
5. Sc 2, 2sc in next st, sc 21, 2sc in next st, sc 2, 2sc in next st, sc 4, 2sc in next st, sc 2, 2sc in next st, sc 21, 2sc in next st, sc 2, 2sc in next st, sc 4, 2sc in next st. (74sts)
6. Sc, 2sc in the next st, sc 26, 2sc in the next st, sc 4, 2sc in the next st, sc 4, 2sc in the next st, sc 26, 2sc in the next st, sc 4, 2sc in the next st, sc3. (80sts)
7. Sc in each st to end of round.
8. Repeat previous round 13 more times.
9. Sl st in next st. Change yarn color to start the shirt section. For the sample, I used self-striping yarn. You could change colors every 3-4 rounds for stripes if using solid colored yarns. Work this round in BLO. Ch 2, hdc in same st and in each st to end of round, sl st to join.

HEIDI'S TIP

Self-striping yarn does the color work for you here. If you are using solids, changing colors every 3-4 rounds gives a similar striped look.

10. For this section you can either place a marker to work in continuous rounds or join at the end of each round. Choose from one of the following:

— CONTINUOUS ROUNDS

Place a marker. Sc in next st, hdc in each st to end of round. Hdc between posts of previous round for an additional 17 rounds. Sc in next st, sl st in next st. Finish off and weave in ends.

— JOIN EACH ROUND

Ch 2, hdc between posts of previous round, sl st to join. Repeat previous round for an additional 17 rounds. Finish off and weave in ends.



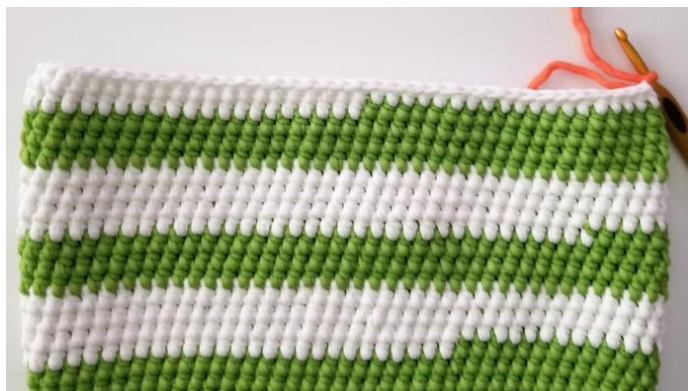
HEAD

- 11.** This step starts the head section. Place pillow on a flat surface and flatten to find the sides. Tip: check the bottom row to make sure it is centered. This round is worked in BLO. Attach orange yarn to a back loop at the right edge of the top round. Ch 1, sc in each st to end of round, sl st to join.

DON'T MISS THIS

From this point on, each stitch is worked between the posts from the previous round. Sometimes that will be clarified and sometimes it will not (i.e. hdc2tog is still worked between posts instead of IN the stitch).

- 12-13.** Ch 2, hdc between posts of previous round, sl st to join.
- 14.** This step creates the mouth opening. Stitches are worked between the posts of the previous round. Ch 2, hdc in same, hdc 6, sc, ch 26, sk 26, sc, hdc between posts to end of round, sl st to join.
- 15.** Ch 2, hdc between posts and in each ch to end of round, sl st to join.
- 16.** Ch 2, hdc2tog, hdc 12, hdc2tog, hdc 9, hdc2tog, hdc 12, hdc2tog, hdc between posts to end of round, sl st to join. (76sts)
- 17.** Ch 2, hdc between posts and in each ch to end of round, sl st to join.
- 18.** Ch 2, hdc2tog, hdc 34, hdc2tog, hdc2tog, hdc 34, hdc2tog, sl st to join. (72sts)
- 19.** Ch 2, hdc 12, hdc2tog, hdc 8, hdc2tog, hdc between posts to end of round, sl st to join. (70sts)
- 20.** Ch 2, hdc between posts to end of round, sl st to join.



BEFORE YOU KEEP GOING

Continue shaping the head through step 29, but do not sew the top closed yet. The mouth insert and stuffing are added first.



MOUTH INSERT / POCKET

1. With red yarn and a J hook, ch 27, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (26sts)
2. Ch 2, turn, hdc in same st and in each st to end of row.
3. Repeat previous row 5 more times.
4. Ch 2, turn, 2hdc in same st, hdc in each st to end of row. (27sts)
5. Repeat previous row until there are 38 sts.
6. Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row. (38sts)
7. Repeat previous row 5 more times.
8. Ch 2, turn, hdc2tog, hdc in each st to end of row. (37sts)
9. Repeat previous row until there are 26sts.
10. Ch 2, turn, hdc in each st to end of row. (26sts)
11. Repeat previous row 5 more times.
12. Ch 1, turn, sc in each st to end of row. Finish off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing edge seams.

DON'T MISS THIS

Fold the insert in half and sew the side edges together, but leave the top edge unsewn. That open edge is what creates the mouth pocket.



BEFORE YOU KEEP GOING

Place the insert pocket inside the mouth with the open end lined up with the mouth. Sew the top edge of the insert to the mouth opening with orange yarn or yarn that matches the head.



FACE

Eyes With Patch

Large Base of Eye (make one)

1. With red yarn and a J hook, create a magic circle of 8 sc sts (or preferred method for starting a circle of 8 sc sts), pull closed and place a marker for working in the round. (8sts)
 2. 2sc in each st to end of round. (16sts)
 3. *sc, 2sc in next st*, repeat to end of round. (24sts)
- Sl st in next st, finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing to pillow.

MAKE IT YOURS

Choose the eye style you like best: one eye with a colored patch plus one white eye, or two big white eyes. Eyelashes are optional.

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CROCHET ABBREVIATIONS

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

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Abbreviations are written in U.S. crochet terms.

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