

Pineapple Cushion – 3 Ribbon

Decorated with Triple Rows of Double-Sided Satin Ribbon "Points"
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I have no idea who made the pineapple cushion shown in this photograph. My mother, Cynthia Brem, gave it to me many, many years ago. She did not make this one, however, she did make one just like it in the early 1950's. She found this one at a second-hand shop, bought it, took it apart, washed it, re-stuffed it and added new ribbons. I have written the pattern's instructions based on how this one was created.

Pattern Comments:

This pattern seems to make no sense until you realize that the first row is a row of "shell clusters", 28 in total, and it forms the top of the cushion. The cushion is built from the top-down starting with the "shell cluster row" of the cushion, turning, and working across to the other side. Decreases occur within the pineapple area, as each chain 4 space grows smaller, leaving only the ribbon rows to finish off, one at a time.

MATERIALS

1 – 400+ yard, ball of 20-size white crochet thread.

Size 9 / 1.40MM steel crochet hook.

1/2 yard fabric to make the inner pillow.
(White, or the same color family as the ribbon).

Enough polyester fiber filling to stuff the inner pillow.

3- 4 yards pieces of 7/8" double-sided satin ribbon.
(One 3-yard piece of each color.)



SHELL CLUSTER ROW (Shell = 3 trc, ch 1, 3 trc)

Chain 4, slip stitch into first chain to form a ring.

Row 1: Into the ring: chain 3, 2 trc, ch 1, 3 trc in ring, ch 4, turn.

Row 2: (This is the first proper shell-cluster) Into the first shell-cluster ch-1 sp: 3 trc, ch-1, 3 trc, ch 4, turn. Repeat 26 times until 28 shells are made. Chain 3, turn.



Shell Cluster Row shown at top of this photograph: It becomes the base upon which the rest of the pineapple cushion is built. As you add more rows, the Shell Cluster Row will distort and fold onto itself, but when the cushion is stuffed it will be fine.

BUILDING THE PINEAPPLE AND RIBBON ROWS (see photographs on last page of actual work)

Working back, from right to left:

Row 1: In the side of the last trc of the last shell (nearest the hook), 2 trc, ch 1, 3 trc, ch 8, skip next ch-4 sp, in next ch-4 space, 3 trc, ch 1, 3 trc (shell made), ch 8, sk next ch-4 sp, shell in next ch-4 space, ch 8, sk next ch-4 sp, 1 trc in next ch-4 sp, ch 12, skip next ch-4 sp, 1 trc in next ch-4 sp, *ch 8, skip next ch-4 space, shell in next ch-4 sp*, repeat once, ch 8, make shell in the ch-3 space (which was used as a trc making the first shell), ch 4, turn

Row 2: Shell in shell, ch 8, shell in next shell, ch 8, shell in next shell, 28 trc in ch-14 sp, *ch 8, shell in shell*, three times, ch 4, turn.

Row 3: *Shell in shell, ch 8* three times, *trc in next trc, ch 1*, across all of the 28 trc's, *ch 8, shell in next shell*, three times, ch 4, turn

Row 4: *Shell in shell, ch 8* three times, *sc in ch-1 sp, ch 4*, across all ch-1 spaces, *ch 8, shell in next shell* three times, ch 4, turn

Row 5: *Shell in shell, ch 8* three times, *sc in ch-4 sp, ch 4*, across all ch-2 spaces, *ch 8, shell in next shell* three times, ch 4, turn

Repeat Row 5 until the pineapple area (in center) is finished (25 more rows), leaving 1 ch-4 space left to sc into.

Row 30: *Shell in shell, ch 8*, three times. Single crochet in last ch-4 space. *Ch 8, shell in shell*, three times. Ch 4, turn.

Row 31: *Shell in shell, ch 8*, three times, trc in sc st. *Ch 8, shell in shell*, three times. Ch 4, turn.

Row 32: *Shell in shell, ch 8*, three times, sc in trc, ch 8, shell in shell, *ch 8, shell in shell* twice. Ch 4, turn.

Row 33: *Shell in shell, ch 8*, two times, shell in shell, ch 4, shell in shell, *ch 8, shell in shell* twice. Ch 4, turn.

Row 34: *Shell in shell, ch 8* twice, sc in ch-1 sp of shell, trc 5 times in ch-4 area, ch 1, trc 5 more times in same ch-4 area, sc in ch-1 sp of shell, *ch 8, shell in shell*, twice. Ch 4, turn.

Row 35: *Shell in shell, ch 8*, twice, sc in ch-1 sp, *ch 8, shell*, twice. Ch 4, turn.

Row 36: *Shell in shell, ch 8*, twice, sc in sc, *ch 8, shell*, twice. Ch 4, turn.

Row 37: *Shell in shell, ch 8*, twice, sc in sc, *ch 8, shell*, twice. Ch 4, turn.

Row 38: Shell in shell, ch 8, shell in shell, ch 4, shell in shell, ch 8, shell in shell, ch 4 turn.

Row 39: Shell in shell, ch 8, trc 5 times in ch-4 area, sc, trc 5 more times in ch-4 area, shell in shell, ch 8, shell in shell, ch 4, turn

Row 40: Shell in shell, ch 8, trc in ch-1 sp, shell in shell, ch 8, shell in shell, ch 4, turn

Row 41: Shell in shell, ch 8, sc in sc, shell in shell, ch 8, shell in shell, ch 4, turn

Row 42: Shell in shell, ch 8, sc in sc, shell in shell, ch 8, shell in shell, ch 4, turn

Row 43: Shell in shell, sc in ch-1 sp of next shell. Finish off.

Make two.

STUFFED HEART:

Place the stretched-out and flattened finished pineapple heart onto the pillow fabric. Mark the fabric 1.25" larger, all the way around, than your crocheted heart. Cut two. Stitch together with ½" seam allowance, leaving an opening along one side to turn inside out. Stuff thoroughly, but not rock hard tight, with polyester filling.

ATTACH CROCHETED HEARTS TOGETHER.

Hold two finished hearts together, starting at top left corner, sl st in ch-4 loop, ch 3, 9 trc in ch-4 loop, sc in the edge's sc sp of the next existing pair of shells, make shell in next ch-4 loop (shell = 10 trc), repeat shell in all ch-4 sps around to the top right corner. Insert stuffed heart, shell in all ch-4 sps to end. Finish off.

ADDING RIBBON:

Starting at the top, place ribbon under the ch-8 loops all the way around the entire cushion. If you are using single faced ribbon, have the wrong side facing up. Pull a 2" loop between each ch, then holding the cushion with the outside edge toward you, working from back of loop, turn 1st loop of ribbon right side out and lay ribbon down toward the outside edge of the cushion. Pick up the next loop before it is turned and draw ribbon gently until the 1st loop forms a point. Continue forming a point in each loop of ribbon all around. Finish with a bow.

(Note: I did the ribbon incorrectly because I wove the ribbon in and out of the ch-8 spaces. That's wrong and it will only produce half as many ribbon points as there should be.)

NOTES ON FINISHED PRODUCT:

I am not really pleased with the finished product, as it is too long, therefore, when I make this again I will try to shorten each ch-8 closing.

This heart measures

12" wide (ribbon tip to ribbon tip)
16" long (top of bow to ribbon tip)

The original heart is
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10" wide
12" long

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