



EBB AND FLOW PILLOW

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Use a yarn with slow color changes to your advantage to create the mellow coordinating pin-loom-woven squares and triangles that make up the front of this pillow. A knitted border blends the colorful front with the solid-colored back and beautifully pulls the design together.

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Variagated yarn with slow color changes, when used in continuous-strand weaving, creates an ebb and flow of colors. This pillow is made using 6-inch square and triangle pin looms. The front edging is knitted using a solid coordinating yarn. The back is woven in the solid color and edged with the multicolored Noro. Let's admit it, it is always about color!

MATERIALS

Type of Project: Pin Loom

STRUCTURE Plain weave.

EQUIPMENT 6" x 6" square pin loom; 6" triangle pin loom; size G-6/4 mm crochet hook or a 4 mm locker hook; comb or fork for packing; tapestry needle; size 7 (4.5 mm) 29" circular knitting needle with short tips; 1 size 7 (4.5 mm) double-pointed needle (dpn) for garter-stitch edging; spare size 7 (4.5 mm) circular knitting needle (optional); locking stitch markers (m).

Note: Knitting gauge is about 4.5 st = 1" in garter stitch; adjust needle size if needed.

YARNS Warp and Weft: Kureyon (100% wool; 108 yd/50 g; Noro), #344 (aqua, lime, royal, brown), 2 skeins. Classic Wool Worsted (100% wool; 210 yd/100 g; Patons), #77208 Jade Heather, 1 skein.

Note: #77208 Jade Heather has been discontinued. There are many similar colors in the same yarn line available.

OTHER SUPPLIES 18" pillow form; no-rinse wool wash.

DIMENSIONS Finished size: 1 pillow, 18" x 18".

For knitting directions, visit the glossary at craftyarnCouncil.com/standards/crochet-abbreviations.

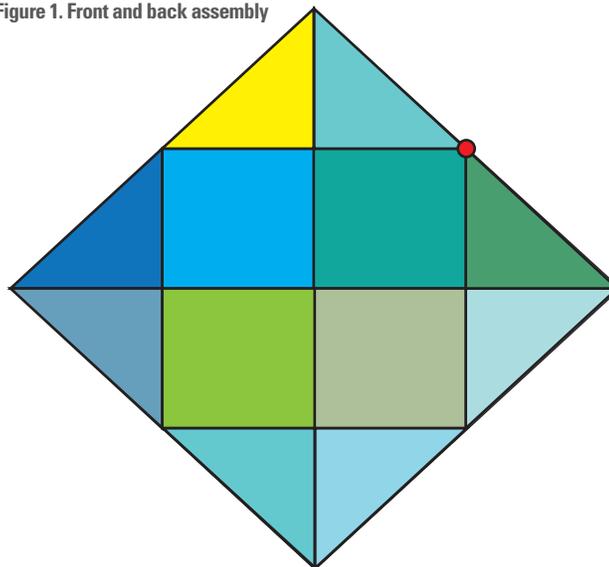
PROJECT STEPS

1 Following the pin-loom manufacturer's directions and leaving an 18" tail at the beginning and end of each woven piece, weave 4 squares and 8 triangles using the variegated yarn. For the best color distribution, alternate weaving 1 square, then 2 triangles. Weave 4 squares and 8 triangles using the solid-color yarn. The variegated woven pieces will be

used for the front of the pillow and the solid-color woven pieces will be used for the back.

2 Assemble pillow front and back: With wrong sides facing and using the beginning and ending yarn tails, whipstitch the 4 variegated squares together to form the center of the pillow front, then whipstitch 2 triangles together for each of the 4 corners (Figure 1). To complete, holding wrong sides together, whipstitch corners to squares as shown in Figure

Figure 1. Front and back assembly



1. Weave in yarn ends and clip off tails as you go. Repeat with solid-color pieces to assemble the pillow back.

3 Knit edging on pillow front: Using solid-color yarn and circular knitting needle, work following instructions.

Rnd 1 (pick-up rnd): With RS facing and beg at center of any edge (see red dot on Figure 1), *pick up and knit 1 st where 2 triangles join, 25 sts along edge of next triangle, 1 st in corner and mark this st, then 25 sts along edge of next triangle; rep from * 3 more times—208 sts total: 51 sts on each side, 1 st in each corner. **Note:** When picking up sts in corners, it may be necessary to pull out a loop of cable, or to use another circular needle, in order to bend around corners. Once you have worked the next rnd, you should not have trouble working corners.

Rnd 2: Turn work so WS is facing, then knit to end.

From here, the edging is knitted in rows perpendicular to the edges of the pillow. With RS facing, CO 3 sts onto left needle.

Edging Row 1 (RS): With dpn, k2, k2tog, turn.

Edging Row 2 (WS): K3, turn.

*Rep Edging Rows 1 and 2 to marker, remove m and (after working Edging Row 2) mark this garter ridge; rep from * 3 more times, work Edging Rows 1 and 2 to end—3 sts rem.

Loosely BO all sts. Sew 3 BO sts to 3 CO sts. Weave in ends.

4 Knit edging on pillow back: Work as for pillow front, using Noro yarn in place of solid-color yarn. (For more color changes in back edging, remove sections of color, then splice and felt yarn ends tog.)

5 Soak pillow front and back in no-rinse wool wash. Place pieces in a thick towel and press to remove excess water. Smooth out front and back and let dry completely on a flat surface.

6 Thread tapestry needle with a 3-yd length of solid-color yarn. Holding pillow front and back with WS tog, beg in one corner, sew pieces tog along 3 sides, catching end of each garter ridge only, and aligning marked corners on front and back. Insert pillow form, then sew remaining side closed. Weave in ends. *

