

Crochet Ribbed Pillow Cover by Anita Young at creatingme.net



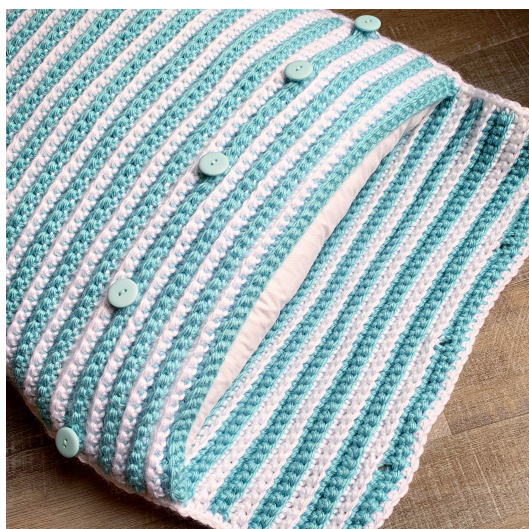
My pillow insert is 18-inches square. I used Red Heart Soft Essentials yarn in White and Seafoam with a J/6mm hook to make my pillow cover.

Begin by chaining 49 with Seafoam. Single crochet in the second chain from hook and in each chain across. Chain one and turn.

Single crochet with Seafoam in the **Back Loop Only** of each stitch across, changing to White at the end of the row. Chain one and turn.

Note: I didn't fasten off after each color change. I carried the yarn up the side of the cover as I went.

Continue with the pattern, 2 rows of Seafoam and 2 rows of White, until your pillow cover is long enough to fit over your insert with about 6 - 8 inches extra to fold over like in the picture below. End the cover with Seafoam. You will have a long rectangular piece. (Mine has 150 rows total.)



Fold the bottom of the cover up (with the carried yarn on the inside), leaving enough to fold over so it can be buttoned closed. Attach White yarn to the bottom right corner and single crochet through both layers, around the top with 3 single crochet in each corner (being sure to crochet over the carried yarn), and through both layers on the other side down to the bottom left corner. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Sew 5 (3/4-inch) buttons about 14 rows down from the opening of the pillow cover. Put in your pillow insert, fold over the top, and button it closed. It will be a tight fit to button through the stitches, but it will work.

This is a really easy pattern to adjust to whatever pillow size or weight of yarn you may have on hand. Simply use a hook size that corresponds to your yarn. Make your beginning chain long enough so when it is slightly stretched across the middle of your pillow insert, it reaches half way around the pillow. Then start with your first row of single crochet.

