Knit the Impossible Dreamer Cushion with Wool And The Gang

Chapter 1 - Knit the Impossible Dreamer Cushion

Overview

(relaxed electronic music) - Hey, guys, it's Beth here from Wool and the Gang, and today, I'm gonna be talking you through how to make the Impossible Dreamer Cushion, which is a really, really great homeware piece that we do. It's super snuggly, and it'll brighten up any sofa. This envelope-style cushion is knitted in one long piece using plasti stitch and stocking stich, and then we'll be learning how to seam it up using the vertical invisible seam technique. This cushion knits up super quickly with this lovely chunky wool which comes in 43 colors, so you'll definitely find something that suits your decor. (bright electronic music)

Materials

- Before we get making, we need to make sure that we have everything ready to go. To make our cushion, we will need three balls of Wool and the Gang's Crazy Sexy Wool, which is a really fantastic yarn made from a hundred percent Peruvian wool, and it's super easy to knit with. Today I'm gonna be using ivory white. We will also need one pair of U.K. size 12 or U.S. size 17 knitting needles and one cable needle. I'm gonna be using Wool and the Gang's very own maple wood needles today. We will also be needing a cushion innard which measures 45 centimeters by 45 centimeters or 17.5 inches by 17.5 inches. Things that will also come in handy while we're making is a tape measure, a pair of scissors, and then to finish it all off, a sewing needle. Also, don't forget to have your pattern handy, because this will have everything you need for your project.

Stitching the cushion

Assembly

- Now that we've finished knitting, it's time to sew up our sides to finish off our cushion. So take your piece and lay it down flat on the table so that your right side is facing the table. We're now gonna grab our tape measure. Now, starting from your cast off edge, we need to measure 10 inches, which is 25 centimeters. And at that point there, we're gonna fold in our cushion like so. And now from the other side of our cushion, we're gonna measure again 10 inches, 25 centimeters, and fold in at that point like so. This should give us a five centimeter, which is two inches. Fold over here like so. Now we're gonna use the vertical invisible seam technique to sew up both sides, once here and then once over here. So grab your needle and take a length of yarn. Make sure it's quite a bit longer than the side that you're seaming. And cut. Now we're gonna thread our needle like so. And I'm gonna start down here where the two pieces are at the fold line. So using the edge stitch here, we're gonna go up and under these horizontal bars that you can see here, so starting in this bottom one. Gonna insert our needle and go under the bar and back up through it like that. Pull your yarn through so you leave a little bit of tail at the end. Now we're gonna cross over to the other side and insert our needle here. And then we're gonna go under that bar and pull through. So now we're just gonna go back to this side and go back in through the hole that you came out of. So in there and then under that bar and pull through like that. So keep working like this until you get to the point where all three layers cross over each other. Now we've got to the point where all three layers overlap, so

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now we're gonna go through all three layers when we're doing our vertical seaming. So line them up like so, and now we're gonna be going through the first one and then back through the one that we were in before. So you're going in through this layer and then back in through that layer. Back out through there and then back out through this one. Okay, now you finish going through your three layers. You can go back to just seaming like normal just through the two layers. And now we've reached the point where the fold line is, so just pull that tight. And that's the end of that seam. As you can see, it's made a really invisible seam where it looks like the stitches just continue across like so. Now we're gonna do the other side. And there you go, that's the end of your seam. Now we're gonna do one last thing, which is darn in all our ends, and then your cushion will be complete. So starting with the one that you just finished, push your needle through and pull it through so it's on the inside of your cushion. Now we're gonna turn our cushion inside out so that we can hide all our ends on the inside of the cushion so that no one will ever see them. So we've got our needle here. I'm gonna hide my ends along the seam here. So insert your needle and bring it back out, and again, in and out. This is just a way to secure your ends so nothing comes undone. Like so. And then it's always good to work back on yourself just for a bit of extra security. Like so. There we go, and that's all secure, so we can snip that. Now repeat that for all your ends, and then your cushion will be done. One last thing to do is to grab your cushion inner and just pop it inside. So let's turn it over and insert there. There we go, and it's as easy as that. The cluster stitch adds a really lovely texture to your cushion and makes it that little bit extra special.

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