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Mini Decorative Pillow

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This pillow is very similar to my first Tunisian pillow, Keepsake Pocket Pillow. The front and back is made pretty much the same way, but the border and embellishments are different.

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Materials:

- Light Worsted/Worsted weight yarn (MC)
- Small amount of yarn for cross stitching and optional tassels (CC)
- Size H/8.00mm Tunisian (afghan) hook
- Size H/8.00mm Crochet hook
- Fiberfill
- Yarn needle

Stitches used:

Tunisian Simple Stitch (TSS)
Tunisian Cross Stitch (TCS)
Single Crochet (SC)

Special Stitches:

Cast on:

Chain amount indicated, [insert hook into next chain, Yarn over (YO), pull up loop] repeat in each chain across, keeping loops on hook

Tunisian Simple Stitch (TSS):

Forward Pass (FPS): [Insert hook in stitch/post indicated, pull up loop, leave on hook], repeat across.

Backward Pass (BPS): Yarn over, pull through 1 loop on hook, [YO, pull through 2 loops on hook] repeat until 1 loop remains on hook.

Tunisian Cross Stitch (TCS):

Forward Pass (FPS): [Skip next post, insert hook into next post, YO, pull up loop, insert hook into skipped post, YO, pull up loop], repeat across, keeping all loops on hook, to last post, insert hook into last loop, YO, pull up loop.

Backward Pass (BPS): work same as TSS BP

<u>Bind off:</u> [Insert hook into post indicated, YO, draw up loop, pull through loop on hook] repeat across until 1 loop remains on hook.

Instructions:

Front:

Chain 24,

Row 1: Cast on 23 more loops (24 loops), BPS until one loop remains on hook.

Rows 2-4: TCS FP ([skip next post, pull up loop in next post, go back to skipped post, pull up loop] across), until last loop, insert hook in last loop YO, draw up loop, 24 loops on hook, BPS.

Rows 5-17: TCS over next 4 posts, TSS until last 5 posts, TCS in next 4 posts, draw up loop in last post, 23 loops on hook, BPS.

Rows 18-19: TCS FP, until last loop, insert hook in last loop YO, draw up loop, 24 loops on hook, BPS.

Cast off in the TSC pattern. Finish off.

Back:

Chain 24,

Row 1: Cast on 23 more loops (24 loops), BP until one loop remains on hook.

Rows 2-19: TCS FP ([skip next post, pull up loop in next post, go back to skipped post, pull up loop] across), until last loop, insert hook in last loop YO, draw up loop, 24 loops on hook, BP.

Cast off in the TSC pattern. Finish off.

Finishing:

Before joining, on front side, using CC, following the graph, cross stitch pattern or picture in the middle square.

With wrong sides together (the back will be slightly smaller than the front, but the stitch count should be the same), working through both pieces, using the standard crochet hook, with the front facing, join yarn in any corner, ch 1, SC in same st as joining, SC evenly around, doing 3 SC in each corner to the 1st SC, 2 SC in same st, join to 1st SC.

NOTE: When about half way done on the 4th side, stuff pillow with fiberfill.

Optional:

Tassels:

Cut 16 lengths of yarn in CC. Separate into 4 groups of 4 lengths and attach to each corner of the pillow. Cut tassels to desired length and separate the plies of the yarn to give the tassels a fuller, decorative look.

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