

Seatbelt Neck Pad



We just returned from a trip down to Florida to see my Mom.

We drove our Prius V and had a great time.

We stopped in Savannah, Georgia, and Charleston, South Carolina,
and St. Augustine and Port St. Lucie, Florida.

We found some great restaurants and a couple good used book stores.

We also ended up in an Art Festival in St. Augustine.

There were some great pieces done by local artists.

Anyway, before I ramble on too much, I was going to tell you why this pattern came about.

My Mother had just gotten a Prius, and she loves hers as much as we love ours.

They are very comfortable cars, but the seatbelts tend to rub against our necks.

It could be because we are short, but whatever the reason,
a homemade cover is very soft and works great.

This pattern uses a linked-double-crochet and a chain-loop-fringe.

The pattern is fairly easy and the fringe is very soft on the neck.

There is a snag-free-Velcro closure, which makes it easy to put on and take off.

And using a cotton yarn, makes it machine washable.

As always, this is another free pattern.

I hope you enjoy it!

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Pattern Notes:

- Ch 2 at the beginning of the rows, does not count as a Dc, but will be used in the edging.
- I used a Sugar n Cream cotton worsted weight yarn because it was soft and washable, and it also stays in place, when fastened to the seatbelt.
- Other yarns might be softer, but they may also tend to slip-slide down the belt.
- This pattern fits Seatbelts that are about 1.88" (4.76 cm)
- The yarn does stretch a bit, and the Velcro can be adjusted to fit tighter or looser.
- You could adjust the hook size, or add or subtract the number of double crochets in the base cover, if you want a larger or smaller one.
- You can also make it longer or shorter by adding or deleting the repeat of rows 16 and 17. Just be sure to end on an even row, and adjust the edging sc's to make it even.

Materials:

Sugar n Cream (WW Med yarn):
Various colors ~ 70 to 80 yds (~1 ½ oz) for each cover
5.00 mm / H hook
No Snag Velcro ~16" (40.6cm) (That is ~8" for each side)
Sewing needle and thread to sew the Velcro onto the cover
Yarn needle to weave in ends

Gauge: 6 dc and 3 Rows = about 2" Not crucial.

Size: Lying flat: ~ 8 ½" (21.6cm) long and 5 ½" (14cm) wide.
Fits a seatbelt that is about 1 7/8 inches (4 ¾ cm) in width.

Abbreviations:

Beg = Beginning
Ch(s) = Chain(s)
Dc = Double Crochet
FO = Fasten Off
LDc = Linked Double Crochet
Rnd(s) = Round(s)
Sc = Single Crochet
Sk = Skip
Sp(s) = Space(s)
Ss = Slip Stitch
St(s) = Stitch(es)
Tog = Together
YO = Yarn over
US Terminology

Base of the Cover:

Row 1: Ch 17 (loosely),

Dc in the **back-ridge-bump** of 3rd ch from the hook, and in each of the next 11 chs.

Linked-Dc (Ldc) in the last 3 sts. Turn. (12 dc + 3 Ldc = 15 Total)

To make a Linked Dc:

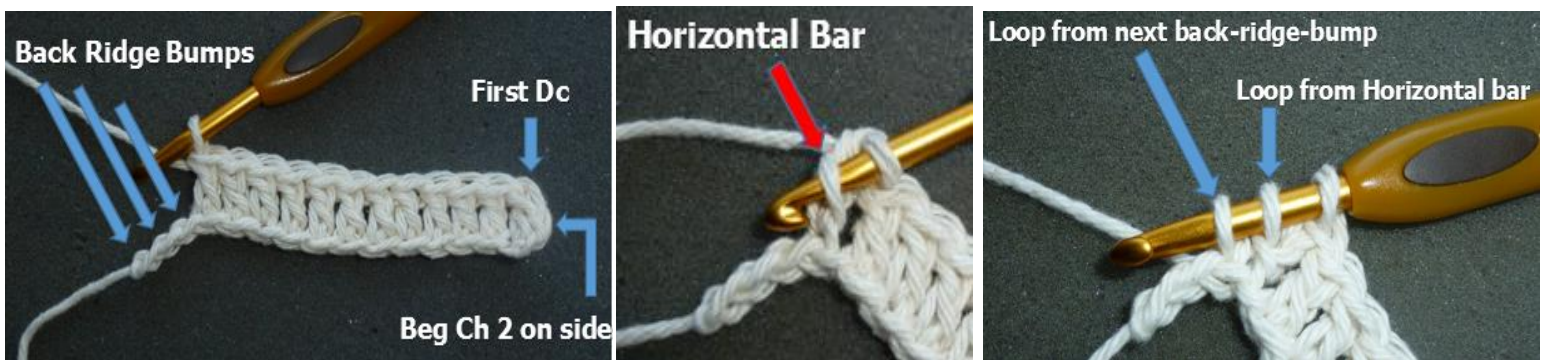
Insert hook in **horizontal bar** of the last dc made.

YO and pull up a loop.

Insert hook in back-ridge-bump of next ch.

YO and pull up a loop. [Now there should be 3 loops on the hook]

(YO and pull through 2 loops) 2 times. [Linked-Dc made].



Row 2: Ch 2 (does not count as a dc), **Beg-Ldc**, and **Ldc** in next 2 sts. Dc in the last 12 sts.
Turn. (3 Ldc +12 dc)

To make a Beginning Linked Dc:

Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and YO and pull up a loop.

Insert hook in the next dc, and YO and pull up a loop.

[Now there should be 3 loops on the hook]

(YO and pull through 2 loops) 2 times. [Beg-Linked-Dc made].

Row 3: Ch 2, Dc in the first 12 sts. **Ldc** in the last 3 sts. Turn. (12 dc + 3 Ldc)

Rows 4 - 13: (Repeat Rows 2 and 3) five times.

Row 14: Repeat Row 2 one more time. **Turn.**

Cushy Ruffle: These rows will all be **worked on the Right Side** of the Cover.

Row 15: Ch 1, Skip the first dc. Sc around the post of the 2nd dc.
(Ch 4, Sc around the post of the next dc) ten times.

Skip the last 3 Linked Dc's.

Row 16: Ch 4 (to connect rows).

Turn the work **clock-wise 180 degrees**, to work around the posts of the next row.

Skip the first 3 Ldc of the row.

Sc around the post of the 1st dc, directly above the last st worked (Shown before 180 turn, with green arrow).

(Sc around the post of the next dc) ten times.

Skip the Ch 2.

Note: The last stitch of this row will be around the post of the Dc that is next to the Beg-Ch-2. Only Sc around the Dc. Skip the Ch-2.

Row 17: (Ch 4 (to connect rows).

Skip the first dc.

Sc around the post of the 2nd dc.

(Ch 4, Sc around the post of the next dc) ten times.

Skip the last 3 Linked Dc's.

Rows 18 – 28: (Repeat Rows 16 and 17) five times.

Then Repeat Row 16 one more time.

Do Not Turn.

Note: You will be in the correct position to work along the side-edge of the 14 Dc Base-Rows.

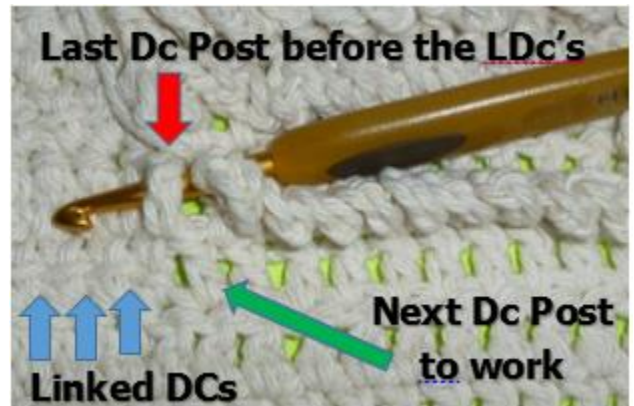
Edging:

Working along the **side of the rows:**

Ch 1, Sc in the first corner hole.

[Mark this sc with a safety pin or piece of thread]

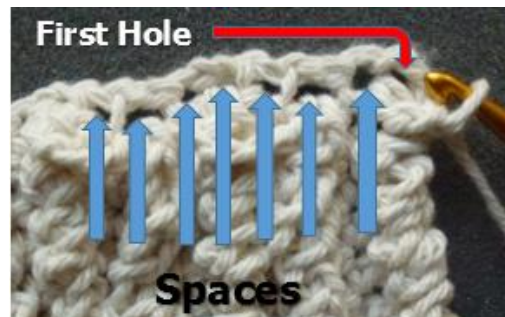
Continue to Sc in each space along this side, up to the top corner st.



Note: *There should be 2 sc's for each dc along this side-edge.
By single crocheting in each space, it should result in 27 sc's (in all) to the top, but not including the top corner stitch.*

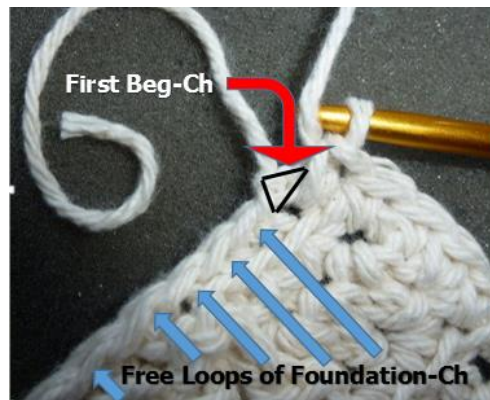
Continue across the top edge with:
3 Sc in that corner st.
Sc across next 13 sts.
3 Sc in the next corner st.

Continue working even on the other side-edge rows:
Sc in each space.
(Be careful not to miss stitches.
There should be 27 sc's to the bottom – not counting the corners).



Continue across the bottom edge in the **2 free loops** of the foundation chain of Row 1:

Note: *Do not miss the first stitch, it may be hidden.
If you work over the beg-yarn-end, you will not need to weave it in later.*
3 Sc in the corner st.
Sc across next 13 sts.
3 Sc in the corner st.
Join to the first (marked) st.
FO, and weave in the ends.
(27 + 19 + 27 + 19 = 92)



Finishing:

Measure and cut Velcro to fit over the top of the Linked-Dc's.
(I used about 8").
Snip the corners of the Velcro to round them out, so there will be no rough parts.
Pin it in place.
And with needle and thread, sew it securely.
(I used white sewing thread to match the color of the Velcro).
Measure the same amount of Velcro, and sew to the **other edge**, on the **underside**, of the chain-loops.
When sewing it on, be careful not to catch the loops on the front side.

