WHEN LIFE GIVES YOU LEMONS

LEMON PILLOW CROCHET PATTERN
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ABBREVIATIONS

BLO back loops only
ch(s) chain(s)
FLO front loops only
rnd(s) round(s)
sc single crochet
sc2tog single crochet two together
sk skip

sl st slip stitch
st(s) stitch(es)
YO yarn over
( ) work everything inside the parentheses into the next stitch
[ ] repeat everything inside the brackets the number of times indicated

STITCH REFRESHER

sc2tog: single crochet two stitches together – insert hook in front loop of next st, then in front loop of following st, [YO, draw yarn through 2 loops] twice.

GAUGE

8 sts x 10 rows = 4 x 4"/ 10 x 10cm using size M-13 (9mm) hook OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE. However, exact gauge is not as critical in this pattern.

NOTES

The right side of your work should show on the outside of the lemon.

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Approximately 26"/66cm long without stem and 40"/101.5cm circumference at widest point after stuffing.

MATERIALS

• Yellow yarn: 6 skeins of Lion Brand Hometown USA Pittsburgh Yellow or 4 skeins of Bernat Blanket Brights School Bus Yellow or 3 skeins Red Heart With Love Daffodil double stranded
• Green Yarn: 1 skein of Lion Brand Hometown USA Key Lime or 1 skein of Bernat Blanket Brights Go-Go Green or 1 skein Red Heart With Love Lettuce double stranded
• Brown Yarn: 1 skein of Lion Brand Hometown USA Santa Fe Tweed or 1 skein of Bernat Blanket Taupe or 1 skein of Red Heart With Love Chocolate double stranded
• One size M-13 (9.00mm) crochet hook
• Approx 48oz of polyester stuffing (1 ½ 32 oz. bags)
• Yarn needle
• Scissors
• Stitch markers or scrap yarn in a contrasting color

LEMON

With Yellow, make adjustable ring (Magic Loop), or ch 3 and sl st to 1st ch to form ring.
Rnd 1 6 sc into ring—6 sts. Do NOT join rnds.
Rnd 2 (2 sc) 6 times—12 sts.
Rnd 3 [(2 sc), sc] 6 times—18 sts.
Rnd 4 [(2 sc), 2 sc] 6 times—24 sts.
Rnd 5 [(2 sc), 3 sc] 6 times—30 sts.
Rnds 6–9 sc evenly around.
Rnd 10 [(2 sc), 2 sc] 10 times—40 sts.
Rnd 11 [(2 sc), 4 sc] 8 times—48 sts.
Rnd 12 [(2 sc), 7 sc] 6 times—54 sts.
Rnd 13 sc evenly around.
Rnd 14 [(2 sc), 8 sc] 6 times—60 sts.
Rnd 15 sc evenly around.
Rnd 16 [(2 sc), 9 sc] 6 times—66 sts.
Rnd 17 sc evenly around.
Rnd 18 [(2 sc), 10 sc] 6 times—72 sts.
Rnds 19–20 sc evenly around.
Rnd 21 [(2 sc), 11 sc] 6 times—78 sts.
Rnds 22–47 sc evenly around.
Rnd 48 [sc2tog, 11 sc] 6 times—72 sts.
Rnds 49–50 sc evenly around.
Rnd 51 [sc2tog, 10 sc] 6 times—66 sts.
Rnd 52 sc evenly around.
Rnd 53 [sc2tog, 9 sc] 6 times—60 sts.

Rnd 54 sc evenly around.
Rnd 55 [sc2tog, 8 sc] 6 times—54 sts.
Rnd 56 sc evenly around.
Rnd 57 [sc2tog, 7 sc] 6 times—48 sts.
Rnd 58 [sc2tog, 4 sc] 8 times—40 sts.
Secure all the ends and start stuffing. You want to be able to stuff the bulk of it before the opening gets too small, and then continue to add stuffing every few rnds.
Rnd 59 [sc2tog, 2 sc] 10 times—30 sts.
Rnd 60 sc evenly around.
Rnd 61 [sc2tog, 3 sc] 6 times—24 sts.
Rnd 62 [sc2tog, 2 sc] 6 times—18 sts.
Rnd 63 [sc2tog, sc] 6 times—12 sts.
Rnd 64 sc2tog 6 times—6 sts.
Sl st to next st to join.

Fasten off leaving a tail about 12"/30.5cm long. With yarn needle, weave tail through remaining 6 sts and pull to close. Tie off and weave in ends.
Note: If the bump at the top of your lemon isn't pronounced enough, take about a 36"/90cm of Yellow, and with a tapestry needle, weave Yellow invisibly through the inside/center of each stitch in rnd 9 and then cinch the yarn a little to create more shape. Tie off and weave in ends.

STEM

With Brown, make an adjustable ring (Magic Loop), or ch 3 and sl st to form ring.
Rnd 1 6 sc into ring—6 sts. Do NOT join.
Rnd 2 (2 sc) 6 times—12 sts.
Rnd 3 Working in BLO, sc evenly around.
Rnd 4 Working in both loops, [sc2tog, 2 sc] 3 times—9 sts.
Rnds 5 to end sc evenly around until stem is desired length. Sample is 3"/7.5cm long.
When stem is desired length, sl st to next st to join. Fasten off leaving about 24"/60cm of yarn for sewing later. Weave in other end. Stuff stem lightly.

LEAF

With Green, leaving a 12"/30.5cm tail for sewing later, ch 2.
Row 1 Sk 1st ch, (3 sc)—3 sts.
Row 2 Ch 1, turn. (3 sc), (2 sc), (3 sc—8 sts.
Row 3 Ch 1, turn. (2 sc), 6 sc, (2 sc)—10 sts.
Rows 4–8 Ch 1, turn. Sc evenly—10 sts.
Row 9 Ch 1, turn. Sk 1st st, 8 sc—9 sts.
Row 10 Ch 1, turn. Sc evenly—9 sts.
Row 11 Ch 1, turn. 7 sc, sk 1 st, sc in last st—8 sts.
Row 12 Ch 1, turn. Sc evenly—8 sts.
Row 13 Ch 1, turn. Sk 1st st, 6 sc—7 sts.
Row 14 Ch 1, turn. Sc evenly—7 sts.
Row 15 Ch 1, turn. 5 sc, sk 1 st, sc in last st—6 sts.
Row 16 Ch 1, turn. Sk 1st st, 5 sc—5 sts.
Row 17 Ch 1, turn. Sk 1st st, 4 sc—4 sts.
Row 18 Ch 1, turn. Sk 1st st, 3 sc—3 sts.
Row 19 Ch 1, turn. Sk 1st st, 2 sc—2 sts.
Row 20 Ch 1, turn. Sk 1st st, sc—1 st.

Fasten off and weave in end.

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Well, this lemon is a win-win, because you can stitch away stress while you're making it and then squeeze away stress as often as you need after it's done. How great is that?! Oh, and don't forget to show off your lovely lemon when you're done. Post a pic of it along with the hashtag #StitchAwayStress on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook!

FINISHING

Sew Stem to top of Lemon. Sew Leaf to base of Stem. Hug!