

# Stripes Brigade Mosaic Throw Pillow



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## Materials

**Yarn:** 90(110, 140) yards [80(100, 130) m] in each of two colors of bulky-weight yarn.

*Left: 1 ball each Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Bulky (Grey Heather) and Gina Chunky (Slate). Right: 1 ball each Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Bulky (Onyx), Gina Chunky (Mermaid)*

**Needles:** US size 10 (6.0 mm) 24-in. circular needles, or size required to get gauge.

**Gauge:** 3 sts/in. in St st.

**Sizes:** Small(Medium, Large)

**Finished Measurements:** 16½(18½, 20½) in. square. Fits an 18(20, 22)-in. pillow insert.

## Notions:

- One 18(20, 22)-in. pillow insert (available at craft stores) or bag of pillow stuffing
- Optional: One 20(22,24)-in. zipper (if you want to make it a removable pillow cover)
- 1 yd. fabric for back of pillow, cut to 16½(18½, 20½) in. square
- 1 yd. fabric to line the front of the pillow, cut to 16½(18½, 20½) in. square
- Sewing machine or needle and thread or access to a tailor/upholsterer
- Measuring tape, tapestry needle, scissors
- Recommended: T-pins and blocking mats for blocking

## Abbreviations/Terms

**CC** — Contrasting Color

**MC** — Main Color

**RS** — Right Side

**Sl 1** — Slip 1

**WS** — Wrong Side

**Purlwise** — With the right-hand needle going into the stitch from back to front, as if to purl

## Notes

- Stitch-pattern used is Tricolor Wave Stripes from Margaret Radcliffe's *Essential Guide to Color Knitting Techniques*.

- Throw pillows are usually filled with a pillow insert that is 2 inches bigger than the flat cover size. This makes the pillow puff out.
- Slip all sts purlwise with yarn held to the WS of the work.

## Instructions

With MC, CO 61(69, 77) sts.

## Setup Rows

Row 1 (RS): K.

Row 2: P.

## Pattern Rows

Row 1: K1, (Sl 3, k1) across.

Row 2: P2, (Sl 1, p3) to last 3 sts, end Sl 1, p2.

Row 3: Twist yarns once around each other. Continuing in same color as Row 2, K across.

Row 4: P. Drop current color and pick up other color.

Repeat Pattern Rows 1-4.

Continue to work Rows 1-4, switching colors after every Row 4, until work measures 16½(18½, 20½) in. from CO edge.

BO.

Optional: Weave in ends. You can hide ends to the WS of the work, but they may get in your way when sewing the pillowcase together.

## Finishing

Block, pinning knitted piece to 16½(18½, 20½) inches square.

To create the pillow, you have several options. You can sew the lining and back on yourself or you can take the materials to an upholsterer or a tailor to do it for you.

If you're going to take the pillow in to have it made, bring the pillow front and the two pieces of fabric to the tailor and tell them you'd like them to line the knitted piece with one of the fabric pieces, and then make a removable pillow cover with a zipper out of the lined front and the other piece of fabric.

## Line the Knitted Piece

Pin the lining fabric to the back of the knitted piece wrong sides together.

Sew the pieces together all the way around using a 1/2-in. seam allowance.

## Create the Pillow Cover

Pin the lined knitted piece to the fabric backing with the right sides together.

Sew the pieces together on three sides using a 1/2-in. seam allowance

Continue sewing the fourth side shut, working in from each corner and stopping when you have just enough room to fit the pillow form or stuffing in.

Optional: Sew the zipper into the opening.

Turn pillow cover right-side out. Push a blunt small tool like a capped pen into the corners to square them out. to If you inserted the zipper, you are done.

If you are not adding a zipper, stuff the pillow and sew up the remaining edge as follows:

Tuck the un-sewn edges in along the sewn seam and iron lightly so they want to stay folded. This will help when you sew the opening shut.

Insert pillow form or stuffing through opening.

Working along the same seam, hand-sew the opening shut, tucking the raw edges inside the pillow cover as you go.

Display in your home and congratulate yourself on your craftiness.



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