

**LANA GATTO**



**NUOVO IRLANDA/PATAGONIA**

# CUSHIONS AND SMALL BASKET

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**Skill Level:** intermediate

**How much yarn:** Nuovo Irlanda yarn in cream shade no. 978, 250 g for square cushion and 150 g for rectangular cushion.

300 g Patagonia yarn in cream shade no. 978, for basket. A little amount of dark grey yarn for embroidery on basket

**Needles:** A pair of 6.00mm (no. 4) knitting needles  
A Double-pointed (Dp) needle

**Crochet hook:** A 6.50mm (no. 3) hook

**Sewing needle:** Yarn needle with rounded point

**Other items:** A 40 x 40 cushion pad.

A 45 x 30 cushion pad.

## STITCHES

**Using needles:** garter stitch (g st).

**DOUBLE LEFT CABLE:** work over 12 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** K12. **Row 2 and next even rows:** P12.

**Row 3:** K12. **Row 5:** 6 Left crossed stitches (= place next 3 sts onto Dp needle, on frontside, K next 3 sts, K3 from Dp needle), K6. **Rows 7 and 9:** K12. **Row 11:** K6, 6 Left crossed stitches. **Row 12:** P12. Rep Rows 1-12 throughout.

**DOUBLE RIGHT CABLE:** work over 12 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** K12. **Row 2 and next even rows:** P12.

**Row 3:** K12. **Row 5:** K6, 6 Right crossed stitches (= place next 3 sts onto Dp needle, on backside, K next 3 sts, K3 from Dp needle). **Rows 7 and 9:** K12. **Row 11:** 6 Right crossed stitches, K6. **Row 12:** P12. Rep Rows 1-12 throughout.

**Using hook:** chain (ch) - Slip stitch (ss)  
Double crochet (dc).

**MAGIC CIRCLE:** (or loop or ring) is used at the beginning of a project where you are working in the round, and it creates a neat closed hole in the centre of the first round. To begin, hold the tail of your yarn in the palm of your left hand. Form a ring by wrapping the yarn around your index and middle fingers. The working yarn is now on the right. Hold the point where the loop overlaps. Insert your crochet hook into the magic loop from front to back. Loop the yarn around the groove of your hook and pull it through. Make one chain stitch. \* Insert your hook into the ring, loop the yarn and pull through. There are now two loops on your crochet hook. Loop the yarn and pull it through both loops - you have now made one single crochet stitch; rep from \* until you have made the number of stitches indicated by your pattern. Pull on the tail end of your yarn to close up the hole in the centre of the work - it is magic!

## MEASUREMENTS

**Square cushion:** cm 40 x 40.

**Rectangular cushion:** cm 45 x 30.

**Basket:** 20 cm in diameter - 12 cm in height.

## TENSIONS

15 sts and 28 rows measure 10 cm square over g st with 6.00 mm (no. 4) needles and one strand of yarn.

10 sts and 14 rounds measure 10 cm square over dc with 6.50 mm (no. 3) hook and two strands of yarn held together.

## INSTRUCTIONS

**SQUARE CUSHION:** with 6.00mm (no. 4) needles and Nuova Irlanda yarn cast on 64 sts. Work as follows: 5 sts in g st, 12 sts Double right cable, 30 sts in g st, 12 sts Double left cable and 5 sts in g st. When work measures 80 cm from beg, cast off. Fold panel in half and with yarn needle sew two side seams in mattress st. Insert cushion pad and complete sewing seam across rem open side.

**RECTANGULAR CUSHION:** with 6.00mm (no. 4) needles and Nuova Irlanda yarn cast on 72 sts. Work as follows: 9 sts in g st, 12 sts Double right cable, 30 sts in g st, 12 sts Double left cable and 9 sts in g st. When work measures 60 cm from beg, cast off. Fold panel in half and with yarn needle sew two short side seams in mattress st. Insert cushion pad and complete sewing seam across open side.

## INSTRUCTIONS BASKET

**Note:** work using two strands of yarn held together throughout.

**Base:** commence with a magic circle. Into circle work: **1st round:** 6 dc, end this round and all following rounds with a ss into first st. **2nd round:** 2 dc in each st of previous round. There are 12 dc. **3rd round:** 1 dc into 1st dc, 2 dc into next dc; \* 1 dc into following dc, 2 dc into next dc; rep from \* to end. There are 18 dc. **4th round:** \* 1 dc into each of next 2 sts, 2 dc into following st; rep from \* to end. There are 24 dc. **From 5th to 12th round:** cont to work other 8 rounds dc, increasing 6 sts evenly spaced every round. At end there are 72 dc.

**Side:** cont to work approx 17 more rounds dc without increasing, until basket is 12cm high. Fasten off.

**Writing:** with crochet hook and dark grey yarn chain a stripe approx 2m long, turn and work 1 ss in each ch. As shown in picture, use this cord to create LOVE writing and HEART (approx 18 cm long and 6cm high) and sew it on basket with a yarn needle in slip stitch.