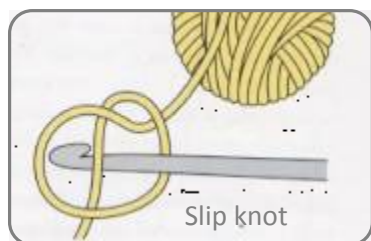


# Hooked Zpagetti



Lounge cushion  
Ravoli 70 x 70 cm

You only need a limited number of basic stitches for this pattern: chain stitches and double crochets. You also need about 1800 -2000 grams of zpagetti. The exact amount depends on how "tightly" you crochet. We used a 12 mm crochet needle.



The most important quality of Hoooked Zpagetti is the varying thickness and texture of the thread. That's why it is important to keep looking at the dimensions and the shape of the crocheted bag for each pattern. The number of stitches per row is therefore not a fixed number, but should be determined depending on the desired dimensions of the end result.

## Step 1: two crochet squares

You start by making a slip knot. Then crochet 40 chain stitches.

Make 1 double crochet in the 3rd chain stitch starting from the crochet needle. Then make 1 double crochet in the 2nd chain stitch. Repeat this until you reach the end of your chain stitch sequence. At the end of the row, crochet 2 chain stitches and then start the next row. Make 1 double crochet in the 2nd stitch (the chain stitch of the previous row) and then keep alternating 1 double crochet, 1 chain stitch, etc. So the double crochets are not one above the other but move between each other. Repeat this for about 30 rows. Your square should measure 70 cm by 70 cm. When you have finished this, fasten off. Make a second square, the same as the first or in a contrasting colour.

## Step 2: joining

Lay the squares on top of each other. Start by joining the two squares with a new zpagetti thread using double crochets. If you use a thick zpagetti thread, you should alternate 1 double crochet and 1 chain stitch. For the corners, crochet 3 double crochets in 1 stitch. When you have attached 3 sides, insert the cushion. With the cushion inside, close up the remaining side. Fasten off.

## Step 3: chain fringe edge and finishing off

To crochet a chain fringe edge around the cushion afterwards, attach a new zpagetti thread to the existing edge. You can use zpagetti of the same colour, but you can also vary it by using a contrasting colour. Then crochet 3 chain stitches. Attach these to the 3rd stitch on the existing edge using a slip stitch. Repeat this all around. For the corners, crochet the slip stitch in the 2nd stitch so that there is more space for the chain fringe edge. You can also crochet several chain stitches for 1 scallop, so that it becomes bigger / rounder. Fasten off.

To create the stripes on the cushion, braid a zpagetti thread through the stitches. You can put the ends of the threads away between the other stitches at the back or sew them onto the other stitches using a small stitch.

## Some more tips:

The size of the stitches depends on the thickness of the zpagetti thread. You can assume, however, that 10 stitches gives you approximately 18-20 cm. This is a question of trial and error.

By casting on fewer stitches, you can crochet smaller squares: common cushion sizes are 40 x 40 cm and 50 x 50 cm.

With these stitches, you will find that the result gives you slightly open crochet squares. So keep in mind that the colour of your cushion will be visible. A contrasting colour underneath the crochet work also has a nice effect.

Use a washable lining, so that you can wash the cushion from time to time (in an old pillowcase at max. 30 degrees Celsius).