

## LIFEBUOY CUSHION

Throw us a lifeline – and by that we mean Tricia Fairburn's hot pink lifebuoy cushion.

And a hook. And maybe some yarn, too?

- Caron Simply Soft (100% acrylic, 170g/288m), 2 balls of Dark Country Blue (9711), 1 ball of Neon Pink (9775), a small amount of Bone (9703)

- A 5mm (US H/8) hook
- A round cushion pad, 40cm
- Stitch markers
- Fabric glue

### TENSION

Rounds 1-3 measure 9cm (3½in) in diameter

### MEASUREMENTS

Cushion measures approx 40cm (15¾in) in diameter

### NOTES

Cushion is made up of a Front and Back Panel. Panels are worked in a continuous spiral, without closing off each round with a slip stitch. It may help to use a stitch marker in the first stitch of each round, moving it up as you work. Rope sections are made separately and glued to the Front Panel.

Panels are joined together at the end with a slip stitch seam.

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### BACK PANEL

Using Dark Country Blue, make a magic loop.

**Round 1 (RS)** Ch2 (does not count as st), 12tr into loop. [12 tr]

**Round 2** 2tr in each st to end. [24 tr]

**Round 3** (1tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [36 tr]

**Round 4** (1tr, 2tr in next st, 1tr) 12 times. [48 tr]

**Round 5** (3tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [60 tr]

**Round 6** (2tr, 2tr in next st, 2tr) 12 times. [72 tr]

**Round 7** (5tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [84 tr]

**Round 8** (3tr, 2tr in next st, 3tr) 12 times. [96 tr]

**Round 9** (7tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [108 tr]

**Round 10** (4tr, 2tr in next st, 4tr) 12 times. [120 tr]

**Round 11** (9tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [132 tr]

**Round 12** (5tr, 2tr in next st, 5tr) 12 times.

[144 tr]

**Round 13** (11tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [156 tr]

**Round 14** (6tr, 2tr in next st, 6tr) 12 times. [168 tr]

**Round 15** (13tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [180 tr]

**Round 16** (7tr, 2tr in next st, 7tr) 12 times.

[192 tr]

**Round 17** (15tr, 2tr in next st) 12 times. [204 tr]

**Fasten off** and weave in ends.

### FRONT PANEL

Using Dark Country Blue, make a magic loop.

**Rounds 1-8** As Rounds 1-8 of Back Panel. [96 tr]

Change to Neon Pink.

**Rounds 9-13** As Rounds 9-13 of Back Panel.

[156 tr]

Change to Dark Country Blue.

**Rounds 14-17** As Rounds 14-17 of Back Panel.

[204 tr]

**Fasten off** and weave in ends.

### ROPES (MAKE 4)

Using Bone, ch13.

**Row 1 (RS)** Tr in fourth ch from hook, tr in each ch to end.

**Fasten off** and weave in ends.

Glue the Ropes over Rounds 8-14 on Front Panel, making sure they are spaced evenly around.

### TO MAKE UP

Place Front and Back together, with RS facing out. Ss the Panels together, inserting cushion pad when three-quarters of the way around.

**Fasten off** and weave in ends.

## NAUTICAL BUNTING

Maria Jęczmyk's bunting is an easy beginner make. Smooth sailing guaranteed – that's if you don't run into any nautical knots!

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- A 5mm (US H/8) hook

### TENSION

Tension is not critical for this project, but it may affect the yarn quantities required

