

HOW TO CROCHET A PUMPKIN

Materials: yarn (medium) two colors (one for pumpkin and one for stem), crochet hook (5 mm), yarn needle, scissors, and pillow/toy stuffing.

Start with slip stitch and leaving a long tail string at end. This string will be used to sew the pumpkin together later.

Body of Pumpkin

This is a 'ribbed stitch' crochet pattern.

Ch 25 - This should measure approximately 6 inches.

Row 1- Twist the chain around to show back and SC into back hole of each chain starting by skipping the first hole for total of 24 SC then chain 1 at end of row then turn.

Row 2 - Again, skip first hole then SC into back hole of each chain for 24 SC then chain 1 and turn.

Row 3 through 43 - Skip first hole then SC into back hole of each chain for 24 SC then chain 1 and turn.

You will see the ribbed pattern forming as you complete each row. Repeat for each row until you have 43 rows

END final row – Leave extra-long tail string. This will be used to cinch in the top and bottom of pumpkin.



Put your pumpkin together:

Thread the 1st tail through a yarn needle. Stitch the 2 sides (width) together using cast stitch.

Thread the 2nd tail through the yarn needle. Stitch the diameter using straight stitch.

Work your way all the way around until you reach your starting point. Then pull the thread to cinch the piece forming a little bowl shape. Make sure the hole is completely closed. Make a couple of cross stitches to close it up.



Now you have a bowl, fill it with pillow stuffing. Using the thread that is still from the 2nd tail, feed it through center of bowl containing stuffing. Then stitch the top diameter of pumpkin using a straight stitch. Work your way all the way around until you reach your starting point. Then pull the thread to cinch the piece forming a ball shape. Make sure the hole is completely closed. Make a couple of cross stitches to close it up.



Crochet: CORD (for stem):

Start with Slip stitch and leave extra string at end. Then Ch 11.

Row 1-Twist the chain around to show back and SC into back hole of each chain starting by skipping the first hole for total of 10 SC then chain 1 at end of row then turn.

Row 2 -again skip first hole then SC into back hole of each chain for 10 SC. Tie off end leaving a long tail.

Using yarn needle, thread the long tail through needle and stitch 2 ends together. You now have a stem. Attach the stem to the top center of the pumpkin. Stitch together using thread on yarn needle.



NOTES:

The total number of rows is the length of the piece. This should be 2X the width of the piece.

EX. Pumpkin measures 6" X 2 = 12" (length of piece) = approximately 43 rows to complete

EX. Smaller pumpkin 4" X 2 = 8" (length of piece) = approximately 34 rows to complete

ABBREVIATIONS

Chain (ch) - YO, pull through lp on hook

Loop (lp)

Single crochet (sc) - insert hook into hole in chain, YO, pull through YO pull through two loops

Slip Stitch (sl st) – insert hook in st, pull through both loops on hook

Stitch (st)

Yarn Over (yo)



Need help: www.easycrochet.com

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