FREE CROCHET PATTERN

Easy Crochet Pumpkin

A plump amigurumi pumpkin worked in simple single crochet rounds, pulled into six segments with a yarn wrap and topped with a stem, leaf and curly vine.

SKILL LEVEL	FINISHED SIZE	YARN WEIGHT
Beginner	About 3 in (7.5 cm) across and 2.5 in (6 cm) tall, not including the stem	Medium / Worsted
HOOK	**TIME**	**TERMS**
3.5 mm (US E-4)	About 1½–2 hours	US terms

Gauge: Gauge is not critical. Aim for tight stitches with no gaps — if stuffing shows through the fabric, switch to a smaller hook.

Materials

- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn in orange — About 35 yd (32 m) (Estimated, including about 2 yd (1.8 m) for the segment wraps)
- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn in brown — About 3 yd (2.7 m) (For the stem)
- ☐ Worsted-weight yarn in green — About 4 yd (3.7 m) (For the leaf and vine (optional))
- ☐ 3.5 mm (US E-4) crochet hook (A hook smaller than the yarn label suggests keeps amigurumi stitches tight)

- [ ] Polyester fiberfill — A large handful
- [ ] Stitch marker, tapestry needle and scissors

Abbreviations

MR — magic ring

ch — chain

sc — single crochet

hdc — half double crochet

dc — double crochet

inc — increase — work 2 stitches in the same stitch

dec — decrease — work 2 stitches together

sl st — slip stitch

st(s) — stitch(es)

rnd(s) — round(s)

[ ] — repeat the instructions inside the brackets the number of times stated

( ) — stitch count at the end of a round or row, or a group worked into one stitch

Notes before you start

• The pumpkin and stem are worked in continuous spiral rounds. Do not join at the end of each round — place a stitch marker in the first stitch and move it up as you go.

• Here, inc means 2 sc in the same stitch and dec means sc 2 stitches together.

• The number shown after each round is the stitch count you should have at the end of that round.

• The optional leaf uses half double crochet and double crochet. If you only know single crochet so far, make the pumpkin, stem and vine and skip the leaf.

• Written in US crochet terms. In UK terms, sc is double crochet (dc).

The pattern

Pumpkin

Start with orange. The magic ring becomes the bottom of the pumpkin.

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** With orange, make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(6)**
- [ ] **Rnd 2:** Inc in each st around. **(12)**
- [ ] **Rnd 3:** [Sc 1, inc] 6 times. **(18)**
- [ ] **Rnd 4:** [Sc 2, inc] 6 times. **(24)**
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** [Sc 3, inc] 6 times. **(30)**
- [ ] **Rnd 6:** [Sc 4, inc] 6 times. **(36)**
- [ ] **Rnd 7:** [Sc 5, inc] 6 times. **(42)**
- [ ] **Rnds 8–14:** Sc in each st around for 7 rounds. **(42)**
- [ ] **Rnd 15:** [Sc 5, dec] 6 times. **(36)**

- [ ] **Rnd 16:** [Sc 4, dec] 6 times. **(30)**
- [ ] **Rnd 17:** [Sc 3, dec] 6 times. **(24)**

> **Note:** Stuff the pumpkin firmly now, adding fiberfill in small pieces and shaping it into a smooth ball. Firm stuffing gives deeper segments.

- [ ] **Rnd 18:** [Sc 2, dec] 6 times. **(18)**
- [ ] **Rnd 19:** [Sc 1, dec] 6 times. Finish stuffing firmly. **(12)**
- [ ] **Rnd 20:** Dec 6 times. **(6)**
- [ ] **Close:** Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail. Thread it onto a tapestry needle, weave it through the front loops of the remaining 6 stitches and pull gently to close. Hide the tail inside. This closed end is the top of the pumpkin.

Stem

- [ ] **Rnd 1:** With brown, make a magic ring and work 6 sc into the ring. Pull the ring closed. **(6)**
- [ ] **Rnds 2–4:** Sc in each st around for 3 rounds. **(6)**
- [ ] **Rnd 5:** [Sc 1, inc] 3 times. **(9)**
- [ ] **Finish:** Sl st in the next st and fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. For a firmer stem, push in a tiny pinch of fiberfill with the end of your hook.

Leaf (optional)

Worked on both sides of a short chain, so the leaf is finished in one pass.

- [ ] **Leaf:** With green and leaving an 8 in (20 cm) starting tail, ch 7. Sl st in the 2nd ch from hook, sc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, dc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, 3 sc in the last ch. Working along the other side of the chain: hdc in the next ch, dc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch, sc in the next ch, sl st in the last ch. **(13 sts)**
- [ ] **Finish:** Fasten off and weave in this end. Keep the starting tail — it sits at the rounded end of the leaf, ready for sewing.

Vine (optional)

- [ ] **Vine:** With green, ch 12. Work 3 sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. The strip twists into a curly vine on its own. **(33 sts)**
- [ ] **Finish:** Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail for sewing.

Assembly

- [ ] **Start the segments:** Cut a 72 in (180 cm) length of orange yarn and thread it onto a tapestry needle. Insert the needle at the bottom center (the magic ring) and push it straight up through the middle of the pumpkin, bringing it out at the top center. Leave a 4 in (10 cm) tail hanging at the bottom.

- [ ] **Wrap the first segment:** Take the yarn down the outside of the pumpkin, following one of the six faint increase lines. Insert the needle at the bottom center again and bring it back out at the top. Pull gently until the yarn sinks into the pumpkin and forms a groove.
- [ ] **Wrap the rest:** Repeat 5 more times, moving to the next line each time, so the wraps divide the pumpkin into 6 even segments. After the last wrap, push the needle down from the top center and out at the bottom center. Tie the yarn and the starting tail together in a firm double knot, then hide both tails inside the pumpkin.

Tip: Pull every wrap to the same tension so the segments match. Pressing down gently on the top while you tighten gives a squat, natural pumpkin shape.

- [ ] **Attach the stem:** Center the flared end of the stem over the top of the pumpkin, where the wraps cross. Sew all the way around its edge with the stem tail.
- [ ] **Add the leaf and vine:** Sew the rounded end of the leaf beside the stem with its starting tail. Sew one end of the vine next to the stem and let the rest curl over the pumpkin.

Finishing

- [ ] **Ends:** Weave all remaining ends into the pumpkin and trim them close.

Tips

• Stuff in small pieces rather than one big clump, so the pumpkin stays smooth and the wraps pull in evenly.

- If you can see stuffing between the stitches, work more tightly or change to a 3 mm hook.
- Cotton yarn gives crisp stitch definition; acrylic makes a softer, more budget-friendly pumpkin.
- Try cream, sage green or rust as well as orange for a farmhouse-style pumpkin patch.

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