

A flat orange pumpkin with a curled vine

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BEGINNER-FRIENDLY CROCHET
PUMPKIN PATTERN

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Source: Easy_Crochet_PumpkinPattern.pdf

Materials

Source: worsted-weight orange, brown and green yarn, 5 mm / H-8 hook, yarn needle and scissors. No stuffing. Fibre, yardage and finished dimensions are not given.

Size and gauge

No verified dimensions or gauge. Work the four-round disc first, measure height and width flat without stretching, then use the common swatch scaling estimate for another yarn.

Before starting: source corrections

The supplied cover is a stylized pumpkin reference, not construction photography. Round-start chains conflict with the source totals; this draft counts ch 2 only as the first dc of R1, and not in R2-R4. The bottom indentation has no defined placement; this version adds a complete fifth border round with one explicit bottom decrease. Shape requires sampling.

US stitch key

US terms: ch chain; st stitch; sl st slip stitch; sc single crochet; hdc half double crochet; dc double crochet; tr treble crochet; BLO back loop only; FLO front loop only; MR magic ring. Inc means 2 of the named stitch in one old stitch. A sc2tog consumes two old stitches: draw up a loop in each, yarn over through all three loops. For dc2tog, leave the last pull-through of each of two dc unfinished, then pull through the three remaining loops. FPdc means dc around the post from front to back to front. Chains and joining slip stitches do not count unless explicitly stated. Turn only where instructed.

Swatch and size planning

Where no numerical gauge is supplied, make a 12-stitch by 12-row swatch in the main stitch, measure the central 10 stitches and 10 rows after label-directed care, and record the span. For stuffed work, check that filling does not show through. For flat work, check that the fabric lies flat. To estimate a new size from your own measured sample using the same stitch counts: $\text{new width} = \text{sample width} \times \text{old stitches-per-cm} / \text{new stitches-per-cm}$. Height may change independently; verify a complete sample. This is a scaling estimate, not an additional tested size.

Disc

R1: MR, ch 2 counted as first dc, 11 dc in ring; join to top of ch 2 (12). R2: ch 2 uncounted; 2 dc in every old stitch; join to first actual dc (24). R3: ch 2 uncounted; [dc, 2 dc in next stitch] twelve times; join (36). R4: ch 2 uncounted; [dc in next 2 stitches, 2 dc in next stitch] twelve times; join (48). Mark the join as top centre. Do not turn.

Proposed shaping border

Number R4 positions 1-48 starting at the join. Ch 1 uncounted. Sc in positions 1-22, sc3tog across 23-25, then sc in positions 26-48. For sc3tog, draw up one loop in each of three old stitches and pull through all four hook loops. Join and finish: 46 border stitches. The decrease marks bottom centre. Shape gently; do not promise a deep two-lobed outline before testing.

Stem

Join brown at top centre. Ch 6; sc in second chain and remaining four chains (5). Slip stitch to the same top anchor; finish and secure the stem base flat.

Vine

Join green beside the stem. Ch 10; starting in the second chain, work 2 sc into each of nine chains (18). Slip stitch back at the base and finish. Arrange the curl without pulling the disc out of shape.

Finish

Weave all ends on the reverse. Follow the yarn label for gentle shaping. Sew onto a non-pet decorative textile with small stitches around the edge if desired; no attachment or washability has been tested.

Finishing, care and display

These are seasonal home decorations, not pet toys. Keep stuffing, beads, vines, needles and loose yarn out of pets' reach. Display finished pieces where pets cannot pull at them. Follow the actual yarn, filling and embellishment care labels; assembled washability is untested. Check attachments and ends after handling. No heat-protection, food-contact or load-bearing claim is established.

Sample record

Record yarn and dye lot, hook, gauge, actual width/height/circumference, yarn used, count changes, care results and attachment checks. Complete one physical sample before describing the pattern as tested. Blank record:

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