

A pumpkin basket with a leafy lid

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Source: DIY Crochet pumpkin basket.pdf

Materials

Source: orange T-shirt yarn 7-9 mm, about 50 m; green polyester cord 3 mm, about 10 m; 6 mm hook for orange and 4 mm for green; scissors, marker and blunt needle. Source lists iron and lighter; this edition uses label-directed shaping and woven ends, not assumed heat treatment or flame sealing.

Size and gauge

Source diameter about 19-20 cm, body height about 10 cm and total with stem about 20 cm. Gauge: 9 stitches and 8 rows per 10 x 10 cm, stitch not fully specified. Make a sc/split-sc comparison swatch with the actual yarn and record both. Basket opening and lid must be measured together; these are source dimensions, not tested results.

Before starting: source corrections

The basket wall is built sideways onto a small base. Keep the source eleven pairs (22 rows), attaching to base stitches 2-12; base stitch 1 is the initial chain anchor. That leaves seam fit dependent on a sample. Stem chain 10 plus working into a knot is clarified as chain 11 for ten normal stitches. Lid offset stitches move the marker without adding stitches. Leaf rows intentionally shorten: unworked end stitches remain as steps. No pet-bed, carrying or food-container use is proposed. Source expressly requires permission for translation/distribution.

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.

Small base

Orange, 6 mm hook: ch 2; 6 sc in second chain. Join with sl st to first sc; ch 1 uncounted. R2: 2 split-sc in each old stitch (12); join and ch 1 uncounted. Split-sc enters between the two vertical legs of an old sc rather than under its top loops; draw the loop up loosely enough to work comfortably. Secure the centre tail. Mark base stitches 1-12, starting at the join. This explicit ordinary join is a draft substitute for the source's video-dependent join.

Wall first pair

At base stitch 1, ch 12. Work back from second chain toward the base: sc, hdc, 5 dc, 2 hdc, sc, sl st (11 wall stitches). Make one additional anchoring sl st in base stitch 2. Turn with yarn behind. Do not count or work into the anchor as a wall stitch. Return row, BLO: sl st, sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc (11). Ch 1 and turn.

Pairs 2-11

Toward base, BLO: sc, hdc, 5 dc, 2 hdc, sc, sl st (11); make an extra anchor sl st in the next base stitch and turn. Return away from base: sl st, sc, 2 hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc (11); ch 1 turn. Pair k anchors in base stitch k+1. Finish after the return row of pair 11, anchored in base stitch 12. There are 22 wall rows. Fasten off with a 30-40 cm sewing tail.

Close wall

With wrong side outward, match the final eleven-stitch wall edge to the eleven foundation-chain positions. Sew corresponding positions, catching the back loop of the final row and the matching foundation loop. Close the seam down to base stitch 1 without adding an extra wall pair. Turn right side out and shape gently. If the seam pulls or the wall will not stand, record the required sample adjustment before making the lid.

Green stem

With 4 mm hook, ch 11. Row 1: sc in second chain and all remaining chains (10). Rows 2-5: ch 1 turn, BLO sc in each of ten stitches. Fold lengthwise with the long edges matched; slip-stitch ten pairs together, using the nearer back loop and farther front loop. Keep working yarn attached at the lower end. Weave the starting tail inside; do not melt it.

Lid

Ch 1, work 6 sc evenly around the lower end of the stem. Continue a spiral: R2 inc six times (12); R3 [sc, inc] six times (18), then 2 extra sc and move the round marker to the next stitch. R4 [2 sc, inc] six times (24), then 2 extra sc and move marker again. R5 [3 sc, inc] six times (30). The two offset passes do not increase the counts. Finish green. Join orange with 6 mm hook: BLO [4 sc, inc] six times (36). Work a trim of [sl st in next stitch, ch 1] around all 36 stitches, then needle-join and secure. Check lid fit without stretching.

Leaf

Green 4 mm hook, ch 10. From second chain work 8 sc, then 4 sc in the last chain; along the opposite side work 6 sc, leaving the last two underside positions unworked (18 sc). Ch 1 turn. All next rows BLO. R2: 6 sc, 4 sl st, 6 sc (16), leaving 2 old stitches unworked. R3: 6 sc, 4 sl st, 5 sc (15), leave 1. R4: 5 sc, 4 sl st, 5 sc (14), leave 1. R5: 5 sc, 4 sl st, 4 sc (13), leave 1. Ch 1 turn after each. R6: 4 sc, 2 sl st, ch 30, then sl st in second chain and all remaining chains (29); continue on leaf with 2 sl st and 4 sc, leaving its final old stitch unworked. Leaf edge has 12 worked stitches plus the side vine. Finish and weave ends.

Assembly and use

Arrange the leaf beside the stem; this edition proposes sewing its base firmly to the lid, since a loose leaf can fall off. Check lid removal by holding the basket body, not pulling the stem. Use as lightweight seasonal display storage only. Shape according to actual material labels; source heat and flame methods are not assumed suitable for substituted fibres.

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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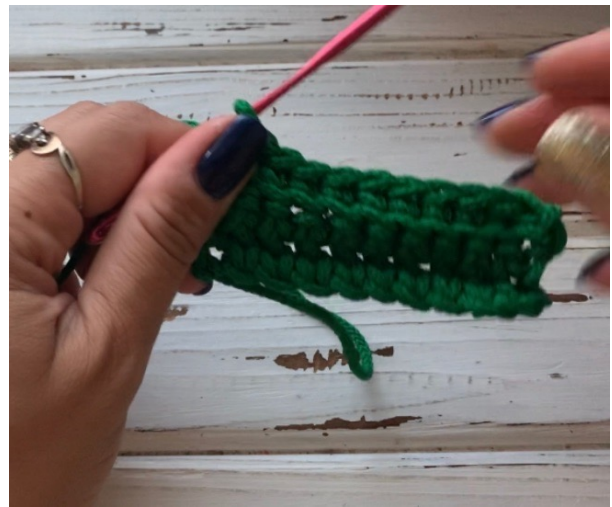
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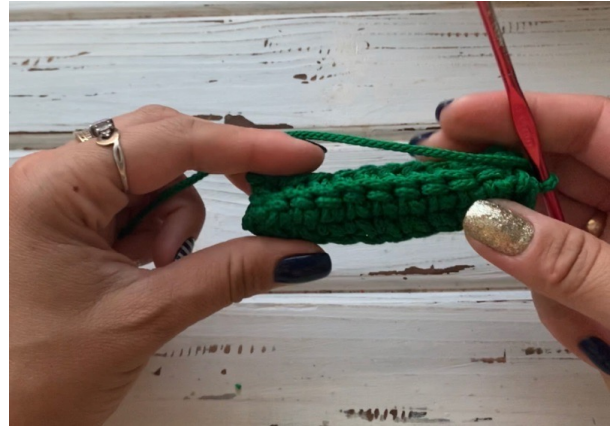
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