

A cream pumpkin made from a rectangle

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Source: Version 2 Vertical Pumpkin.pdf

Materials

Source: 40 g Alize Sekerim Baby or equivalent yarn described as medium weight, 3 mm hook, needle and fibre filling. Cream body and green top details appear in the photo. No yarn fibre or separate colour quantities are established.

Size and gauge

Source circumference 34-35 cm. Work the panel to about 35 cm along its row-growth direction before seaming, then measure the actual stuffed circumference and height. No numerical gauge or finished height is supplied.

Before starting: source corrections

Source row 1 requests 26 stitches from 25 available chains; row 2 has 24 actual stitches while counting its turning chain. This draft uses 25 actual stitches in every row, with uncounted ch 1. BLO is a proposed choice for a consistent ribbed panel, not explicitly stated by the source. The green leaf visible on the finished sample is not written in the PDF; the leaf below is a proposed addition.

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.

Panel

Ch 26. Row 1: sc in second chain, hdc in next 23 chains, sc in last chain (25). Ch 1 and turn. Row 2: working BLO, sc in first stitch, hdc in next 23, sc in last (25). Ch 1 and turn. Repeat row 2 until the panel measures about 35 cm in the direction of row growth. The 25-stitch row runs from future top to bottom; row growth runs around the future circumference.

Seam and close

Bring the foundation edge to the last-row edge, with the desired face inward. Sew corresponding 25 positions together without tightening. Turn right side out. The two row-end edges remain open; one becomes top and one bottom. Sew a running thread through the edge to gather it closed. Secure the bottom, add enough filling to hold the shape without forcing gaps, then gather the top. For lobes, anchor a long matching strand through the centre, carry it OUTSIDE over one side from top to bottom, pass through the centre to the top and repeat at five or six evenly spaced positions. Tighten a little at a time; an internal pass alone does not make an outside groove. Secure and bury both ends.

Top details

Proposed clear stem sequence in brown: 6 sc in MR; work two more rounds of 6 sc. Next round [inc, sc] three times (9); one round of 9 sc; next [inc, 2 sc] three times (12); one round of 12 sc. Fasten off with a sewing tail. Lightly fill if needed and sew the 12-stitch opening around the pumpkin top, hiding the body closure. With green, ch 31. Starting in the second chain, work 1 sc into every remaining chain (30). Fasten off, shape gently into a curl and stitch its base beside the stem. Secure both ends; no long loose tail remains. A curl is not guaranteed in every fibre.

Optional leaf, proposed

Ch 8 with green. From the second chain: sc, hdc, dc in next 3 chains, hdc, sc (7). Ch 2 at the tip. Along the opposite side of the same seven chain positions: sc, hdc, 3 dc, hdc, sc. Join to first sc and fasten off. Sew the base beside the stem. This is a plain oval leaf, not a claim to reproduce the exact veining in the source photograph.

Check

Count all 25 actual stitches at both ends of every row. Mark the first and last if they are hard to see. Use gentle lobe tension so the seam does not gape.

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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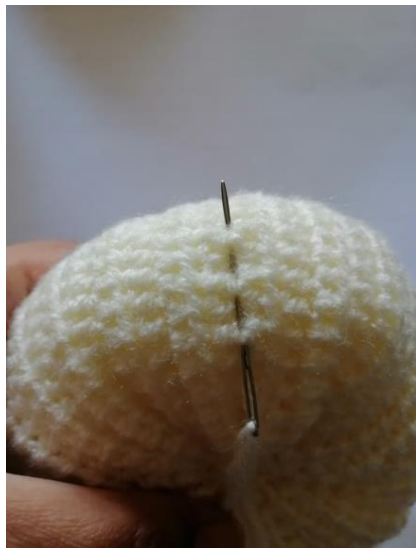
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