

Rounded single-crochet pumpkins

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Source: Crochet Pumpkin Pattern.pdf

Materials

Source: 40 g Alize Sekerim Baby or equivalent yarn described as medium weight; 3 mm hook; needle and fibre filling. Amount is not separately allocated to the two sizes. Use actual yarn labels, not the photo, to establish fibre. Optional source 12 mm safety eyes are omitted from this decorative draft; no visible face needs them.

Size and gauge

Source circumference: large 28 cm; small 21 cm. These are circumferences, not widths. Nominal circular diameters would be about 8.9 and 6.7 cm, but lobing changes the shape. Measure around the widest part without compressing, and measure actual height separately. No source gauge.

Before starting: source corrections

Large body rounds 10-26 overlap the source decrease numbers 21-28. This draft chooses 10-20 even rounds so the written decrease sequence starts at 21. That is an untested editorial choice. Small round 17 uses seven repeats, not the printed nine: 49 old stitches cannot support nine groups of seven. Stuffing and the outside path of the lobe strand are made explicit. Leaves visible in the overview are not supplied in this pattern; they are not silently added.

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.

Large body

R1: 9 sc in MR. R2: inc nine times (18). R3-R9: for round r, repeat [sc in r-2 stitches, inc] nine times. Totals 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81. R10-R20: sc in every stitch (81 each). R21-R27: repeat [7 sc, dec], [6 sc, dec], [5 sc, dec], [4 sc, dec], [3 sc, dec], [2 sc, dec], then [1 sc, dec], respectively, nine times per round. Totals 72, 63, 54, 45, 36, 27, 18. Add filling before the opening becomes too small. R28: dec nine times (9). Fasten off; pass the tail through the front loops of the nine remaining stitches, draw closed and secure.

Small body

R1: 7 sc in MR. R2: inc seven times (14). R3-R7: [r-2 sc, inc] seven times per round, ending at 49. R8-R16: 49 sc each. R17-R21: [5 sc, dec], [4 sc, dec], [3 sc, dec], [2 sc, dec], [1 sc, dec], seven repeats each; totals 42, 35, 28, 21, 14. Add filling. R22: dec seven times (7). Fasten off and draw the remaining front loops closed.

Lobes

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. The body is already closed here; use the outside wrapping step, not a second gathering seam.

Stem and vine

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.

Check

Compare the two completed samples before describing sizes. If the large version seems too tall or short, record the even-round change after sampling; do not claim the source ambiguity is settled by arithmetic.

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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