

A smiling pumpkin appliqué with a crooked hat

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Source: Homeartist Pumpkin.pdf

Materials

Source: small amounts of worsted yarn; 1.75 mm hook or a hook suitable for the actual yarn; scissors and needle. Orange body, lighter ribs, green leaves/vine, brown stem, black face/hat and purple band. Optional beads are omitted; embroider the face. The small stated hook with worsted yarn needs a swatch and is not a universal recommendation.

Size and gauge

Source pumpkin about 4 x 4 in, hat about 3 x 3 in. The new counted oval below is a proposed reconstruction because many source row totals cannot be reconciled; it is not expected to reproduce those dimensions without a sample. Measure pumpkin and hat flat separately and together.

Before starting: source corrections

Source foundation runs beyond its chain, subsequent oval rounds have incompatible consumption, and several hat rows and brim counts omit positions. This draft replaces those parts with explicit counted schedules. It preserves the visible flat oval, stitched ribs, leaves, face and crooked hat as design goals, not a guarantee of exact duplication. Source photographs show the original, not this prototype. Copyright notice prohibits redistribution.

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: new width = sample width x old stitches-per-cm / new stitches-per-cm. Height may change independently; verify a complete sample. This is a scaling estimate, not an additional tested size.

Proposed oval

Orange ch 8. R1: sc in second chain and next 5 chains (6), 3 sc in last chain; along opposite side sc in next 5 chain backs, then 2 sc in the first chain used (16). Join and fasten off. Mark the three stitches at each rounded end as described below. Rejoin at first stitch of end A for R2; ch 1 uncounted. Follow the landmark sequence for R2-R9. Join each round to first sc and ch 1 uncounted; do not turn. Counts: 16,22,28,34,40,46,52,58,64.

Oval landmarks

Mark R1 end A (the 3 sc in the last chain), and end B (the final 2 sc plus the adjacent first sc), leaving 5 straight stitches on either side. From R2 begin at first stitch of end A: for round r, work [r-2 sc, inc] three times in end A, 5 straight sc, the same three groups in end B, 5 straight sc. R2 uses zero plain sc in each group. Move the end markers to enclose each newly expanded end after each round. The five straight stitches on either side stay five throughout.

Edge and ribs

After R9, work one sc in each of 64 stitches, substituting a sl st in the three positions nearest top centre and three nearest bottom centre; total remains 64. Finish. With lighter yarn, surface-slip-stitch five gently curved vertical lines from top toward bottom, spreading them across the body. Keep the yarn on the back loose enough that the oval stays flat. These surface lines decorate; they do not cinch a stuffed body.

Leaves, stem and vine

Make two leaves: green ch 10; from second chain sc, hdc, 5 dc, hdc, sc (9); ch 2; repeat the same nine stitches along opposite chain backs; join and finish (18 plus tip space). Brown stem: ch 9, sc in second chain and all remaining chains (8); ch 1 turn, sc across (8); finish. Green vine: ch 25; 2 sl st in each of 24 return chains (48). Sew leaves, stem and vine base at the top. These simplified stem/leaf counts are proposed replacements.

Face

Embroider two black triangles and a wide smiling mouth with short stitches, fastening at the back. Skip beads. Optional bow: MR, [ch 4,4 tr,ch 4,sl st in ring] twice; draw ring closed and wrap a separate strand around the centre several times; sew the centre beside the leaves. Secure every end.

Proposed crooked hat

Black ch 14; sc across 13 return chains. For rows 2-12, ch 1 turn and decrease once at alternating edges: on even rows sc2tog first then sc to end; on odd rows sc to last two then sc2tog. Counts 12,11,10,9,8,7,6,5,4,3,2. Row 13: ch 1 turn, sc2tog (1). Tip: ch 8, sl st in second chain, sc in next, hdc in next 5 (7 return stitches); secure the tip base to the cone so it bends sideways. Shape is a proposed alternative, not the source hat row schedule.

Band, brim and assembly

At the 13-stitch foundation edge of hat, join purple and sc once in each chain back (13). Ch 1 turn, sc across (13). Change black on final pull-through. Brim row 1: ch 1 turn, inc, 11 sc, inc (15). Brim row 2: inc,13 sc,inc (17). Brim row 3: inc,15 sc,inc (19). Brim row 4: sc across (19). Finish. Embroider an orange buckle on purple. Sew the hat at a tilt above one pumpkin side. Secure the hat, leaves and any bow from the reverse with small stitches, and check flatness.

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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