

A stuffed jack-o'-lantern with a witch hat

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Source: Pumpkin.pdf

Materials

Source: Himalaya Everyday, 250 m / 100 g, yellow 70042, coffee 70062 and black 70027; 3 mm hook for pumpkin, 2.5 mm for stem and hat; needle and fibre filling. One ball of each is listed as supply, not measured consumption. Use actual label fibre and care information.

Size and gauge

Source pumpkin about 10 cm wide x 10 cm high; hat about 8 cm wide x 7 cm tall. Gauge stated as 10 dc across 5.5 cm and one row high 1.2 cm. Check a larger swatch instead of assuming one row establishes height. Source height and repeated-round wording conflict; draft dimensions remain unverified.

Before starting: source corrections

"Repeat row 5" would continue increasing rather than form the photographed wall. This draft works thirteen even rounds of 60 with twelve aligned front-post ribs. Hat brim says ten more repeats although its totals need ten repeats overall; this guide uses ten. Source introduction wrongly mentions sea creatures/appliqué; the photographed project is stuffed. Hat attachment is made explicit as a proposed finishing step.

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.

Ribbed base

Yellow, 3 mm. MR ch 2 uncounted, 12 dc; join. R2: ch 2; for each old dc work dc in its top then FPdc around the same post (24), join. R3: [dc in next 2 stitch tops, FPdc around the post of the second stitch] twelve times (36). R4: the same group across 3 old tops plus FPdc around the last post (48). R5: across 4 old tops plus FPdc around the last post (60). Starting ch 2 is always uncounted. Work the post stitch around the last old post, not a newly made dc.

Even wall

R6-R18: ch 2 uncounted; [dc in next 4 dc tops, FPdc around next old FPdc post] twelve times; join (60). Each five-position group consumes five and produces five. Do not also work into the top of that FPdc. These thirteen even rounds retain 60 stitches. Check height before closure; the source dimension is not guaranteed by this interpretation.

Face and closure

Before stuffing, arrange three small triangle outlines in black: two eyes at the same height and a nose centred below. Fill them with short satin stitches. Stitch a curved horizontal mouth and short vertical bars across it. Hide

tails inside. Gather the 60-stitch top edge using a strong yarn tail; stuff before fully closing. Pass a securing strand through the centre to the bottom and back to make a shallow top dimple, then secure. Do not add hard eyes.

Stem

Coffee, 2.5 mm: 12 sc in MR; join. R2-R8: ch 1 uncounted, sc around (12), join. Finish with sewing tail, lightly stuff and sew the open rim around the top dimple.

Hat cone

Black, 2.5 mm: R1 6 sc in MR, join. R2-R10: ch 1 uncounted; [inc, sc in the next r stitches] twice for round r (R2 uses 2 sc, R3 uses 3, through R10 using 10); join. Totals 8,10,12,14,16,18,20,22,24. R11 yellow: [inc,11 sc] twice (26). R12 black: [inc,12 sc] twice (28). R13 black: [inc,13 sc] twice (30).

Hat brim and finish

R14 FLO: [inc,2 sc] ten times (40). R15: [inc,3 sc] ten times (50). R16: [inc,4 sc] ten times (60). R17: [inc,5 sc] ten times (70). Join and finish. Embroider a small coffee-coloured rectangular buckle across the yellow band. Place the hat over the stem and secure with small stitches through the inner brim and pumpkin top. This attachment is proposed; sample its angle and stability.

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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