

Crochet Pumpkin Keychain Pattern

This pattern will guide you through creating a charming pumpkin keychain using basic crochet stitches. You can easily customize the size and color combinations make it your own!

Skill Level: Beginner

Finished Size: Approximately 3 inches tall and 2.5 inches wide (adjusting rows will change these measurements).

Materials:

- **Cotton yarn** (your choice of pumpkin color)
- **Brown or green cotton yarn** (for the stem)
- **2.5mm crochet hook**
- **Fiberfill stuffing**
- **1 keychain clip**
- **Yarn needle**
- **Scissors**

Abbreviations (US Terms):

- **ch** = chain
- **HDC** = half double crochet
- **sc** = single crochet
- **sl st** = slip stitch
- **st(s)** = stitch(es)
- **magic ring** = adjustable ring to start crochet in the round

Notes:

- Using an even number of rows for the body helps create defined "nodes" on the pumpkin.
- The initial chain determines the pumpkin's height, and the number of rows determines its width.
- This pattern offers suggestions for adjusting rows to shape the pumpkin.

Pumpkin Body:

Round 1:

1. Make a slip knot and Ch 18.
2. Skip the first 2 Ch, then Hdc in the next Ch and across the remaining Chs (16 hdc).
3. Ch 2, turn.

Round 2:

1. Hdc in the first st, then Hdc across the row (16 hdc).
2. Ch 2, turn.

Rounds 3-18:

1. Repeat Round 2 for a total of 18 rows.

Joining the Pumpkin:

1. Fold the rectangular piece in half lengthwise, aligning the first and last row.
2. Using your yarn needle and a contrasting color, stitch the two ends together with sl st stitches, working behind the back loops of the hdc stitches.
3. Leave a small opening for stuffing.

Stuffing the Pumpkin:

1. Carefully turn the pumpkin right-side out.
2. Gently stuff with fiberfill.
3. Close the remaining opening with sl st stitches.

Creating the Nodes:

1. At the top of each pumpkin, gently gather stitches between the rows with your fingers.
2. This creates the bumpy, ridge effect of a pumpkin.

Pumpkin Stem:

1. Make a magic ring.
2. 8 Sc in the magic ring.
3. Sl st to the first Sc.
4. Ch 1, 2 Sc in the next st.
5. 1 Sc in the next st.
6. Ch 1, 2 Sc in the next st.
7. Continue alternating 1 Sc, then Ch 1, 2 Sc around until the end of the row (12 total sc).
8. Sl st to the first st of the round.
9. Ch 1, fasten off and weave in the ends.

Attaching the Stem:

1. Attach the stem to the top of the pumpkin with a yarn needle and your stem color yarn.

Attaching the Keychain Clip:

1. Attach the keychain clip to the top of your pumpkin using your yarn needle and yarn.

Customizing Your Pumpkin:

Changing Pumpkin Size:

- **Taller Pumpkin:** Increase the starting chain length and the total number of rows. (For instance, start with 20 chains and work 20 rows for a taller pumpkin.)
- **Wider Pumpkin:** Add more hdc stitches each row.
- **Shorter Pumpkin:** Decrease the number of rows.

Varying Node Counts:

- To have fewer nodes, make a rectangle that's a multiple of 4 rows (e.g., 12, 16, 20).
- To have more nodes, make a rectangle that has more rows (but still an even number).

Color Variations:

- Use a different color for the pumpkin body, for example, white, cream, or a variegated yarn.
- Choose various shades of green or brown for the stem.

Tips:

- Use a stitch marker to keep track of your rounds if you get lost!
- You can use different types of yarn for a unique texture.
- Get creative with different stem colors and sizes.

I hope you have fun making these adorable pumpkin keychains! Happy crocheting!