

Crochet Pumpkin Pattern: Medium Size

Alright, you want a pumpkin pattern? Get your crochet hooks ready! Here's how to make your own adorable crocheted pumpkins, perfect for fall decorating or gifting. This pattern uses US crochet terms.

Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn (approximately 70 yards orange for the medium pumpkin, adjust yardage for different sizes)
- Brown worsted weight yarn (small amount for stem)
- 5mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch markers (optional, but helpful!)
- Polyfill stuffing

Abbreviations (US Terms):

- MR: Magic Ring
- Ch: Chain
- HDC: Half Double Crochet
- SC: Single Crochet
- BLO: Back Loop Only
- Sl st: Slip Stitch
- Inc: Increase (2 SC in one stitch)
- Dec: Decrease (Single Crochet 2 stitches together)

Pattern Notes:

- This pattern is worked in continuous rounds (spirals). Do not join at the end of each round unless instructed. Use a stitch marker or piece of yarn to keep track of the beginning of each round.
- You can adjust the size of your pumpkin by crocheting more or fewer rounds. For a smaller pumpkin, work fewer rounds in the body. For a larger pumpkin, add more rounds before beginning the decreases.

Pumpkin Body (Orange):

Round 1: 8 sc in a magic circle. (8 stitches)

Round 2: 2 sc in each stitch around. (16 stitches)

Round 3: 2 sc in next stitch, 1 sc in next stitch. Repeat around. (24 stitches)

Round 4: 2 sc in next stitch, 1 sc in each of next 2 stitches. Repeat around. (32 stitches)

Round 5: 2 sc in next stitch, 1 sc in each of next 3 stitches. Repeat around. (40 stitches)

Round 6: 2 sc in next stitch, 1 sc in each of next 4 stitches. Repeat around. (48 stitches)

Rounds 7-14: 1 sc in each stitch around. (48 stitches)

Shaping the Pumpkin: Now we start decreasing make that pumpkin shape!

Round 15: *Sc2tog, 1 sc in each of next 4 stitches.* Repeat around. (40 stitches)

Round 16: *Sc2tog, 1 sc in each of next 3 stitches.* Repeat around. (32 stitches)

Round 17: *Sc2tog, 1 sc in each of next 2 stitches.* Repeat around. (24 stitches)

Round 18: *Sc2tog, 1 sc in next stitch.* Repeat around. (16 stitches)

Finishing the Pumpkin:

Round 19: Sc2tog around. (8 stitches)

Round 20: Sc2tog around. (4 stitches)

Sl st the last stitch and fasten off, leaving a long tail for shaping.

Shaping:

1. Thread your yarn needle with the long tail.
2. Find the natural ridges created by the decrease rounds.
3. Insert the needle through a stitch on Round 2 (or whichever round creates the desired depth for your ridges) and bring it out through the center top of the pumpkin.
4. Pull yarn snugly create a segment. Tie a knot on the inside the pumpkin secure the segment.
5. Repeat, creating 5 more segments evenly spaced around the pumpkin.
6. Weave in any remaining tail ends.

Pumpkin Stem (Brown):

Round 1: 6 sc in a magic circle. (6 stitches)

Rounds 2-4: 1 sc in each stitch around. (6 stitches)

Round 5: Working in front loops only: *2 sc in next stitch, sc in next stitch.* Repeat around. (9 stitches)

Sl st the last stitch and fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Assembly:

1. Position the stem in the center top of the pumpkin.
2. Using the long tail and yarn needle, sew the stem the pumpkin, going through the front loops of the last round of the stem. Secure with a knot inside the stem and weave in any remaining ends.