

Crocheted Stacked Pumpkin Centerpiece Pattern

This pattern will guide you through creating a charming crocheted pumpkin centerpiece featuring three stacked pumpkins, perfect for your fall decor. You can customize the colors and add optional floral embellishments for a unique touch.

Materials:

- Crochet Hook: Size H/8 (5mm)
- Yarn: Worsted weight yarn (size 4)
 - Orange (approx. 150 yards for large pumpkin, 100 yards for medium, 50 yards for small)
 - Cream/Off-White (small amount for accents)
 - Brown (small amount for stem)
- Scissors
- Yarn Needle
- Poly-fil
- Floral Picks (optional)
- Glue Gun (optional)

Gauge: Not critical for this project

Abbreviations:

- ch - chain
- sl st - slip stitch
- hdc - half double crochet
- sc - single crochet
- BLO - back loop only
- [...] - repeat instructions within brackets as indicated
- [...] x # - repeat instructions within brackets the specified number of times

Instructions:

Large Pumpkin:

- With orange yarn, make a slip knot and ch 41.
- **Row 1:** Hdc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. (40 hdc)
- **Row 2:** Ch 1, turn. Hdc in BLO of each st across. (40 hdc)
- **Rows 3-54:** Repeat Row 2.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail (approx. 24 inches) for seaming.

Medium Pumpkin:

- With cream/off-white yarn, make a slip knot and ch 31.
- **Row 1:** Hdc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. (30 hdc)
- **Row 2:** Ch 1, turn. Hdc in BLO of each st across. (30 hdc)

- **Rows 3-42:** Repeat Row 2.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail (approx. 18 inches) for seaming.

Small Pumpkin:

- With orange yarn, make a slip knot and ch 21.
- **Row 1:** Hdc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each ch across. (20 hdc)
- **Row 2:** Ch 1, turn. Hdc in BLO of each st across. (20 hdc)
- **Rows 3-30:** Repeat Row 2.
- Fasten off, leaving a long tail (approx. 12 inches) for seaming.

Pumpkin Stem (for Small Pumpkin):

- With brown yarn, make a magic circle.
- **Round 1:** 6 sc in the magic circle. (6 sc)
- **Round 2:** 2 sc in each st around. (12 sc)
- **Round 3:** [Sc in the next st, 2 sc in the next st] x 6. (18 sc)
- **Round 4:** [Sc in the next 2 sts, 2 sc in the next st] x 6. (24 sc)
- **Round 5:** Sc in each st around. (24 sc)
- Fasten off, leaving a tail for sewing the stem onto the pumpkin.

Shaping and Assembling the Pumpkins:

1. **Gathering the Bottom:** Thread the long tail from the end of the pumpkin piece onto a yarn needle. Run a gathering stitch along the bottom edge of the pumpkin piece, picking up a loop every other row. Pull the yarn tight close the bottom. Secure with a couple of small stitches.
2. **Seaming the Side:** Use a whip stitch join the two long edges of the pumpkin piece together.
3. **Gathering the Top:** Thread the other long tail onto the yarn needle and run a gathering stitch along the top edge of the pumpkin, picking up a loop every other row.
4. **Stuffing:** Before pulling the top gathering stitch completely closed, stuff the pumpkin with poly-fil firmness you desire.
5. **Closing the Top (Small Pumpkin):** If you are working on the small pumpkin, insert the stem into the center of the top opening before pulling the gathering stitch tight. Secure the stem place by stitching it down with the yarn needle and tail from the gathering stitch.
6. **Closing the Top (Medium & Large Pumpkins):** Pull the gathering stitch tight close the top of the medium and large pumpkins. Secure with a couple of small stitches. Weave in all loose ends.

Creating Pumpkin Segments:

1. **Cut Yarn:** Cut lengths of orange yarn about 24 inches long (adjust length for smaller pumpkins).
2. **Segmenting:** Thread a yarn needle with one of the orange yarn lengths. Insert the needle through the bottom center of the pumpkin and out through the top center. (For the small pumpkin, go through the base of the stem.) Leave about a 6-inch tail at the bottom.
3. **Wrapping:** Bring the yarn around the side of the pumpkin and insert the needle back into the bottom center, directly across from where it came out. Pull the yarn snug create a ridge. Tie the two ends of the yarn together at the bottom center of the pumpkin secure the segment.

4. **Repeat:** Repeat steps 2 and 3 create the desired number of segments. The small and medium pumpkins look best with 6 segments, while the large pumpkin can have 8.

Adding Floral Decorations (Optional):

1. **Prepare Floral Picks:** Remove the leaves, berries, and flowers from the floral picks using scissors or wire cutters.
2. **Arrange and Glue:** Arrange the floral elements between the stacked pumpkins and on top of the top pumpkin as desired. Use a hot glue gun secure them in place.

Increasing and Decreasing:

While this specific pattern doesn't require increases or decreases, you could modify it create different pumpkin shapes.

- **Increasing:** Increase the number of stitches in Row 1 of each pumpkin increase the overall circumference. You could also add occasional increases within the rows make the pumpkin wider in the middle.
- **Decreasing:** Decrease the number of stitches in Row 1 of each pumpkin decrease the overall circumference. You could also add occasional decreases within the rows make the pumpkin narrower at the top or bottom.

Enjoy your beautiful crocheted pumpkin centerpiece!