

# Crochet Pumpkin Basket Pattern

Alright, let's get crafty! Here's a complete written pattern for the crochet pumpkin basket, with extra tips and tricks:

## Materials:

- **Yarn:**
  - **Main Color (MC):** Himalaya Himagurumi cotton yarn (or similar weight yarn) - approximately 100g
  - **Contrasting Color 1 (CC1):** Brown yarn for the stem - approximately 10g
  - **Contrasting Color 2 (CC2):** Green yarn for the leaves - approximately 10g
- **Crochet Hook:** 2.75 mm (or size appropriate for your chosen yarn)
- **Yarn Needle**
- **Scissors**

## Gauge:

Gauge is not crucial for this project, but if you want to match the size in the video, aim for approximately 10 double crochets (dc) and 12 rows in a 4-inch square.

## Abbreviations:

- **ch:** chain
- **sl st:** slip stitch
- **sc:** single crochet
- **hdc:** half double crochet
- **dc:** double crochet
- **st:** stitch
- **rnd:** round
- **BLO:** back loop only
- **inc:** increase (make 2 stitches in one stitch)
- **dec:** decrease (combine 2 stitches into 1)

## Notes:

- The basket is worked in the round, starting with a chain and then creating rows.
- The back loops only (BLO) are used for most stitches to create a ridged effect and help the basket hold its shape.
- You can adjust the size of the basket by changing the number of starting chains and rows (see instructions below).
- The pattern uses two strands of yarn held together throughout most of the body and lid to create a thicker fabric.

## Let's Get Started!

### Part 1: The Basket Body

#### Row 1:

1. Make a slip knot on your hook.
2. Chain (ch) 20. (This is the height of your pumpkin – make more chains for a taller pumpkin.)
3. Skip the first 3 chains.
4. Work 10 double crochets (dc) in the next 10 chains (you should have 11 total dc with the starting chain).
5. Work 3 half double crochets (hdc) in the next 3 chains.
6. Work 2 single crochets (sc) in the next 2 chains.
7. Work 2 slip stitches (sl st) in the next 2 chains.
8. Chain 1, turn your work.

#### Row 2:

1. Work 2 sl st in the back loops of the 2 sl st from the previous row.
2. Work 2 sc in the back loops of the 2 sc from the previous row.
3. Work 3 hdc in the back loops of the 3 hdc from the previous row.
4. Work 11 dc in the back loops of the 11 dc from the previous row.
5. Work the final dc in the top loop of the last chain.
6. Chain 3, turn your work.

#### Row 3 - Row 26 (Repeat):

1. Work 11 dc in the back loops of the 11 dc from the previous row.
2. Work 3 hdc in the back loops of the 3 hdc from the previous row.
3. Work 2 sc in the back loops of the 2 sc from the previous row.
4. Work 2 sl st in the back loops of the 2 sl st from the previous row.
5. Chain 3, turn your work.

#### Finishing the Basket Body:

1. Cut your yarn, leaving a long tail.
2. Fold the piece of crochet in half, with the starting chain on one side and the last row on the other side.
3. Work a sl st along the starting chain side and into the loops on the last row, until you reach the end of the row. This joins the sides together to create a round base.

#### Puckering the Base:

1. Cut one of the two strands of yarn.
2. With the remaining strand, work a single crochet (sc) through the back loops along the base of the basket. This creates the puckering effect and gives the basket a nice rounded shape.
3. Pull gently on the loop to tighten the crochet.

### Part 2: The Basket Lid

**Row 1:**

1. Make a slip knot on your hook.
2. Chain (ch) 14.
3. Skip the first 3 chains.
4. Work 5 dc in the next 5 chains (you should have 6 total dc with the starting chain).
5. Work 2 hdc in the next 2 chains.
6. Work 2 sc in the next 2 chains.
7. Work 2 sl st in the next 2 chains.
8. Chain 1, turn your work.

**Row 2:**

1. Work 2 sl st in the back loops of the 2 sl st from the previous row.
2. Work 2 sc in the back loops of the 2 sc from the previous row.
3. Work 2 hdc in the back loops of the 2 hdc from the previous row.
4. Work 6 dc in the back loops of the 6 dc from the previous row.
5. Work the final dc in the top loop of the last chain.
6. Chain 3, turn your work.

**Row 3 - Row 30 (Repeat):**

1. Work 6 dc in the back loops of the 6 dc from the previous row.
2. Work 2 hdc in the back loops of the 2 hdc from the previous row.
3. Work 2 sc in the back loops of the 2 sc from the previous row.
4. Work 2 sl st in the back loops of the 2 sl st from the previous row.
5. Chain 3, turn your work.

**Finishing the Lid:**

1. Cut your yarn, leaving a long tail.
2. Fold the piece of crochet in half, with the starting chain on one side and the last row on the other side.
3. Work a sl st along the starting chain side and into the loops on the last row, until you reach the end of the row. This joins the sides together to create a round lid.
4. Repeat the puckering technique from the basket body at the point where you'll attach the handle.

**Part 3: The Handle**

**Row 1:**

1. Make a magic ring.
2. Chain (ch) 1.
3. Work 8 single crochet (sc) in the ring.
4. Work a sl st into the top of the first chain.

**Row 2 - Row 7 (Repeat):**

1. Chain (ch) 1.
2. Work 8 sc in the back loops of the 8 sc from the previous row.
3. Work a sl st into the top of the first chain.

#### Finishing the Handle:

1. Cut your yarn, leaving a long tail.

#### Part 4: The Stem and Leaf

##### The Stem:

1. Using the dark brown yarn (or your desired color), sew a small circle of stitches to the top of the lid, creating a stem shape.

##### The Leaf:

1. Switch to green yarn (or your desired color).
2. Make a slip knot and chain (ch) 25 (for the long leaf) or 20 (for the short leaf).
3. Work 2 hdc into the third chain from the hook.
4. Work 1 hdc into the next chain.
5. Work 2 hdc into the next chain.
6. Work 1 hdc into the next chain.
7. Continue working 1 hdc and 2 hdc until you reach the end of the chain.
8. Work a sl st into the top of the handle.

#### Finishing:

1. Sew the leaf and stem to the lid of the basket.

#### Size Adjustments:

- **Increasing the Rows:** To make a bigger basket, add more rows to the body and lid sections. For example, if you want a taller basket, add a few more rows to the basket body. If you want a wider basket, add a few more rows to both the basket body and the lid.
- **Decreasing the Rows:** To make a smaller basket, decrease the number of rows in both the basket body and the lid.

Now, you have a beautiful crochet pumpkin basket!

#### Tips:

- **Practice the stitches:** You can practice the basic stitches on a scrap piece of yarn before starting on the actual project.
- **Watch videos:** There are great tutorials online for the different crochet stitches if you need a visual guide.
- **Don't be afraid to experiment:** You can always add your own personal touch to the design by changing the colors or adding embellishments.

Happy Crocheting!