

Crochet Pumpkin Hair Tie Pattern

This pattern will guide you through creating an adorable crocheted pumpkin hair tie, perfect for fall or any time you want a touch of handmade charm in your hair.

Skill Level: Beginner-friendly

Materials:

- Worsted weight yarn in:
 - Orange (or your desired pumpkin color) - Color A
 - Darker orange or yellow (for ridges, optional) - Color B
 - Green - Color C
 - Black
- 2.5 mm crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Poly-fil stuffing
- Thin hair tie

Gauge: Not critical for this project, but aim for a relatively tight fabric so the stuffing doesn't show through.

Finished Size: Approximately 2 inches tall and 2.5 inches wide (can be adjusted; see sizing tips below).

Abbreviations:

- ch - chain
- sl st - slip stitch
- sc - single crochet
- hdc - half double crochet
- dc - double crochet
- st(s) - stitch(es)
- [...] - repeat instructions within brackets as indicated
- () - total number of stitches at the end of the row

Pumpkin Body:

With Color A:

Row 1: Make a slip knot, ch 15, hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook, hdc in each ch across. (13)

Row 2: Ch 2 (counts as a hdc here and throughout), turn, hdc in the back loops only of each st across. (13)

Rows 3-18: Repeat Row 2. (13)

Sizing Tip: For a taller pumpkin, increase the starting chain. Each 2 additional chs will add approximately 1 row to the finished height.

Sewing & Shaping:

1. Ch 1, fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

2. With yarn needle and tail, sew the short edges of the rectangle together, matching the sts from the last row with the foundation chain. Use the loops from the foundation chain and the back loops of the last row. Turn the pumpkin right side out.

Gathering & Stuffing:

1. With yarn needle and Color A, make long running stitches along the top edge of the pumpkin, creating a zigzag pattern. Pull the yarn tight gather the opening closed. Insert the needle through the center a few times secure the gathering.
2. Stuff the pumpkin firmly with poly-fil.
3. Repeat the gathering process for the bottom opening.

Creating Ridges (Optional):

1. With yarn needle and Color B (or Color A if you prefer), thread the yarn through the center of the bottom opening and out through a raised "ridge line" on the side of the pumpkin.
2. Bring the yarn back down through the center and out through the next ridge line.
3. Repeat this process for all 8 ridges, pulling slightly tight each time shape the pumpkin.
4. Tie a knot secure the yarn and weave in the end through the bottom of the pumpkin.

Stem:

With Color C:

Row 1: Make a magic ring, ch 1, 8 sc in the ring, sl st join the first sc. (8)

Row 2: Ch 1, [sc in the next st, dc in the next st] repeat around, sl st join the first sc. (12)

Rows 3-6: Ch 1, [sc in the next st, dc in the next st] repeat around, sl st join the first sc. (12)

Leaves:

Row 1: Attach Color C yarn any st around the stem with a sl st, ch 12, 2 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, [2 sc in the next ch, sc in the next ch] repeat across until 3 chs remain, 2 sc in the next ch, sl st in the last ch.

Row 2: Sl st in the next st on the stem, ch 6 (or 8 for a slightly longer leaf), 2 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook, sc in the next ch, [2 sc in the next ch, sc in the next ch] repeat across until 2 chs remain, 2 sc in the next ch, sl st in the last ch.

Finishing:

1. Fasten off the green yarn, leaving a long tail sew the leaves and stem the top of the pumpkin.
2. With black yarn and the yarn needle, sew the hair tie the inside of the pumpkin, securing it well on both sides.
3. Weave in all loose ends.

Your adorable crocheted pumpkin hair tie is complete!

Customization:

- **Color Variations:** Get creative with your yarn colors! Try different shades of orange, yellow, or even cream for the pumpkin body. Experiment with different greens for the leaves and stem. You can even add a touch of sparkle with variegated yarn.
- **Embellishments:** Add a cute face with embroidery or safety eyes. Glue on small beads or sequins for a touch of bling.

- **Size Adjustments:** Adjust the starting chain length create larger or smaller pumpkins. You can also add or remove rows the stem or leaves adjust their size.

Enjoy showing off your handmade pumpkin hair tie!