

Crochet Pumpkin Placemat Pattern

This pattern provides step-by-step instructions for creating a charming crochet pumpkin placemat. It's designed with beginners in mind, using clear language and detailed explanations.

Materials:

- **Yarn:** Worsted weight cotton yarn in your desired pumpkin color (orange, yellow, etc.), a darker color for the pumpkin's "rim" (black or brown), and a color for the handle and leaf (green or brown).
 - Example: Alize Cotton Gold or similar
- **Crochet Hook:** 2.75 mm
- **Yarn Needle:** For weaving in ends.
- **Scissors**

Abbreviations (US Terms):

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

Gauge:

Gauge is not crucial for this project, but if you want to achieve a specific size, it's helpful to check your gauge. Create a small swatch using the dc stitch and compare it to the measurements given in the pattern. Adjust hook size if needed to match the desired size.

Notes:

- This pattern is worked in the round, starting with a magic ring.
- The chain-3 at the beginning of each round counts as a dc.
- When increasing, you will work 2 dc in the same stitch.
- The "rim" of the pumpkin is worked in a contrasting color in the final round of the pumpkin body.
- You can customize the size of the placemat by adding or removing rounds before starting the pumpkin sections.

Instructions:

Pumpkin Body:

Round 1 (Magic Ring):

1. Make a magic ring.
2. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).

3. 11 dc in the ring.
4. Sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3. (12 sts)

Round 2:

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in the same st as the sl st.
3. Ch 1.
4. 2 dc in the next st.
5. [Ch 1, 2 dc in the next st] repeat around.
6. Sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3. (24 sts)

Round 3:

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. 2 dc in the next st.
3. Ch 1.
4. Dc in the next st.
5. 2 dc in the next st.
6. [Ch 1, dc in the next st, 2 dc in the next st] repeat around.
7. Sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3. (36 sts)

Round 4:

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in the next st.
3. 2 dc in the next st.
4. Ch 1.
5. Dc in the next 2 sts.
6. 2 dc in the next st.
7. [Ch 1, dc in the next 2 sts, 2 dc in the next st] repeat around.
8. Sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3. (48 sts)

Round 5:

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in the next 2 sts.
3. 2 dc in the next st.
4. Ch 1.
5. Dc in the next 3 sts.
6. 2 dc in the next st.
7. [Ch 1, dc in the next 3 sts, 2 dc in the next st] repeat around.

8. Sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3. (60 sts)

Continue Increasing:

Continue following the pattern established in Rounds 2-5. In each round, you will:

- Increase the number of dc you work before the increase by one.
- Work your increases (2 dc in one st) with a ch-1 sp in between.

Example: Round 6:

1. Ch 3 (counts as a dc).
2. Dc in the next 3 sts.
3. 2 dc in the next st.
4. Ch 1.
5. Dc in the next 4 sts.
6. 2 dc in the next st.
7. [Ch 1, dc in the next 4 sts, 2 dc in the next st] repeat around.
8. Sl st in the top of the beginning ch-3. (72 sts)

Adjusting Size:

- **To make the placemat larger:** Continue adding rounds, following the increasing pattern, until you reach your desired size.
- **To make the placemat smaller:** Stop increasing after fewer rounds (e.g., stop after Round 6 or 7 for a smaller placemat).

Pumpkin Sections (Round 8):

Note: Assuming you worked until Round 8, you should have 96 sts.

1. Ch 1.
2. 10 sc in the next 10 sts.
3. Ch 9.
4. Skip 2 sts.
5. Dc in the next st.
6. Ch 3.
7. Skip 2 sts.
8. Dc in the next st.
9. [Ch 3, skip 2 sts, dc in the next st] repeat 10 more times.
10. Ch 4.
11. Skip 2 sts.
12. 13 sc in the next 13 sts.
13. **Repeat steps 3 - 12** on the other side of the pumpkin, mirroring the placement of the ch-sps and sc groups.
14. Sl st in the first sc. (96 sts)

Pumpkin Rim (Round 9):

Change to your darker color yarn.

1. Ch 1.
2. 10 sc in the next 10 sts.
3. Hdc in the next st.
4. 3 dc in the next ch-sp.
5. Dc in the next dc.
6. [3 dc in the next ch-sp, dc in the next dc] repeat around until you reach the sc group on the other side.
7. Hdc in the st before the sc group.
8. 13 sc in the next 13 sc.
9. **Repeat steps 3-8** on the other side of the pumpkin.
10. Sl st in the first sc. (120 sts)

Round 10:

Continue with the darker color yarn.

1. Ch 1.
2. 10 sc in the next 10 sc.
3. Hdc in the next hdc.
4. Dc in each st around until you reach the next hdc.
5. Hdc in the next hdc.
6. 13 sc in the next 13 sc.
7. **Repeat steps 3-6** on the other side of the pumpkin.
8. Sl st in the first sc. (120 sts)

Round 11:

Continue with the darker color yarn.

This round is identical to Round 10.

Final Round of Pumpkin (Round 12):

Continue with the darker color yarn.

1. Ch 1.
2. 10 sc in the next 10 sc.
3. Sc in the next hdc.
4. Dc in each st around until you reach the next sc.
5. Sc in the next sc.
6. 13 sc in the next 13 sc.
7. **Repeat steps 3-6** on the other side of the pumpkin.
8. Sl st in the first sc. (120 sts)

Pumpkin Handle (make 2):

Change to your handle/leaf color yarn.

1. Attach yarn with a sl st in the 5th sc of a 13-sc group (at the top of the pumpkin).
2. Ch 1.
3. 5 sc in the next 5 sts.
4. Ch 1, turn.
5. 5 sc in the next 5 sts.
6. Ch 1, turn.
7. 5 sc in the next 5 sts.
8. Ch 1, turn.
9. Skip 1 st.
10. 2 sc in the next 2 sts.
11. Skip 1 st.
12. Sc in the last st.
13. Ch 1, turn.
14. Ch 2.
15. Sc in the last st.
16. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Pumpkin Leaf:

Continue with your handle/leaf color yarn.

1. Ch 25.
2. Hdc in the 3rd ch from the hook.
3. Hdc in the next ch.
4. 2 hdc in the next ch.
5. Hdc in the next ch.
6. [2 hdc in the next ch, hdc in the next ch] repeat across the remaining chs.
7. Sl st to the base of the ch where you started.
8. Fasten off and weave in ends.

Finishing:

- Weave in all loose ends securely.
- Block the placemat if desired to help it lay flat and even out the stitches. (Blocking is optional but recommended for cotton yarn).

Congratulations! You've crocheted a beautiful pumpkin placemat!

Additional Notes:

- Feel free to experiment with different color combinations to create unique pumpkins.

- You could also add embellishments like embroidery or buttons to further personalize your placemat.
- To make a set of placemats, simply repeat the pattern as many times as needed!

I hope you enjoy making this crochet pumpkin placemat. If you have any questions or need clarification on any part of the pattern, please don't hesitate to ask! Happy crocheting!