

Crochet Quickie: Pumpkin



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After testing my mini ghost and bat patterns, my favorite pattern tester had just one question for me... “where’s the pumpkin?” Of course, I couldn’t let her down — and so the third part of this trio came to be!



P.S. Don’t forget to check my web site for other Halloween patterns — including the tiny bat and ghost!

MATERIALS

- Yarn (see pattern notes)
- E Hook (3.5 mm)
- Fiber Fill
- Yarn Needle
- Stitch Marker

STITCHES & ABBREVIATIONS

CH	Chain Stitch
SC	Single Crochet
HDC	Half Double Crochet
DC	Double Crochet
TC	Treble (Triple) Crochet
DECR	Single Crochet Decrease
SL	Slip Stitch
ST/S	Stitch/Stitches
MM	Move Marker
FO	Finish Off

PATTERN NOTES

For the project used in the photos, I used Knit Picks Brava Sport in the following colors:

25675 Orange

25677 Peapod

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PART 1: PUMPKIN

Because this piece is worked in a continuous spiral, you may want to use a stitch marker to keep track of your rounds.

Work the stem in Peapod and then change over to Orange at round 4.



Round 1: CH 2. 4 SC in second chain from hook. Place stitch marker in the last SC to mark the end of the round.

Rounds 2-3: SC in each ST around (4 SC). MM.

Note: Break yarn after round 3. Join Orange.

Round 4: *2 SC in first ST, on SC in next. Repeat from * once more (6 SC). MM.

Round 5: 2 SC in each ST around (12 SC). MM.

Round 6: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in next. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

Round 7: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 2 STS. Repeat from * around (24 SC). MM.

Round 8: SC in each ST around (24 SC). MM.

Round 9: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 3 STS. Repeat from * around (30 SC). MM.

Round 10: SC in each ST around (30 SC). MM.

Round 11: *2 SC in first SC, 1 SC in each of next 4 STS. Repeat from * around (36 SC). MM.

Round 12: SC in each ST around (36 SC). MM.

Round 13: *DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 4 STS. Repeat from * around (30 SC). MM.

Round 14: SC in each ST around (30 SC). MM.

Round 15: *DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 3 STS. Repeat from * around (24 SC). MM.

Round 16: SC in each ST around (24 SC). MM.

Round 17: *DECR across first 2 STS, SC in each of the next 2 STS. Repeat from * around (18 SC). MM.

Note: Stuff pumpkin thoroughly.

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PART 1: PUMPKIN(CONTINUED)

Round 18: *DECR across first 2 STS, SC in next. Repeat from * around (12 SC). MM.

Round 19: DECR around (6 SC). FO, leaving a long tail for finishing.

PART 2: BODY FINISHING

1. Gather the remaining stitches from round 19 using the leftover tail and yarn needle.
2. Push the needle through the pumpkin — from the bottom up toward the stem (see below).



3. Wrap the yarn around the outside of the pumpkin to make a groove and bring the needle back down to the bottom (see below).



4. Repeat steps 2-3 a few more times to get a natural, grooved look. Knot yarn under the pumpkin and weave in end.