

Crocheted Autumn Pumpkins

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These little pumpkins are a fun and easy project that will bring the warmth of fall to your home decor. The pumpkins are crocheted in one long piece using the rib stitch. These pumpkins are a great project for crocheters of all skills.

Materials:

- Medium worsted weight yarn #4; 109yrd/50g; fall colors brown, orange, etc.
- Hook size; 4.00mm-G
- Poly-fil stuffing
- Tapestry needle
- Scissors
- Row counter (*optional*)

Abbreviation:

Single crochet- **sc**

Chain- **ch**

Stitch(es)- **st(s)**

Back loop only- **blo**

Repeat- **rep**

Wrong Side- **WS**

Right Side- **RS**

Guage:

10 sts x 10 rows = 2" with 4.00mm hook

Finish Size: 2" tall

Rib stitch- the rib stitch is crocheted by crocheting into the back loop of each stitch(es) going down the chain.

Pattern:

Start with a slip knot, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Ch 20

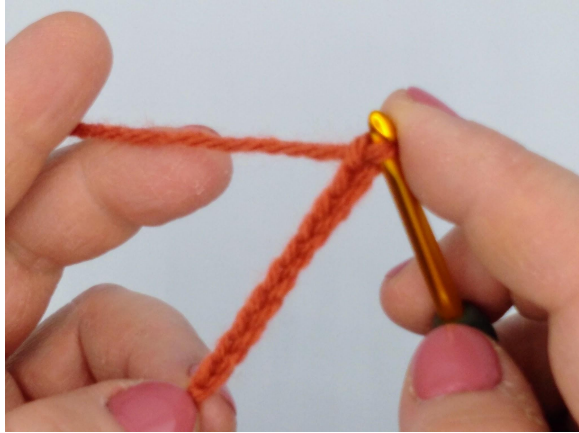
Row 1: Starting in the second ch from the hook place 1sc in each of the remaining 19 sts, ch 1, and turn.

Row 2: Working on the WS, place 1sc into the blo of each of the 19 sts, ch 1, and turn.

Row 3-35: Continue crocheting into the blo, rep row 2, end each row with a ch 1, and turn. (33 rows)

Row 36: Continue crocheting into the blo of all 19 sts, DO NOT ch or turn on the last row; fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Note: *You should end the last row on the WS.*



Ch 20



For the rib stitch crochet in the blo of the st.



Sc into the second ch from the hook.



Continue crocheting in the blo of the sts, until the end of the row, ch1, turn,



Continue to sc in the remaining 18 sts on the foundation chain, ch 1, and turn



This is how your rib stitch should look.

Sewing The Pumpkin:



Fold your piece in half with the WS facing outward. Make sure the stitches line up.



Using the tail from the foundation chain, begin to sew along the edge, inserting your needle through both stitches.



Continue to sew the sides together.



Once finished, sew the remaining tail end into the pumpkin—no need to snip the tail end.



Flip the piece inside out so that the RS is now facing outwards.



With the other long tail, begin to sew one end of the pumpkin closed by weaving your needle in and out along the edge of the base of the pumpkin.



Continue weaving in and out all around the edge of the pumpkin.



With your poly-fil, begin to stuff the open end of the pumpkin.



Once you've sewn all around the edge, pull on the tail to close the hole.



Take the sewing needle and the tail and insert them into the center base of the pumpkin.



Sew any gaps that remain open. Do Not fasten off the tail!



Pushing the yarn through so the needle and tail come through the center of the stuffing.



Pull the needle through one of the stitches so it is on the outside of the pumpkin. Then, weave the needle in and out of the stitches along the edge.



Take your remaining tail and push it back through the center of the pumpkin and up through the other end.



Once you've sewn around the edge, pull the tail to close the center hole.



Repeat the step from the photo above, pushing the needle back through the way it came. This will give your pumpkin a dimpled center. Fasten off and weave in the ends.



Sew any remaining openings.



This is how the pumpkin should look at this point.

Making the Stem:



Make a slip knot, ch 10, working in the back bumps of the foundation ch, sc into the 2nd bump from the hook and the remaining 8 sts.



. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.



Take the stem and fold it in half with the RS facing outwards.



With the tail and the tapestry needle, begin sewing together one side of the stem.



Push the needle through the top of the stem to the opposite side of the stem.



Continue to sew the opposite side of the stem. Leave the tail for sewing, and weave in the tail from the slip knot.



This is how the finished stem should look.



This is how the pumpkin should look when finished.



Place the stem into the center of the pumpkin.



Begin to sew the stem in place. If needed, pin the stem to keep it from moving when sewing.

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