

Karma Pattern Boutic

Festive Pumpkin



I used a 3 light yarn and 3,5mm Hook but you can use a similar yarn type and a the hook size compatible with your yarn. Hook size can be a suggestion only. You must try.

Below you can see the yarn types with details.

My square size is 12x9cm / 4,72 x 3,54 inch. With a thinner yarn and smaller hook you will have a smaller square and thicker yarn with larger hook a larger square.

Yarn Weights	Common Names	Stitches per Inch	Recommended Needle Size	Recommended Hook Size	Wraps per Inch (WPI)	Yards per 100 g	Common Uses
0 LACE	Lace, Super fine Ultra fine, Baby weight, Crochet Thread	Knit 7-8 Crochet 8-10.5	000-2	Steel 6,7,8 Regular B-1	18 plus	656-874	Lace Knitting/ Crochet
1 SUPER FINE	Fingering, Fine, Sock, Baby	Knit 6-7 Crochet 5-8	1-3	B-1 to E-4	16	437-524	Light eyelet & Socks
2 FINE	Fine, Sport, Light DK, Baby	Knit 5-6 Crochet 4-5	3-5	E-4 to 7	14	328-437	Light Sweaters, Baby Items & Accessories
3 LIGHT	DK or Light Worsted	Knit 5.5 Crochet 3-4	5-7	7 to 1-9	13	262-328	Sweaters and other garments & Lightweight scarves
4 MEDIUM	Worsted, Afghan, Aran	Knit 4-5 Crochet 3-3.5	7-9	I-9 to K-10.5	10-12 131-174 (Aran) 218-262	131-174 (Aran) 218-262	Sweaters, Blankets, Outdoor wear (hats, scarves, mittens, etc.)
5 BULKY	Chunky, Craft, Rug, Bulky	Knit 4 Crochet 2-3	9-11	K-10.5 to M-13	10	120-142	Rugs, Jackets & Blankets
6 SUPER BULKY	Super Bulky or Roving	Knit 3-4 Crochet 2	11 & Larger	M-13 & Larger	9-10	109-131	Heavy Blankets, Sweaters & Rugs

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Materials You'll Need

I choose a worsted weight yarn and a crochet hook that's slightly smaller than recommended on the yarn label for this project. Using a smaller hook makes the fabric a little tighter, so it will hold the stuffing without showing holes.

Smaller or Larger Pumpkins: You can choose a DK or Sport weight for a smaller pumpkin. Choose a bulky yarn or even a super-bulky weight yarn for a larger pumpkin. Whichever weight yarn you choose, use a crochet hook that's one or two sizes smaller than you'd normally use.

Here are the materials you'll need:

- worsted weight (CYC 4) yarn,
- size G – 4.0mm crochet hook
- a darning or tapestry needle
- a few handfuls of fiber-fil toy stuffing

If you'd like to crochet a pumpkin stem, you'll also need a scrap amount of brown

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ABBREVIATION

Skill Level : Beginner – Easy.

This project uses basic stitches in a repetitive stitch pattern with simple shaping and finishing.

Note that all instructions are written in US terms.

blo = back loops only

ch = chain(s)

dc = double crochet

fpdc = front post double crochet

hdc = half double crochet

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

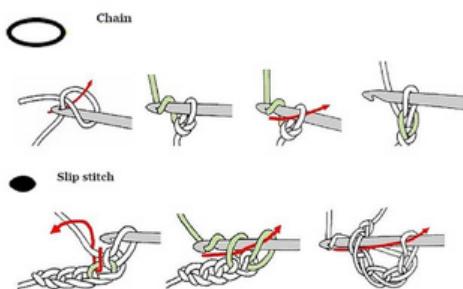
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Special Stitches

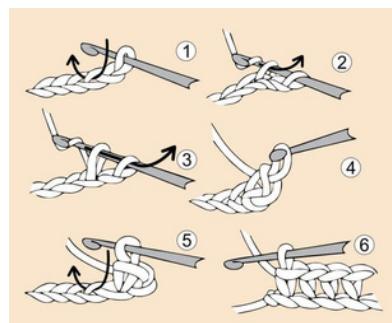
If you would like to crochet a pumpkin stem for your pumpkin, you'll need to know the front post double crochet stitch. It's very similar to the double crochet stitch — you'll just insert your hook in a different spot.

Front Post Double Crochet: Yarn over, insert hook from front to back and to front around the post of corresponding stitch below, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on the hook). Yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops on the hook). Yarn over, draw through 2 loops on hook, again.

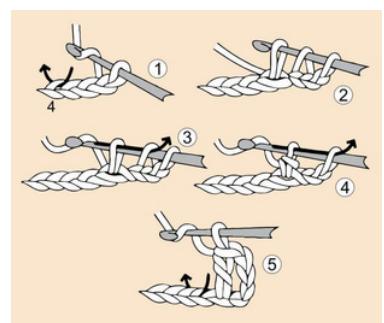
chain and slip stitch



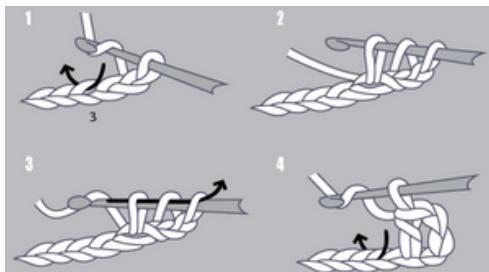
Single Crochet - sc



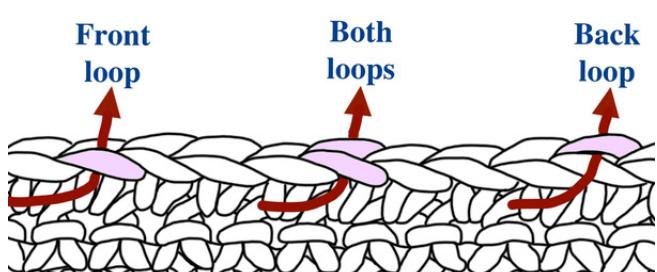
Double Crochet - dc



Half Double Crochet - hdc



THE LOOPS



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Measurements

Medium Size: The finished pumpkin measures 5" wide and 5" tall (stuffed, and with the stem.)

Small Size: Read the notes at the end of the pattern to learn how to modify the stitch count to make a smaller version.

Gauge : 20 st = 4"

Meeting gauge isn't critical to the success of this project.

If you want to crochet a pumpkin the same size as mine, aim for a piece of fabric that measures 6" wide and 12" long before seaming.

I'll also show you how to adapt the basic pattern to make different sizes of pumpkins – medium and small.

On the last page you can find the pattern of the easy basic pumpkin. You can use the same stitch amount but work hdc only. All other details are the same. Seaming, stuffing and stem.

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Pattern

Row 1: Ch 31. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, and working in blo for all stitches, make 3 sl st, 6 sc, 12 hdc, 6 sc, 3 sl st. Turn. (30)

Row 2: Ch 1. Working in blo (back loop), 3 sl st, 6 sc, 12 hdc, 6 sc, 3 sl st. Turn. (30)

Repeat Row 2 until the piece measures 12 in long. (Measured across the center at the widest point.) I crocheted 40 rows.

Last Row: You can make the last row and seam the short sides in the same step. To do this, fold the short sides together, right sides facing out. Insert the hook through both the starting chain stitches and the back loops of the working stitches as you crochet the last row – all slip stitches.



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I assembled with slip stitch the both edges as last row.

Finishing

If you didn't join the sides as you worked the last row of crochet (as described in the previous section), join the sides with a mattress stitch.

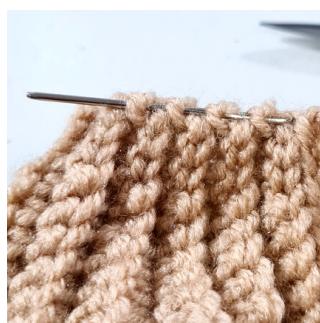
Then, turn the pumpkin so that the raised "V" shapes point down.

With a matching piece of yarn and blunt yarn needle (I used the long yarn tail) sew a running stitch along the top edge.

Pull the ends of the yarn to gather the top edge. Tie a knot, cut the excess yarn, and weave in the ends.



I have cut the yarn long tail after the last ss to sew the edge together.



I made some stitches to close the hole.



Pull the yarn from the closed edge to the open edge to sew after filling the pumpkin.

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Next, stuff the pumpkin with fiberfill through the bottom opening.

In the same way as before, sew a running stitch along the bottom edge. Pull the ends of the yarn to gather the bottom edge. Tie a knot, cut the excess yarn, and weave in the ends.

You can stop here, or you can make some additional stitches to create a sculpted, "squashed" pumpkin shape.

To do this, make some long stitches that run vertically between the stem end and the base of the pumpkin. I made four stitches down through the center of the pumpkin, overlapping them in an X shape (almost like sewing on a button.)

Pull these stitches with slight tension to give the pumpkin a more realistic shape. Knot the yarn to secure, and weave in the ends.



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How to Crochet a Pumpkin Stem

First, make a chain start. 4ch (3ch counts as dc) 5dc in the fourth chain from the hook.(6)

1.Round 2: Ch 2. Fpdc in each st around, sl st to first fpdc to join round. (6)

2.Repeat round 2 until your stem is as long as you'd like. I made 5 rounds.

3.Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

4.Sew the top of the stem to the top of the pumpkin with a yarn needle. Fasten off and weave in end.

Please, use a more smaller hook size for the stem.

- For a simple stem, you can use hot glue to attach a short twig or a cinnamon stick to the top of the pumpkin.
- Or, you can crochet a simple cord as stem.

Small Pumpkin Variation

Here is the pattern to create a smaller size version.

1.Row 1: Ch 22. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, and working in blo for all stitches, make 2 sl st, 4 sc, 9 hdc, 4 sc, 2 sl st. Turn. (21)

2.Row 2: Ch 1. Working in blo, 2 sl st, 4 sc, 9 hdc, 4 sc, 2 sl st. Turn. (21)

3.Repeat until you have made 30 total rows.
Continue the seaming and stuffing steps as described above.

Another way to make the pumpkin smaller or larger is to use thinner or thicker yarn.



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Easy Basic Pumpkin

Easy and Basic Pumpkin Variation: Small

Here is the pattern to create a basic smaller size version. You can use the same method for the large pumpkin with same stitch amount in the medium pattern.

1. Row 1: Ch 22. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, and working in blo for all stitches, make hdc in each stitch Turn. (21)
2. Row 2: Ch 2. Working in blo, hdc in all stitches Turn. (21)
3. Repeat until you have made 30 total rows. Continue the seaming and stuffing steps as described above. You can use both sides of the work. Which you like.



Here you can see the difference between the Festive Pumpkin and the Easy and Basic Pumpkin Variation



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Easy and Basic Pumpkin

The difference is the rip. Festive has a chain look rip