

Crochet Pumpkin



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This pattern uses UK crochet stitch terms

MATERIALS

Yarn:-Scraps of UK double Knitting Yarn. (Stylecraft Special DK was used).

Hook size: 3mm, or 3.5mm hook. Stitch marker, sewing needle for wool. Toy Filling/stuffing

Size: Diameter = Approx 7cm, Height = Approx 4cm <u>Abbreviations</u>

Ch = Chain Dc = (UK) double crochet Dc 2tog = Double crochet 2 together SI st = Slip stitch Rep = Repeat

TO START

Starting off and 1st round.

Make 2 chain, miss 1st ch from hook and work 6 dc in the ch next to the slipknot, (6sts).

We will crochet in spiral rounds, which means we do not end the round with slip stitch. I suggest you do put a stitch marker or scrap of thread through the 1st stitch of each round to keep a count of your stitches.

Round 2: 2 dc in each st, (12 sts)

Round 3: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in the following st* Rep from * to end, (18 sts).

Round 4: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in the following 2 sts* Rep from * to end, (24 sts). Round 5: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in the following 3 sts* Rep from * to end, (30 sts). Round 6: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in the following 4 sts* Rep from * to end, (36 sts). Round 7: 2 dc in 1st st, 1 dc in the following 5 sts* Rep from * to end, (42 sts). Rounds 8-12: 1 dc in each stitch (42 sts). Round 13: dc 2tog, dc 5 sts,* Rep from * to end, (36 sts). Round 14: dc 2tog, dc 4 sts,* Rep from * to end, (30 sts). Round 15: dc 2tog, dc 3 sts,* Rep from * to end, (24 sts). Round 16: dc 2tog, dc 2 sts,* Rep from * to end, (18 sts). *Fill pumpkin with cotton wool.* Round 17: dc 2tog, dc 1 st* Rep from * to end, (12 sts) Round 18: dc 2 tog, 6 times, (6 sts)

Pull out the thread, cut off generously with about 30cm.

Thread the end of yarn on to a needle and sew around the top of the pumpkin to close any hole at the top. Then make a stitch through the centre of the pumpkin from the top to the bottom and bring the yarn back up to the top. Rep this 4 more times and distribute the threads evenly "pumpkin-like" around the pumpkin. Tighten the threads and these 5 threads create the 6 sections of the pumpkin.

Stem

The stem is also crocheted in spiral rounds, which means that we do not end the round with slip stitch, but start the new round directly.

Starting off and 1st round.

Make 2 chain, miss 1st ch from hook and work 5 dc, (5sts).

Rounds 2-6: 5 dc, (5 sts).

Round 7: 2 dc in each st, (10 sts).

Cut the thread generously and sew the stem to the pumpkin.





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