Striped heirloom pumpkin

US terms



Finished size
About 7¾ in (19.5 cm) across and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall without the stem

Skill
Intermediate
Four pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn
Bulky (5), 4 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
14 stitches and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, in a spiral.

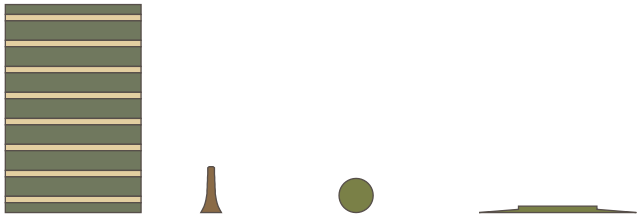
You will need

Yarn A: deep sage, pumpkin and the details	**about 265 yd (242 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: buff, pumpkin	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: driftwood brown, stem	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: moss green, leaf and tendril	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and a long needle (longer than the pumpkin is tall).

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

The pieces



Pumpkin **Stem** **Leaf** to the pumpkin **Tendril**

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

Gauge

14 stitches and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

Standard, the size written here: 14 sc and 15.4 rounds = 4 in (10 cm) in sc, and 14 hdc and 10.6 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in hdc. Small: 20 hdc and 15.2 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in hdc. Jumbo: 11 hdc and 8.3 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in hdc. The sc gauge of those two is in their lines under Sizes. The hdc rows set the width of the pumpkin, so check them: work to the end of row 11 and measure the middle of the piece, lying flat and not stretched. Rows 2 to 11 are ten rows of hdc, about 3¾ in (9.6 cm) deep for Standard, 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) for Small and 4 7/8 in (12.2 cm) for Jumbo. The fabric should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Where the size comes from: the rows of the pumpkin go round it, and the stitches of each row run from the middle of the top over the side to the middle of the bottom. Part of that length is drawn into the hollows at the top and the bottom when the grooves are pulled.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Color change: where a row begins "With B," or "With A,", work the last pull-through of the row before it in that color. Do not cut the yarn: both colors wait at the same edge, so carry them loosely up that edge to the next stripe.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the pumpkin. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- The lines below give the sc gauge of each size, for the stem, the leaf and the tendril. The hdc gauge of each size, for the pumpkin, is under Gauge.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.

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- Small: medium (4, worsted) yarn, 4 mm (G-6) hook, 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across and 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall without the stem; multiply lengths by 0.7; about 0.7 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 8 mm (L-11) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 9¾ in (25 cm) across and 6¼ in (16 cm) tall without the stem; multiply lengths by 1.3; about 1.3 times the yarn.

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

Pumpkin

Yarns in order of use: A, deep sage; B, buff.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 38 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 39.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(38 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 3**	Ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 2 to 3: tick them off as you go.

2 3

☐ **Rows 4 to 5**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 4 to 5: tick them off as you go.

4 5

☐ **Rows 6 to 11**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 6 to 11: tick them off as you go.

6 7 8 9 10 11

☐ **Rows 12 to 13**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 12 to 13: tick them off as you go.

12 13

☐ **Rows 14 to 19**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 14 to 19: tick them off as you go.

14 15 16 17 18 19

☐ **Rows 20 to 21**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

20 21

☐ **Rows 22 to 27**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 22 to 27: tick them off as you go.

22 23 24 25 26 27

☐ **Rows 28 to 29**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 28 to 29: tick them off as you go.

28 29

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☐	**Rows 30 to 35**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 30 to 35: tick them off as you go.

30 31 32 33 34 35

☐	**Rows 36 to 37**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 36 to 37: tick them off as you go.

36 37

☐	**Rows 38 to 43**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 38 to 43: tick them off as you go.

38 39 40 41 42 43

☐	**Rows 44 to 45**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 44 to 45: tick them off as you go.

44 45

☐	**Rows 46 to 51**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 46 to 51: tick them off as you go.

46 47 48 49 50 51

☐	**Rows 52 to 53**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 52 to 53: tick them off as you go.

52 53

☐	**Rows 54 to 59**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 54 to 59: tick them off as you go.

54 55 56 57 58 59

☐	**Rows 60 to 61**	With B, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 60 to 61: tick them off as you go.

60 61

☐	**Rows 62 to 64**	With A, ch 1, turn, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 28 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(38 sts)**

A box for each row, 62 to 64: tick them off as you go.

62 63 64

☐	**End**	Fasten off, leaving a 66 in (168 cm) tail of A for sewing.	

Stem

Yarn C, driftwood brown.

Push in a thin roll of stuffing every few rounds as you go, so that the stem holds its curve.

☐	**Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐	**Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐	**Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐	**Rnds 3 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 5: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5

☐	**Rnd 6**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**

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☐ **Rnds 7 to 9**	Sc in each st around	**(7 sc)**

A box for each round, 7 to 9: tick them off as you go.

7 8 9

☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 15**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 24 in (61 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf

Yarn D, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 5 times**	**(20 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, 2 dc in each of next 2 sts, sc in next st**] 5 times**	**(30 sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. The right side is the top. The last round makes five lobes; the tip of a lobe is between its two pairs of dc, and the low place between two lobes is where one lobe ends with a sc and the next begins with a sc. The veins: before the leaf is sewn on, with A (deep sage), in backstitch on the right side, work five lines, each from round 1 straight out to round 4, toward the tip of a lobe. Begin and end on the back of the leaf. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.	

Tendril

Yarn D, moss green.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 22 stitches wide at the start. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn, **[**2 sc in next st**] 22 times**	**(44 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. The two stitches in every stitch make it curl by itself. Wind it round a finger to set the curl.	

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Assembly

1. The tube: fold the pumpkin with its right side outside (the side that faces you as you work row 1 and every odd row), so that its last row lies along its foundation chain. With its tail, sew the two edges together, one stitch to one chain, all 38 of them. The stripes now run from one open end of the tube to the other.

2. The bottom: the rest of the tail hangs at one open end. With it, take one running stitch through the edge of every row, all the way round that end (64 rows). Pull the yarn up until the hole is closed, take two or three stitches across it and fasten off inside.

3. The top: stuff firmly. With a new length of A, about 30 in (76 cm), take one running stitch through the edge of every row round the open end. Pull it up most of the way, add stuffing until the pumpkin is full, then pull the hole closed, take two or three stitches across it and fasten off.

4. The grooves: thread the long needle with a new length of A, about 4 yd (3.7 m), and fasten it to the middle of the bottom. Bring the needle straight up through the inside and out at the middle of the top, and pull until top and bottom sink in and the pumpkin is about as tall as the size given. Now carry the yarn down the outside to the middle of the bottom, along the middle of a wide stripe of A, between its third and fourth row, then straight up through the inside to the top again, and pull hard until it makes a deep groove. Do this eight times, once in each of the eight stripes of A (one of them has the seam in its middle), so that a buff stripe lies along the crest of each rib. Fasten off firmly at the top.

5. The stem: set the open edge of the stem (18 sts) over the gathered hole at the top, and sew all 18 stitches down with its tail. Bend the stem over to one side in an even curve until its tip points out to the side and a little down, and hold the curve with a few running stitches along the inner side of the bend, from about round 3 to round 11 of the stem, drawn up a little.

6. The leaf: lay the leaf, right side up, on the top of the pumpkin beside the stem, on the side the stem bends away from, one low place between two lobes against the stem. With its tail, sew down the edge of the two lobes beside that low place, 5 stitches of each, and let the other three lobes lie free on the ribs.

7. The tendril: with its tail, sew that end of the tendril to the pumpkin beside the stem, on the other side from the leaf. Lay it out over the ribs and catch its free end to the pumpkin with one stitch if you like.

Finishing

- Weave every tail through the pumpkin and trim it.

In all: 4 pieces; 2,708 stitches (2,432 in the pumpkin, 130 in the stem, 80 in the leaf, 66 in the tendril).

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