# Pumpkin applique

US terms



Finished size
**About 4½ in (11 cm) across**

Skill
**Easy**
Worked in rows and rounds, with 6 pieces, color changes and 1 special stitch.

Yarn
**Medium (4), 4 colors**

Hook
**5 mm (US H-8)**

Gauge
**14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)**
In single crochet.

## You will need

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| Yarn A: pumpkin orange, the orange ribs | **about 7 yd (6 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn B: deep orange, the deep orange ribs | **about 12 yd (11 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn C: stem brown, the stem | **about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate** |
| Yarn D: vine green, the vine | **about 2 yd (2 m), an estimate** |

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8). Also: a yarn needle, scissors, pins for blocking and a spray bottle.

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

## Abbreviations

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

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| **ch** | chain stitch |
| **sl st** | slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch) |
| **sc** | single crochet (UK dc, double crochet) |
| **hdc** | half double crochet (UK htr, half treble) |
| **dc** | double crochet (UK tr, treble) |
| **st** | stitch |
| **rnd** | round |

### Special stitches

**sc2tog:** [insert the hook in the next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice (3 loops on the hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops. It leaves 1 st for the next row.


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## Gauge

**14 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)** in single crochet.

Work a piece a little more than 4 in (10 cm) square, lay it flat and count. If you count more stitches than this, use a larger hook; if fewer, a smaller one.

## Before you start

- Rounds are worked with the right side facing; do not turn.
- Where a line says turn, turn the piece over and work back along the stitches just made.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Working along the other side of the chain: turn the piece round, not over, and work into the unused loops of the foundation chain, beginning in the chain next to the one just used.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- Either end of a rib may be its upper end. Either side of the stem and of the vine may face you.
- The distances under FINISHING are for the yarn and gauge above; in another yarn make them larger or smaller in the same proportion as the size.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured straight across: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3 in (8 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 5¾ in (15 cm).

## Instructions

The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and dc is treble.

### Deep orange rib: make 3

**Yarn B, deep orange.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With B, ch 10. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 6 chs, hdc in next ch, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 6 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join | **(10 hdc, 12 dc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. | |

### Orange rib: make 2

**Yarn A, pumpkin orange.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With A, ch 10. | |
| ☐ **Rnd 1** | Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next 6 chs, hdc in next ch, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 6 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join | **(10 hdc, 12 dc)** |
| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing. | |


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### Stem

**Yarn C, stem brown.**

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| ☐ **Foundation** | With C, ch 6. | |
| ☐ **Row 1** | Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs | **(5 sc)** |
| ☐ **Row 2** | Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts | **(2 sc2tog, 1 sc)** |
| ☐ **Rows 3 to 5** | Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across | **(3 sc)** |

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

3 4 5

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| ☐ **End** | Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing. | |

## Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, right side up, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Pin out the ribs in this order, right side up, each one over the last and all of them with their middles level. Distances are measured from the middle line of the pumpkin to the middle of the end of a rib. First a deep orange rib at each side, its upper end 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) and its lower end 1 in (2.5 cm) from the middle line; then an orange rib at each side, its upper end 1 in (2.5 cm) and its lower end 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the middle line; then the last deep orange rib upright on the middle line. Sew the ribs to each other along their edges.
- With the yarn needle, run the tail of the stem down through the row ends of one side to its foundation edge. Lay that edge behind the tops of the ribs, its middle behind the middle rib and its two corners behind the orange ribs, so that row 1 is half hidden at the middle rib, and sew it there with the tail. Leave the rest of the tail.
- For the vine, with D, ch 13 and fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail. With the tail, sew the end it hangs from behind the pumpkin, just to the right of the stem. Leave the rest of the tail.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle, but not the tails of the stem and the vine.
- To sew the pumpkin to your project, cut 45 in (114 cm) of B, pin the pumpkin where it is to go and sew round its outer edge with B, under the outermost strands of the stitches. Sew down the sides and the top of the stem with its tail. Curl the vine round as you like and sew it down along its length with its tail.

In all: 6 pieces; 16 ends to weave in.

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