Pumpkin coaster

US terms



Finished size
About 5 in (13 cm) wide and about 5 in (13 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 3 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

Yarn A: pumpkin, the pumpkin	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: rust, the ribs	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: brown, the stem	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: green, the leaf	**about 3 yd (3 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. Yarns A, C and D: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches 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.

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.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches are not counted.
- 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.
- Backstitch (sewn): thread the yarn needle and bring it up from the back one stitch length (about ¼ in, 0.6 cm, and half that round a small curve, unless the line names another) along the line. Put it down at the start of the line and bring it up again one stitch length ahead of where it last came up; keep going down at the end of the stitch before and up one length ahead.
- The same words in another yarn make another size, measured the longest way: fine yarn (2) and a 3.25 mm hook, about 3½ in (9 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 4 in (10 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 6½ in (17 cm).

Instructions

Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. Round brackets ( ) inside a line hold stitches that all go into one place. 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.

Pumpkin

Yarn A, pumpkin.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Hdc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 3 chs, 4 hdc in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next 3 chs, 3 hdc in next ch, sl st in first hdc to join	**(14 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in same st, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 4 sts, hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in each of next 3 sts, sl st in first hdc to join	**(22 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(30 hdc)**

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☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(38 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, hdc in same st, hdc in next 2 sts, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 4 times**, hdc in next 3 sts, **[**hdc in next 3 sts, 2 hdc in next st**] 3 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(46 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Stem

Yarn C, brown.

☐ **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 3 sts	**(1 sc2tog, 3 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st, sc2tog in next 2 sts	**(3 sc, 1 sc2tog)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn, sc2tog in next 2 sts, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st	**(1 sc2tog, 3 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn, sc in each st across	**(4 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 15 in (38 cm) tail for sewing.	

Leaf

Yarn D, green.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 8.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, (sc, hdc, sc) in next ch, working along the other side of the chain, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next ch, sl st in next ch	**(4 sc, 5 hdc, 4 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 10 in (25 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pieces to shape on a flat surface, spray them with water and let them dry.
- Lay the pumpkin right side up with one of its two long sides at the top. With B, work five ribs in backstitch on it, in stitches ¼ in (0.6 cm) long. Each rib runs from the line where rounds 4 and 5 meet at the top to the same line at the foot. The middle rib is straight. On each side of it the next rib begins and ends ½ in (1.3 cm) from the middle rib and curves out to 1 in (2.5 cm) from it; the outermost begins and ends 1 in (2.5 cm) from the middle rib and curves out to 1¾ in (4.4 cm) from it.
- Hold the stem with Row 1 facing you and its wide foundation edge at the bottom: it leans to the right. With the yarn needle run its tail down through the stitches of one side to the foundation edge. Lay the foundation edge behind the middle of the top edge of the pumpkin, with ½ in (1.3 cm) of the stem hidden, and sew it down with the tail.
- The leaf has a narrow end, where its round begins and ends, and a pointed end with 3 stitches in one place. Lay it, right side up, on the front with its narrow end beside the foot of the stem, on the right, and its point out to the right and a little up; with its tail, sew it down where it lies on the pumpkin. The rest stands free.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 3 pieces; 8 ends to weave in.

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