Pumpkin with leaf, stem and vine

US terms



Finished size
About 9 in (23 cm) wide and about 8¼ in (21 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Worked in rows and rounds, with 7 pieces and color changes.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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: burnt orange, the pumpkin	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: wheat tan, the stem	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: moss green, rounds 1 to 3 of the large leaf, rounds 1 and 2 of the small leaf and the vines	**about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: deep olive, round 4 of the large leaf and round 3 of the small leaf	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: soft lime, some of the pieces	**about 3 yd (3 m), an estimate**

Hook: 5 mm (US H-8), or the size that gives you the gauge. 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. Buy them from one dye lot. Yarns A, B, C and D: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn E: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

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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)
tr	treble crochet (UK dtr, double treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
back loop only	under the one loop of the stitch that is farther from you

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.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work the first round or row into the loop, then pull the tail until the ring is closed. Four chains joined into a ring with a slip stitch may be used instead.
- A chain 1 at the start of a round or a row does not count as a stitch.
- Fasten off the old color, then join the new one with a slip stitch in the place named; the first stitch or chain of the line is worked in that same place.
- Front loop: the strand of the top of a stitch nearest you; back loop: the strand farther from you. In the pumpkin and in the stem every row after the first is worked in the back loops; the front loops make the ridges.
- At the start of a round, same st is the stitch the round before was joined in; after a new color is joined, it is the stitch the color was joined in.
- A round worked in each st around begins in the st the round before was joined in, or the new color was joined in.
- The figures in brackets at the end of a line count its stitches; slip stitches, and chains that are not named there, are not counted.
- Pumpkin: the side that faces you in Row 1, and in every odd row, is the right side; five ridges stand up on it. Either end of the rows may be the top. The stitches grow taller toward the middle of each row, so that the two sides bow out.
- Stem: the sc end of the rows is its narrow top and the dc end is its wide foot. The side that faces you in Row 1 is the right side; one ridge runs up its middle.
- Large leaf: Rnds 3 and 4 begin and end at the base, where the leaf stem grows. Every 3 sts of Rnd 2 carry one lobe of 7 sts in Rnd 3. In Rnd 4 the (dc, tr, dc) goes in the tr of the lobe, and its own tr is the point; the two sl sts side by side are the dip between two lobes.
- Small leaf: Rnd 3 begins and ends at the base. Every 3 sts of Rnd 2 carry one lobe of 7 sts, and the tr in its middle is its point.

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- The leaf stem is the last chain of each leaf: slip stitch back along it, then slip stitch in the first sc of the round to join. The middle lobe of a leaf is the third one, opposite the leaf stem.
- Vine: work the chain and the slip stitches loosely, so that the vine bends easily. Its straight end is the one with the long tail. The side that faces you in Row 1 is the right side; a vine that is wound the other way is simply bent the other way.
- The leaves, the stem and the vines can be used without the flat pumpkin, on any crocheted or fabric pumpkin that a needle goes through.
- 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 6 in (15 cm); light yarn (3) and a 4 mm hook, about 7 in (18 cm); bulky yarn (5) and a 6.5 mm hook, about 11½ in (29 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 row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble and tr is double treble.

Pumpkin

Yarn A, burnt orange.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 19.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 12 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch	**(2 sc, 4 hdc, 12 dc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 12**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 12 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next st	**(2 sc, 4 hdc, 12 dc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 12: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 6 in (15 cm) tail.	

Stem

Yarn B, wheat tan.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 10.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 4 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs	**(5 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(2 dc, 2 hdc, 5 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn, working in back loops only, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, dc in next 2 sts	**(5 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)**

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☐ **Row 4**	Ch 2 (does not count as a st), turn, working in back loops only, dc in next 2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts, sc in next 5 sts	**(2 dc, 2 hdc, 5 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Large leaf

Yarns in order of use: C, moss green; D, deep olive.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 hdc in ring, sl st in first hdc to join	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 hdc in each st around, sl st in first hdc to join	**(16 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, sc in same st, **[**(hdc, dc) in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, (dc, hdc) in next st**] 5 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(1 sc, 10 hdc, 20 dc, 5 tr)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 4**	Join D with sl st in first sc, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**sl st in next st, sc in next st, 2 hdc in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, 2 hdc in next st, sc in next st, sl st in next st**] 5 times**, ch 5, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 3 chs, sl st in first sc to join	**(11 sc, 20 hdc, 10 dc, 5 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Small leaf

Yarns in order of use: C, moss green; D, deep olive.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 8 sc in ring, sl st in first sc to join	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around, sl st in first sc to join	**(16 sc)**
	Fasten off C.	
☐ **Rnd 3**	Join D with sl st in any st, ch 1, sc in same st, **[**(sc, hdc) in next st, (dc, tr, dc) in next st, (hdc, sc) in next st**] 5 times**, ch 4, sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 2 chs, sl st in first sc to join	**(11 sc, 10 hdc, 10 dc, 5 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

Vine: make 3

Yarn C, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 33.	
☐ **Row 1**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook, sl st in next 31 chs	**(32 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 20 in (51 cm) tail for sewing.	

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Finishing

- Block: pin the pumpkin flat, right side up, with its rows upright, the middle of its sides drawn out, until it is 6 5/8 in (17 cm) across its middle and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall in the middle. Pin the two leaves flat, right side up, every point drawn out, the middle point of each a little farther than the others. Pin each vine flat, right side up: from its straight end, about one third of it lies in a soft bend, and the rest is wound into an open coil of about one and one third turns, 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) across, with a gap between the turns; one vine winds to the left (the coil goes round against the clock) and two wind to the right (with the clock). Spray all these pieces with water and let them dry. The stem is blocked after its top is drawn together.
- Stem: the tail is at the top. With it take the needle through the ends of the 4 rows at the top, draw them together until the top is ¾ in (1.9 cm) wide, and fasten. Pin the stem flat, right side up, its foot toward you, and bend it so that its top leans ¾ in (1.9 cm) to the right. Spray it and let it dry. Then run the tail down along one side edge on the back to the foot.
- Veins: with the yarn needle and E, sew five straight lines of backstitch on the right side of each leaf. The first begins at the base, just above the leaf stem, goes over the magic ring and on toward the middle point. The other four begin at the magic ring, and each goes straight toward the point of one of the other four lobes. On the large leaf all five end 5/8 in (1.6 cm) from the points, and on the small leaf 3/8 in (1 cm) from them.
- Lay the pumpkin on a flat surface, right side up, its rows upright. From here on every place to the left, to the right, above and below is measured from one point: the middle of the top edge of the pumpkin, where the ridge in the middle ends. Slide the foot of the stem 3/8 in (1 cm) under that edge, its ridge in line with the middle ridge of the pumpkin, the stem right side up and leaning to the right.
- Two vines: both have their straight ends under the top edge of the pumpkin, ¼ in (0.6 cm) in from it, one 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the left and the other 1¼ in (3.2 cm) to the right. The vine that winds to the left goes up at the left side of the stem; the middle of its coil is 2 in (5.1 cm) to the left and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) above, and the vine comes up into it at its right side. A vine that winds to the right goes up at the right side of the stem, slanting outward; the middle of its coil is 3 1/8 in (7.9 cm) to the right and 1 7/8 in (4.8 cm) above, and the vine comes up into it at its left side.
- Leaves and the third vine: the large leaf lies on the pumpkin, right side up, with its magic ring 2½ in (6.4 cm) to the left and ½ in (1.3 cm) below and its middle point 5 1/8 in (13 cm) to the left and 1 in (2.5 cm) below, so that its leaf stem runs toward the foot of the stem. The small leaf has its magic ring 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) to the right and ½ in (1.3 cm) below and its middle point 3¾ in (9.5 cm) to the right and 7/8 in (2.2 cm) below. The third vine lies on the pumpkin with its straight end under the magic ring of the small leaf; it runs out and down in a bend, and the middle of its coil is 1 3/8 in (3.5 cm) to the right and 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) below; the vine comes down into it at its right side.
- Pin everything. With their tails sew the foot of the stem and the straight ends of the first two vines to the back of the pumpkin, and the leaves, with their leaf stems, and the third vine to the front of it wherever they lie on it, with small stitches along their edges. The outer points of the leaves and the coils beyond the pumpkin stay free until the pumpkin is sewn on.
- To sew the pumpkin to a cushion, a bag or a wreath, pin it on and work small stitches round its edge with A, round the stem with B, along the vines with C and round the leaves with D.
- Weave in all the ends that are left with the yarn needle.

In all: 7 pieces; 514 stitches (216 in the pumpkin, 36 in the stem, 106 in the large leaf, 60 in the small leaf, 32 in each vine).

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