Pumpkin potholder

US terms



Finished size
About 7¼ in (18 cm) wide and 5¾ in (15 cm) tall, without the stem

Skill
Easy
Ovals in joined rounds, and pieces to sew

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: pumpkin, main	**about 35 yd (32 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: burnt orange, side rib, rounds 1 to 6	**about 30 yd (27 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: dark rust, the back, middle rib, round 7, side rib, round 7 and outer rib, round 7	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: olive, the stem	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: moss green, the leaf and the tendril	**about 6 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and about 20 pins.

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 15 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: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (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)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
Rnd	round
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Gauge

16 stitches and 18 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

Check it on the back, laid flat, when 6 rounds are done: it measures about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) by 2¾ in (7 cm). If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row or a round does not count as a stitch.
- The right side of a piece in rounds is the side that faces you as you work; the right side of a piece in rows is the side that faces you in row 1.
- An oval and a leaf begin with a chain that is worked on both of its sides. When the last chain is worked, do not turn: go on round the end and work back along the other side of the chain, the first stitch into the same chain as the last one, and the last stitch into the chain where the round began.
- Where the words in square brackets of an oval are worked 2 times, each time is one half of the oval: from one end, along one long side, to the other end.
- To sew a piece on: lay it where the step says, right side up, and hold it with pins. With the yarn on a yarn needle, come up from below through both loops of a stitch of its edge and go down into the piece underneath, just outside that stitch. Work one sewing stitch for each stitch of the edge that is named. A chain of a foundation edge counts as a stitch, and so does the end of a row. Fasten off where it does not show.
- Backstitch: come up one stitch length ahead on the line, go down again where the last sewing stitch ended, and go on so.
- Use it dry: a wet potholder lets the heat through.
- To change yarn between rounds, make the joining sl st with the new yarn: put the hook in the first stitch, take the new yarn over the hook and pull it through. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- In joined rounds, the first stitch of a round goes into the same stitch as the joining sl st. The joining sl st itself is not a stitch and is not worked into.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Use cotton yarn. Acrylic yarn can melt.

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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 round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, dc is treble, tr is double treble and yo is yarn round hook.

Back

Yarn C, dark rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 6.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(16 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(28 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(58 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(64 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 11**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(70 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 19 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(76 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Middle rib

Yarns in order of use: A, pumpkin; C, dark rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 13.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 17 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 13 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(60 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 56 in (142 cm) for sewing.	

Side rib: make 2

Yarns in order of use: B, burnt orange; C, dark rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 12.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(28 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(34 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(40 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 10 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(46 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 16 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 12 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(58 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 54 in (137 cm) for sewing.	

Outer rib: make 2

Yarns in order of use: A, pumpkin; C, dark rust.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 7.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, working along the other side of the chain, sc in each ch across; join with sl st in first sc	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Ch 1, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in each of next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Ch 1, **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	Ch 1, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(42 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 7**	With C, ch 1, **[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**; join with sl st in first sc	**(48 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 46 in (117 cm) for sewing.	

Stem

Yarn D, olive.

☐ **Foundation**	With D, ch 8.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 2 chs	**(3 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; dc in BLO of next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 3 sts	**(3 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 3 sts, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, dc in BLO of next 2 sts	**(3 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; dc in BLO of next 2 sts, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, sc in BLO of next 3 sts	**(3 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 3 sts, hdc in BLO of next 2 sts, dc in BLO of next 2 sts	**(3 sc, 2 hdc, 2 dc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) for sewing.	

Leaf

Yarn E, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 11.	
☐ **Rnd 1**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook, dc in next ch, tr in next 3 chs, dc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, sc in next 2 chs, working along the other side of the chain, sc in next 2 chs, hdc in next ch, dc in next 2 chs, tr in next 3 chs, dc in next ch, sc in next ch; join with sl st in first sc	**(6 sc, 2 hdc, 6 dc, 6 tr)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Tendril

Yarn E, moss green.

☐ **Foundation**	With E, ch 29.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(28 sl sts)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 40 in (102 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Weave in all the ends but the tails to sew with.

2. Lay the back down right side up with its long way level. The line of its foundation chain is the level middle line, and the middle of that chain is the middle of the pumpkin. The upright middle line runs straight up through it. The long way of every rib stands upright, its right side up and the middle of its chain on the level middle line.

3. Outer ribs: lay one at the left and one at the right, the middle of each 2 1/8 in (5.4 cm) from the upright middle line. Their outer edges stand about ½ in (1.5 cm) past the back. Sew each one down with its tail: one sewing stitch for each stitch of its edge that has the back under it. Its edge has 48 stitches; those that have nothing under them stay free.

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4. Side ribs: lay one at the left and one at the right, the middle of each 1¼ in (3 cm) from the upright middle line, over the inner part of the outer rib. At the upright middle line their inner edges overlap by about 5/8 in (1.5 cm): lay the left one first and the right one over it. The middle rib will cover this place. Sew each one down with its tail, through whatever lies under it: one sewing stitch for each stitch of its edge that has the back or another rib under it. Its edge has 58 stitches; those that have nothing under them stay free.

5. Stem: its foot is the end with the dc, 5 row ends wide. Lay it right side up and upright on the upright middle line, the foot down and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) above the level middle line, so that it stands up past the top of the back. With its tail sew the foot down, one stitch in each of the 5 row ends, and then 2 stitches up each side, through whatever lies under it.

6. Middle rib: lay it over the inner edges of the side ribs and over the foot of the stem, its middle on the middle of the pumpkin. Its upper and lower ends stand past the back. Sew it down with its tail, through whatever lies under it: one sewing stitch for each stitch of its edge that has the back, another rib or the stem under it. Its edge has 60 stitches; those that have nothing under them stay free.

7. Hanging loop: join D with a sl st in the end of row 3 at the top of the stem, ch 16, sl st in the same row end, and fasten off. Weave in the ends.

8. Leaf: its base is the end where its round was joined, and its tip is the other end. Lay it right side up, the base ½ in (1.5 cm) to the right of the upright middle line and 2½ in (6.5 cm) above the level middle line. It points to the right and down: its tip lies 2¾ in (7 cm) to the right of the upright middle line and 1 1/8 in (3 cm) above the level one. Cut a length of D about 24 in (61 cm). With it sew the leaf down along its foundation chain, from the base to the tip, through whatever lies under it: 10 backstitches, one over each of the 10 chains that hold stitches, each about ¼ in (0.5 cm) long. They are the vein of the leaf. Its edges stay free.

9. Tendril: pin it down, right side up, as a line first. The end without the sewing tail lies on the upper end of the middle rib, in front of the foot of the stem, which is hidden there: ¼ in (0.5 cm) to the left of the upright middle line and 2 5/8 in (6.5 cm) above the level one. From there the cord runs to the left and down over the middle rib to the left side rib for about 2¼ in (5.5 cm). What is left of it, about 4¾ in (12 cm), is wound into a flat, open curl of one turn and a half, about 1¾ in (4.5 cm) across. The middle of the curl lies 1 7/8 in (5 cm) to the left of the upright middle line and ½ in (1.5 cm) above the level one. The cord comes to the curl from the right, at the top. It goes on counterclockwise: down the left side, along below, up the right side, and so on inward, until the end with the sewing tail lies in the middle of the curl. With its tail, from the curl to the stem, sew the cord down along its middle, through the cord and the rib it lies on, and through no more than that: 14 backstitches, each over 2 sl sts and about ½ in (1.5 cm) long.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the sewing tails on the wrong side of the back.

In all: 9 pieces; 1,873 stitches (516 in the back, 294 in the middle rib, 280 in each side rib, 210 in each outer rib, 35 in the stem, 20 in the leaf, 28 in the tendril).

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