Pumpkin purse with a handle

Grown-up · US terms



Finished size
About 8¾ in (22 cm) across and 5 in (12.5 cm) tall without the handle, which stands about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) higher

Skill
Intermediate
It has back post stitches, lobes drawn in by hand and a leaf shaped in rows.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge
15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: burnt orange, the pumpkin	**about 275 yd (251 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: leaf green, the leaf, the vine and one cord of the handle	**about 70 yd (64 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: deep green, the other cord and the vein of the leaf	**about 25 yd (23 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a round brown button ¾ in (2 cm) across, sewing thread in brown, a sewing needle and pins, a stitch marker, a yarn needle and scissors.

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.

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child	6 in (15 cm) across, 3½ in (9 cm) tall	about 190 yd (174 m)
Grown-up (this file)	**8¾ in (22 cm) across, 5 in (12.5 cm) tall**	**about 370 yd (338 m)**

Abbreviations

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

ch	chain stitch
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together (UK dc2tog)
sc3tog	single crochet 3 stitches together (UK dc3tog)

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hdc2tog	half double crochet 2 stitches together (UK htr2tog)
BPhdc	back post half double crochet (UK back post half treble)
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
sk	skip (UK miss)
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

15 stitches and 12 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

15 stitches and 17 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, worked in the round. The neck, the leaf and the handle cords are single crochet (UK double crochet); they need not be measured.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. The gauge is checked on the piece itself: after round 8 the base should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched. If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring, draw up a loop and chain 1 to hold it, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round. This is for the pumpkin and the cords; the leaf is worked in rows and each vine is one row.
- BPhdc, back post half double crochet: yarn over, put the hook in from the back round the upright of the stitch below, in front of the upright and out to the back again, and finish as a half double crochet. In round 3 it goes round a half double crochet, from then on round the back post stitch of the round below. The column sinks in on the right side.
- hdc2tog: yarn over and draw up a loop in the next stitch, yarn over and draw up a loop in the stitch after it, yarn over and pull through all 5 loops on the hook. sc3tog: draw up a loop in each of the next 3 stitches, yarn over and pull through all 4 loops on the hook.
- The chain of 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Whip stitch: put the needle through both edges from back to front, one stitch for each stitch or row, and draw the yarn snug.
- The child size has a button: it is for a child of three years or older.
- Colors. The pumpkin is A. The leaf, the two vines and the first handle cord are B. The second handle cord is C.

Instructions

Chosen: Grown-up. 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 sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble, sc2tog is dc2tog, sc3tog is dc3tog, hdc2tog is htr2tog, BPhdc is back post half treble and sk is miss.

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Pumpkin

Yarn A, burnt orange.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	8 hdc in MR	**(8 hdc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 hdc in each st around	**(16 hdc)**

Lobes

☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 hdc in next st, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(16 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next st, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(24 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(32 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 3 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(40 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 4 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(48 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 5 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(56 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 8. The base should measure about 5½ in (14 cm) across.

☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 6 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(64 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 7 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(72 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 8 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(80 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 9 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(88 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 13**	**[**2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 10 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(96 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnds 14 to 23**	**[**Hdc in next 12 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(96 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**

A box for each round, 14 to 23: tick them off as you go.

☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23

☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**Hdc in next 5 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 5 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(88 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**Hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 5 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(80 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**Hdc in next 4 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(72 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**Hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 4 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(64 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**Hdc in next 3 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 3 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(56 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**
☐ **Rnd 29**	**[**Hdc in next 2 sts, hdc2tog, hdc in next 3 sts, BPhdc around next st**] 8 times**	**(48 hdc, 8 BPhdc)**

Neck

☐ **Rnds 30 to 31**	Sc in each st around	**(56 sc)**

A box for each round, 30 to 31: tick them off as you go.

☐ 30 ☐ 31

☐ **End**	Slip stitch in the next stitch to level the edge. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).

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Leaf

Yarn B, leaf green.

Begin with a slip knot 16 in (40 cm) from the end of the yarn: this tail sews the leaf on.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 9 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in next st, sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Rows 7 to 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(15 sc)**

A box for each row, 7 to 25: tick them off as you go.

☐ 7 ☐ 8 ☐ 9 ☐ 10 ☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25

☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 11 sts, sc2tog	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(13 sc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts, sc2tog	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(11 sc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 7 sts, sc2tog	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, ch 3, sk next 3 sts, sc in next 3 sts	**(6 sc, 1 ch-3 sp)**
☐ **Row 33**	Ch 1, turn; sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in next ch-3 sp, sc in next 3 sts	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 34**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Row 35**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Row 36**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog, sc in next st, sc2tog	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 37**	Ch 1, turn; sc3tog	**(1 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Vine: make 2

Yarn B, leaf green.

Begin with a slip knot 12 in (30 cm) from the end of the yarn. The two stitches in every chain make the vine curl; twist it into a corkscrew with your fingers.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 33.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(64 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

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First handle cord

Yarn B, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 60**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 60: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40 cm).

Second handle cord

Yarn C, deep green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	5 sc in MR	**(5 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 2 to 60**	Sc in each st around	**(5 sc)**

A box for each round, 2 to 60: tick them off as you go.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30
31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53 54 55 56 57 58 59
60

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 16 in (40 cm).

Assembly

1. Weave in all the tails of the pumpkin on the wrong side, but leave those of the leaf, the vines and the cords.

2. Draw in the lobes. Cut 8 lengths of A, each about 24 in (61 cm) long. For each groove knot the end of a length to the wrong side of the first back post stitch of that groove, the one in round 3. Run the needle up the groove on the wrong side, under one strand of every back post stitch, to round 29, the last round of the lobes. The line of stitches runs from that knot, in round 3, to round 29 and is about 9 in (23 cm) long before it is drawn in. Draw the yarn until the line is about 7½ in (19 cm) long. Fasten it off there with two small stitches and weave in the end. Draw all eight equally tight, so that the lobes stand out round.

3. The neck has 7 stitches for each lobe. Turn the purse so that the middle of one lobe faces you: that is the front. The lobe straight across is the back, and the lobes a quarter of the way round are the two sides.

4. The vein of the leaf: with 36 in (91.5 cm) of C and the right side of the leaf up, backstitch up the middle of the leaf, from its foundation edge to the row before the buttonhole, one stitch over two rows. Backstitch: bring the needle up one stitch length ahead, go down where the last stitch ended, and so on, with no space between the stitches. Fasten off on the wrong side. Weave in all the tails of the leaf but the long one.

5. Sew on the leaf: lay its foundation edge, 5 stitches wide, on the outside of the neck at the middle of the back lobe, its right side facing outward and its point upward, so that it covers the last round of the neck. With the long tail whip stitch its 5 chains to the pumpkin just below the last round of the neck, and then its two side edges to the neck for one row each. Fasten off on the inside. The leaf now reaches over the opening to the front.

6. Fold the leaf over to the front. With sewing thread sew the button to the middle of the front lobe, where the buttonhole lies when the leaf is drawn over without pulling, through the outer stitches of the pumpkin.

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7. Handle: each cord is about 14 in (35.5 cm) long. Draw the closed ends of both cords to the inside of the neck at one side, next to each other in the middle of the side lobe, so that 1 in (2.5 cm) of each lies inside, and pin them. Twist the two cords round each other, 6 full turns, not tight, and pin the open ends inside the neck at the other side in the same way. From neck to neck the twisted handle is about 9½ in (24 cm) long, and it stands up in an arch. Flatten the last 1 in (2.5 cm) of each end and whip stitch it to the wrong side round its edges: the open ends with their own tails, each closed end with 16 in (40 cm) of its color. Take one more stitch through both cords where they leave the neck. Fasten off on the inside and weave in what is left.

8. Vines: put one beside each foot of the handle, on the side of it that is nearer the front. With the long tail sew the first chain of the vine to the last round of the neck with four small stitches on the spot, and fasten off on the inside. Weave the other tail in along the vine. Let the vine hang down over the front in its curls.

Finishing

- Push the lobes out from the inside with your fingers and flatten the middle of the base, so that the purse stands.

In all: 6 pieces; 3,506 stitches (2,336 in the pumpkin, 442 in the leaf, 64 in each vine, 300 in the first handle cord, 300 in the second handle cord).

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