Pumpkin treat basket

Medium · US terms



Finished size
About 6¼ in (16 cm) across and 5½ in (14 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
It is worked in rounds, with increases in the base, and has small parts to sew on.

Yarn
Medium (4), 3 colors

Hook
5.5 mm (US I-9)

Gauge
12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: pumpkin orange, the basket	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: black, the face	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: leaf green, the top band and the handle	**about 45 yd (41 m), an estimate**

Fiber: cotton

Hook: 5.5 mm (US I-9). Also: 4 stitch markers, a yarn needle and scissors.

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

Sizes

Size	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Small	5¾ in (14.5 cm) across, 5 in (12.5 cm) tall	about 150 yd (138 m)
Medium (this file)	**6¼ in (16 cm) across, 5½ in (14 cm) tall**	**about 175 yd (160 m)**

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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)
BLO	back loop only
MR	magic ring
st	stitch
sp	space
rnd	round
RS	right side

Gauge

12 stitches and 13 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet.

If the piece measures more than that, begin again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger hook.

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 10 the base should measure about 6¼ in (16 cm) across, laid flat and not stretched.

Before you start

- Begin with a magic ring: wind the yarn once round two fingers, put the hook through the ring and draw up a loop. Where round 1 does not begin with a chain, chain 1 to hold the loop, which does not count as a stitch. Work round 1 into the ring, then pull the tail to draw the ring closed.
- The rounds of the basket are not joined: work in a spiral, and move a marker up to the first stitch of each round.
- Where the pattern says BLO, put the hook under the back loop only; the front loop stays on the outside as a ridge.
- To change color, draw the new yarn through as the last yarn over of the stitch before. Cut the old yarn, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm). Where only one or two rounds are worked before the old yarn is used again, do not cut it: carry it loosely up the inside.
- Weave the starting tail of every small part in on its wrong side before the part is sewn shut or sewn on.
- Colors, round by round. Rounds 1 to 25: A. Rounds 26 to 28: C.

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Instructions

Chosen: Medium. 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 and hdc is half treble.

Basket

Yarns in order of use: A, pumpkin orange; C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 2 sts	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 3 sts	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, **[**sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 5 times**, sc in next 4 sts	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**Sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**

Stop and measure now, after round 10. After round 10 the base should measure about 6¼ in (16 cm) across.

Sides

☐ **Rnd 11**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 12 to 25**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 12 to 25: tick them off as you go.

☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ 22 ☐ 23 ☐ 24 ☐ 25

☐ **Rnd 26**	With C, sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 27 to 28**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 27 to 28: tick them off as you go.

☐ 27 ☐ 28

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

Handle

Yarn C, leaf green.

☐ **Foundation**	Ch 6.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	**(5 sc)**

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☐ **Rows 2 to 52**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	**(5 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 52: 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

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a tail of 20 in (51 cm) to sew one end. To sew the other end, cut a new length of the same yarn, also 20 in (51 cm).

Eye: make 2

Yarn B, black.

A triangle: each ch-2 sp is a corner. The chain of 2 at the start does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 2, 3 hdc in MR, ch 2, **[**3 hdc in MR, ch 2**] 2 times**, sl st in first hdc to join	**(9 hdc, 3 ch-2 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 18 in (45 cm) for sewing. Pull the ring closed.	

Nose

Yarn B, black.

A small triangle: each ch-1 sp is a corner. The chain of 1 at the start does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 2 sc in MR, ch 1, **[**2 sc in MR, ch 1**] 2 times**, sl st in first sc to join	**(6 sc, 3 ch-1 sps)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 in (30 cm) for sewing. Pull the ring closed.	

Mouth

Yarn B, black.

A half circle, worked back and forth from a magic ring. Its straight edge is the top of the mouth.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Ch 1, 3 sc in MR	**(3 sc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in each st across	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 30 in (75 cm) for sewing.	

Assembly

1. Lay the basket flat with the end of the last round at the middle of the back. Put a marker in the rim at the middle of the front, 30 stitches from the end of the round, and one at each side, halfway between the two.

2. The ribs. The sides begin with the round worked in BLO, which is round 1 of the sides; the last orange round is round 15 of the sides. With A on the needle, about 3½ yd (3.2 m) cut in two lengths, bring the needle out through round 1 of the sides, 3 stitches to one side of the middle of the front. Lay the yarn straight up the outside, put the needle in through

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round 15 above it, and pull until the yarn sinks a little into the wall and the wall rounds out on each side of it. The basket may become up to ½ in (1.3 cm) shorter. On the inside, run the needle down through the backs of the stitches, so that no long strand is left to catch, to round 1 at a place 6 stitches farther round, and bring it out there. Work ten of these long stitches, 6 stitches apart all the way round, so that the wall puffs out between them, and fasten each length off on the inside.

3. The handle is about 16 in (40.5 cm) long. Sew its two ends to the inside of the basket at the two side markers, their edges 1 in (2.5 cm) below the top edge of the green band.

4. Sew the eyes to the front, one corner up, their lower edges along round 10 of the sides and the middles of those edges 12 stitches apart, the same distance from the middle of the front.

5. Sew the nose to the middle of the front, one corner up, its lower edge along the same round as theirs, round 10 of the sides.

6. Sew the mouth to the middle of the front, its straight edge along round 8 of the sides and the curve below. Sew the straight edge down closely.

7. With A, sew two teeth. Each is 4 straight stitches side by side, ½ in (1.3 cm) long: every stitch begins in the orange just above the straight edge of the mouth and goes straight down over it. The middles of the two teeth are 1¼ in (3 cm) apart, the same distance from the middle of the mouth.

Finishing

- Weave all the tails that are left in on the inside.
- Weave the starting tail of the magic ring in round the middle of the base.

In all: 6 pieces; 1,757 stitches (1,410 in the basket, 260 in the handle, 9 in each eye, 6 in the nose, 63 in the mouth); 14 ends to weave in.

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