Ribbed pumpkins in three sizes

US terms



Finished size

The large pumpkin about 4¾ in (12 cm) across and 3¾ in (9.5 cm) tall, the medium about 3¾ in (9.5 cm) across and 3 in (7.6 cm) tall, the small about 2¾ in (7 cm) across and 2 3/8 in (6 cm) tall, all without the stems

Skill

Easy

Six pieces worked in rounds and rows and sewn together.

Yarn

Medium (4), 4 colors

Hook

3.5 mm (US E-4)

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet, in a spiral.

You will need

Yarn A: pumpkin orange, large pumpkin	**about 205 yd (187 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: cream, medium pumpkin	**about 135 yd (123 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: sage, small pumpkin	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: chestnut, large stem, medium stem and small stem	**about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors and a long needle (longer than the large pumpkin is tall).

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.

The pieces



Large pumpkin **Large stem** **Medium pumpkin** **Medium stem** to the medium pumpkin **Small pumpkin** **Small stem**

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Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
ch	chain stitch
MR	magic ring
RS	right side
Rnd	round
st	stitch
BLO	back loop only

Gauge

20 stitches and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, in a spiral.

20 sc and 22 rows = 4 in (10 cm) in sc worked in the back loops, lying flat and not stretched; the stems are worked at 20 sc and 22 rounds to 4 in (10 cm). The fabric should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

Use any hook that gives you this. If you count more stitches than this in 4 in (10 cm), change to a larger hook; if you count fewer, to a smaller one.

Before you start

- Every piece that has rounds is worked in a continuous spiral with the right side facing you: do not join and do not turn. Put the marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up. Square brackets hold a repeat; work it as many times as the line says. The number in parentheses is the count at the end of the round.
- Where the size comes from: the rows of a pumpkin go round it, and the stitches of each row run from the middle of the top over the side to the middle of the bottom. Part of that length is drawn into the hollows at the top and the bottom when the grooves are pulled.
- Magic ring: wrap the yarn round two fingers, work round 1 into the loop and pull the tail to close it. Or chain 2 and work round 1 into the first chain.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the pumpkins. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- In every step of putting it together: where a piece meets or overlaps another, sew through both. Where no tail is left or a tail is too short, sew with a new length of the yarn of the piece you are putting on.
- No plastic eyes are used.
- The rounds and stitches are the same for every size; the yarn and the hook make the difference. Lengths in the words (tails, ovals, details) are for Standard, the size written here: for another size multiply them by the number in its line.
- Small: fine (2, sport) yarn, 2.25 mm (B-1) hook, 27 sc and 30 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the large pumpkin about 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) across and 2¾ in (7 cm) tall, the medium about 2¾ in (7 cm) across and 2¼ in (5.7 cm) tall, the small about 2 in (5.1 cm) across and 1¾ in (4.4 cm) tall, all without the stems; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.

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- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the large pumpkin about 6½ in (16.5 cm) across and 5¼ in (13.5 cm) tall, the medium about 5¼ in (13.5 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall, the small about 4 in (10 cm) across and 3 3/8 in (8.6 cm) tall, all without the stems; multiply lengths by 1.4; about 1.4 times the yarn.
- Jumbo: super bulky (6, plush or velvet) yarn, 6.5 mm (K-10½) hook, 11 sc and 12.1 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): the large pumpkin about 8½ in (21.5 cm) across and 6¾ in (17 cm) tall, the medium about 6¾ in (17 cm) across and 5½ in (14 cm) tall, the small about 5 in (12.5 cm) across and 4¼ in (11 cm) tall, all without the stems; multiply lengths by 1.8; about 1.8 times the yarn.

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 row is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Large pumpkin

Yarn A, pumpkin orange.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 36 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 37.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 80**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(36 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 80: 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 ☐ 61 ☐ 62 ☐ 63 ☐ 64 ☐ 65 ☐ 66 ☐ 67 ☐ 68 ☐ 69 ☐ 70 ☐ 71 ☐ 72 ☐ 73 ☐ 74 ☐ 75 ☐ 76 ☐ 77 ☐ 78 ☐ 79 ☐ 80

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 54 in (137 cm) tail for sewing.	

Large stem

Yarn D, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 6**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 6: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6

☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st	**(7 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	Sc in next st, **[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff it yet.	

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Medium pumpkin

Yarn B, cream.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 29 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With B, ch 30.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(29 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 64**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(29 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 64: 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 61 62 63 64

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a 46 in (117 cm) tail for sewing.

Medium stem

Yarn D, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 5**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 5: tick them off as you go.

3 4 5

☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 14 in (36 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff it yet.	

Small pumpkin

Yarn C, sage.

Worked flat, to and fro in rows, 22 stitches wide. The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.

☐ **Foundation**	With C, ch 23.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in second ch from hook and in each ch across	**(22 sc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 48**	Ch 1, turn, sc in BLO of each st across	**(22 sc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 48: 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

☐ **End** Fasten off, leaving a 36 in (91 cm) tail for sewing.

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Small stem

Yarn D, chestnut.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	Sc in BLO of each st around	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(6 sc)**

A box for each round, 3 to 4: tick them off as you go.

☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff it yet.	

Assembly

1. The tubes: fold the large pumpkin so that its last row lies along its foundation chain (both sides of the fabric look alike, so either may be outside). With its tail, sew the two edges together, one stitch to one chain, all 36 of them. The seam lies flat and the ridges of the rib now run from one open end of the tube to the other. Sew the medium pumpkin (29 stitches) and the small pumpkin (22 stitches) in the same way. Leave the rest of each tail hanging.

2. The bottoms: the rest of the tail hangs at one open end of the tube. With it, take one running stitch through the edge of every row, all the way round that end (80 rows on the large pumpkin, 64 on the medium, 48 on the small). Pull the yarn up until the hole is closed, take two or three stitches across it and fasten off inside. This end is the bottom.

3. The tops: stuff each pumpkin firmly. With a new length of its yarn, about 24 in (61 cm), take one running stitch through the edge of every row round the open end. Pull it up most of the way, add stuffing until the pumpkin is full, then pull the hole closed, take two or three stitches across it and fasten off.

4. The grooves: thread the long needle with a new length of the yarn of the pumpkin, about 3½ yd (3.2 m) for the large one, 2¾ yd (2.5 m) for the medium and 2 yd (1.8 m) for the small, and fasten it to the middle of the bottom. Bring the needle straight up through the inside and out at the middle of the top, and pull until top and bottom sink in and the pumpkin is about as tall as the size given. Now carry the yarn down the outside to the middle of the bottom, along the valley between two ridges (for the first groove, the valley nearest the seam), then straight up through the inside to the top again, and pull until it makes a groove. Do this eight times, evenly spaced, for eight grooves: one every 10 rows on the large pumpkin (5 ridges between two grooves), every 8 rows on the medium (4 ridges) and every 6 rows on the small (3 ridges). Fasten off firmly at the top.

5. The stems: put a pinch of stuffing into the wide end of the large stem and set its open edge (15 sts) over the gathered hole at the top of the large pumpkin. Sew all 15 stitches down with its tail. Sew the medium stem (12 sts) to the medium pumpkin and the small stem (10 sts) to the small pumpkin in the same way. To tip a stem to one side, take two small stitches from the side of the stem to the pumpkin and draw them up a little.

Finishing

- Weave every tail through the pumpkins and trim it.

In all: 6 pieces; 5,973 stitches (2,880 in the large pumpkin, 79 in the large stem, 1,856 in the medium pumpkin, 60 in the medium stem, 1,056 in the small pumpkin, 42 in the small stem).

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