Smiling pumpkin

US terms



Finished size
About 3½ in (8.9 cm) tall

Skill
Easy
Three pieces worked in rounds and sewn together.

Yarn
Medium (4), 5 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, pumpkin	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: brown, stem	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: olive green, leaf	**about 10 yd (9 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: black, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: rose, the details	**about 5 yd (5 m), an estimate**

Hook: 3.5 mm (US E-4). Also: toy stuffing, a yarn needle, a stitch marker, pins, scissors, a long needle for the ribs (longer than the piece is tall) and two black plastic eyes with washers, 12 mm.

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.

Abbreviations

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

sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
sc2tog	single crochet 2 stitches together
MR	magic ring
RS	right side

Gauge

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

20 sc and 22 rounds = 4 in (10 cm), worked in a spiral. To check it, work a flat circle: 6 sc in a magic ring, then 6 more sc in each round (12, 18, 24, 30, 36). After round 6 it should measure about 2¼ in (5.5 cm) across. The stitches should be tight enough that the stuffing does not show.

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Before you start

- Every piece 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.
- 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.
- Center line: places on a piece are given by round and by stitches from a center line. It is half way round from where the rounds begin. Mark it with a pin or a scrap of yarn as listed here, run it straight from round 1 to the last round by eye, and count out from it along the round, in stitches and half stitches.
- Pumpkin: the center line runs between stitches 30 and 31 of round 10 (60 sts). It faces the front, round 1 at the top.
- Right and left are as you look at the front of the toy. Rounds are counted from the start of each piece.
- Running stitches go in and out along a line.
- To work sc2tog, put the hook under the front loop only of each of the next 2 stitches, yarn over, pull through both loops, yarn over, pull through 2 loops.
- For a child under three, or a pet, embroider the eyes instead: satin stitch dots of the same size in D (black).
- 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: 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): about 2 5/8 in (6.7 cm) tall; eyes 9 mm; multiply lengths by 0.74; about 0.74 times the yarn.
- Large: bulky (5, chunky) yarn, 5 mm (H-8) hook, 14 sc and 15.4 rounds to 4 in (10 cm): about 5 in (12.5 cm) tall; eyes 17 mm; 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): about 6¼ in (16 cm) tall; eyes 22 mm; 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 round is done. In UK terms sc is double crochet.

Pumpkin

Yarn A, pumpkin.

☐ **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**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**

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☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 8 sts**] 6 times**	**(60 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 11 to 19**	Sc in each st around	**(60 sc)**

A box for each round, 11 to 19: tick them off as you go.

☐ 11 ☐ 12 ☐ 13 ☐ 14 ☐ 15 ☐ 16 ☐ 17 ☐ 18 ☐ 19

☐ **Rnd 20**	**[**sc in next 8 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(54 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 21**	**[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 22**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 23**	**[**sc in next 5 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 24**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 25**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**

Fix the eyes now (see Face and details). Then stuff firmly, and keep adding stuffing until the last round.

☐ **Rnd 26**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 27**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 28**	**[**sc2tog**] 6 times**	**(6 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving an 8 in (20 cm) tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each of the last 6 stitches, pull it tight to close the hole and bury the end inside.	

Stem

Yarn B, brown.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(9 sc)**
☐ **Rnds 3 to 4**	Sc in each st around	**(9 sc)**

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

☐ 3 ☐ 4

☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 3 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 3 times**	**(15 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 16 in (41 cm) tail for sewing. Stuff lightly up to the open edge.	

Leaf

Yarn C, olive green.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	4 sc in MR	**(4 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(6 sc)**

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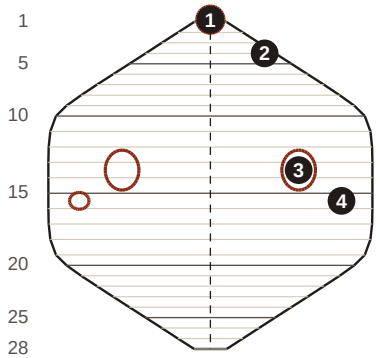
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**sc in next st, 2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 2 times**	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	Sc in each st around	**(14 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts**] 2 times**	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**] 2 times**	**(10 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 10**	**[**sc in next st, sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts**] 2 times**	**(8 sc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a 12 in (30 cm) tail for sewing. Do not stuff. Press it flat, so that the last round makes a straight double edge of 4 stitches.	

Assembly



Pumpkin: 1 stem, 2 leaf, 3 eyes, 4 cheeks

Each line is a round, counted as the rounds are worked. The upright broken line is the center line. A place with a broken edge is on the far side.

1. Pin the stem to the pumpkin: the middle of the open edge lies over the middle of round 1 of the pumpkin. The edge (15 sts) lies all the way round on about round 3. It points up, then curves until its tip points up and to the right. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a few running stitches along its inner side, drawn up a little. Sew all the way round with the tail, adding a little stuffing before the last few stitches if the edge is still soft.

2. Pin the leaf to the pumpkin: the middle of the flat edge lies on round 4, 5 stitches to the right of the center line, against the foot of the stem. The flat edge runs along the round, half of it on each side of that place. It points to the right and up, then curves until its tip points forward. Bend it as you pin it and hold the curve with a stitch or two on its inner side. Sew through both layers of the 4-stitch edge with the tail.

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Finishing

- Put in the plastic eyes when the words of a piece say so, or embroider eyes in the same places with the other details. Embroider with one strand of yarn and the yarn needle when the pieces round the place are sewn on, unless a line gives another time; begin and end each strand inside the toy. Satin stitch is straight stitches side by side until the shape is filled. Backstitch is a line of short stitches end to end: bring the needle up one stitch ahead, put it down at the end of the stitch before, and repeat.
- Ribs: work these when the piece is stuffed and closed, before the embroidery and the other pieces. Thread the long needle with about 2 yd (1.8 m) of A and fasten it at the bottom. Carry it up the outside to the top and down through the middle to the bottom, and pull until it makes a groove. Do this 8 times, evenly spaced, for 8 grooves; the center line lies midway between two of them. Fasten off firmly.
- Eyes: two 12 mm black plastic eyes, on the pumpkin between rounds 13 and 14, one to each side, 5½ stitches from the center line (11 stitches apart).
- Cheeks: with E (rose), in satin stitch, an oval about 3/8 in (10 mm) wide and 3/16 in (5 mm) tall, its middle on the pumpkin between rounds 15 and 16, one to each side, 9 stitches from the center line (18 stitches apart).
- Mouth: with D (black), in backstitch, a smile, one curve about ½ in (13 mm) wide that dips 3/16 in (5 mm) below its ends. Its two ends are on the pumpkin on round 15, one to each side of the center line.
- Weave every tail through the toy and trim it. For a toy that will be played with, go round each seam a second time with a new length of yarn. Check the seams and small parts from time to time.

In all: 3 pieces; 1,298 stitches (1,140 in the pumpkin, 60 in the stem, 98 in the leaf); 6 ends to weave in.

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