

Plush Pumpkin

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Supplies:

- Blanket Yarn in desired color for pumpkin
- Worsted Yarn – small amount of pumpkin color to gather the pumpkin, brown for stem and green for leaf and vine
- Crochet Hook (1-2 sizes smaller than yarn suggests)
- Polyfil or other stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

Abbreviations:

- **ch** chain
- **slst** slip stitch
- **sc** single crochet
- **dc** double crochet
- **trc** treble crochet
- **picot** ch 3, slst in first ch forming a bump
- **BLO** Working in the Back loop only
- **st/sts** stitch/stitches
- **inv dec** invisible decrease – working in the front loops only, decrease
- **[]** repeat instructions within brackets

Body

Row 1: With Orange plush yarn, 8 sc in Magic Ring (8 sts)

Row 2: 2 sc in each st around (16 sts)

Row 3: [Working in BLO, sc in next st, working in both loops, 2 sc in next st] around (24 sts)

Note: This Back loop stitch leaves a little bar that we will use later to cinch in the body to make it look like a pumpkin

Row 4: [In BLO, sc, in both loops, sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around (32 sts)

Row 5: [In BLO, sc, in both loops, sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] around (40 sts)

Row 6-10: [In BLO, sc, in both loops, sc in 4] around (40 sts)

Row 11: [In BLO, sc, in both loops, sc in 2, inv dec] around (32 sts)

Row 12: [In BLO, sc, in both loops, sc, inv dec] around (24 sts)

Add Stuffing

Row 13: [In BLO, sc, in both loops, inv dec] around (16 sts)

Row 14: inv dec around (8 sts)

Fasten off leaving long tail to sew circle closed.

Finishing: Using orange worsted yarn, weave the yarn under the Front Loops created earlier, encircling the ball shape, and tie tightly to create the pumpkin shape. Repeat this process 3 more times.

[Magic Ring

Scan this QR code for video in for magic ring if needed →



Stem

With Brown worsted yarn, Ch 9

Note: The stem will be worked in the Back Loop Only

Row 1: hdc 2nd ch from hook and in next 3 sts, sc in next 4, ch 1 turn.

Row 2: sc in 1st 4 sts, hdc in next 4 sts, ch 2, turn.

Row 3: hdc in 1st 4 sts, sc in next 4 sts, ch 1 turn.

Row 4-13: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 five more times (alternately)

Row 14: Working through the current sts and Row 1 to join into a cylinder, slst across.

Finishing: Fasten off. No stuffing is needed for this unless desired.

Gather the narrow end of the stem. Fasten off. Sew the wide end to the top of the pumpkin (I prefer whichever end looks the messiest)

Leaf and vine (you can make more than 1 if desired)

Row 1: In Magic Ring, work: ch 2, 3 dc, picot, 3 trc, picot, 3 trc, picot, 3 dc, ch 2, slst in Magic Ring. the top of the starting ch 2.

Tighten Magic Ring (tie knot here)

Row 2 (vine): ch 20, [sc, inc] 7 times, sc in next 2 sts, inc, sc in next 2 sts... for curly pumpkin vine.

Fasten off, attach leaf and vine to pumpkin near stem.



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