

CROCHET PUMPKIN

STEP-BY-STEP TUTORIAL



FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 15 cm (6 in) wide
12 cm (4.7 in) tall (including stem)



MATERIALS

- Super Bulky / Chunky yarn
 - Color A: Cream (approx. 80 g)
 - Color B: Rust / Brown (approx. 80 g)
 - Color C: Olive Green (approx. 20 g)
- 8.0 mm (L/11) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Stitch marker
- Scissors

GAUGE (TENSION)

10 sc x 10 rows = 10 cm (4 in)
(Gauge is not critical for this project)

ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
tr – treble crochet
blo – back loop only
() – repeat instructions
... – repeat section



MAIN STITCHES USED



SINGLE CROCHET (sc)



FRONT POST DOUBLE CROCHET (FPdc)



BOBBLE STITCH (Bobbie)

OVERVIEW

The pumpkin is worked in ribs. Each rib is made with Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc) for the raised cream ridges and Bobble Stitch for the textured brown ridges. The stem and leaf are worked separately and attached at the top.

COLOR GUIDE

- Color A: Cream
- Color B: Rust / Brown
- Color C: Olive Green

PART 1 – THE PUMPKIN BODY

1 START AT THE TOP

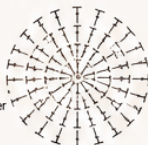
With Color A (Cream)
Ch 2.
Rnd 1: 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6)
Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)
Rnd 3: (1 sc, 2 sc in next st) around. (18)
Rnd 4: (2 sc, 2 sc in next st) around. (24)



2 BUILD THE TOP CIRCLE

Rnd 5: (3 sc, 2 sc in next st) around. (30)
Rnd 6: (4 sc, 2 sc in next st) around. (36)
Rnd 7: (5 sc, 2 sc in next st) around. (42)
Rnd 8: (6 sc, 2 sc in next st) around. (48)

Place a stitch marker.
This will be the top center of your pumpkin.



3 WORK THE RIBS (THIS CREATES THE PUMPKIN SHAPE)

We will now create ribs by alternating between Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc) with Color A and Bobble Stitch with Color B.
Rnd 9 (Rib Round):
*With Color A: FPdc in next st.
With Color B: make Bobble Stitch in next st.*
Repeat from * to * around. (24 ribs total)
Rnd 10–20: Repeat Rnd 9 for each round.
(Keep alternating FPdc in cream and Bobble in brown.)
After Rnd 20, fasten off both A and B.
You should have 24 ribs (12 cream + 12 brown).

4 SHAPE THE PUMPKIN

Add stuffing firmly.
Rnd 21: (6 sc, dec) around. (42)
Rnd 22: (5 sc, dec) around. (36)
Rnd 23: (4 sc, dec) around. (30)
Rnd 24: (3 sc, dec) around. (24)
Rnd 25: (2 sc, dec) around. (18)
Rnd 26: (1 sc, dec) around. (12)
Rnd 27: dec around. (6)
Fasten off, weave in ends and close the top.



PART 2 – THE STEM, LEAF & TENDRIL

5 THE STEM (Color C – Olive Green)

Rnd 1: Ch 6.
Rnd 2: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, 4 sc, 3 sc in last ch.
Continue on the other side of the chain: 3 sc, sl st in last st to join. (10)
Rnd 3–6: Sc in each st around. (10)
Rnd 7–12: Sc in each st around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail.
Stuff lightly if desired. Sew the base of the stem to the top center of the pumpkin.



6 THE LEAF (Color C – Olive Green)

Ch 8.
Row 1: Starting in 2nd ch from hook, sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc.
Row 2: Ch 1, turn, sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc.
Row 3: Ch 1, turn, sl st in each st across.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail. Pinch the base of the leaf and sew it next to the stem.



7 TENDRIL (Color C – Olive Green)

Ch 15.
Sl st in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across.
Do not fasten off. Roll the chain into a spiral.
Sew the base of the tendril next to the stem.



FINISHING

- Weave in all ends securely.
- Adjust the ribs with your hands to shape the pumpkin.
- Your crocheted pumpkin is ready to decorate your home!

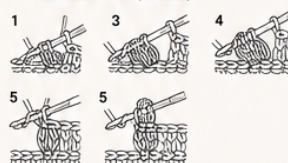


MAIN STITCHES DIAGRAM GUIDE

FRONT POST DOUBLE CROCHET (FPdc)



BOBBLE STITCH (BOBBLE)



COLOR SEQUENCE (EXAMPLE)



○ A = Cream (FPdc)
● B = Brown (Bobbie)

TIPS

- Use stitch markers to keep track of rounds.
- Stuff firmly for a round shape.
- You can make the pumpkin bigger by using more starting stitches (multiples of 6).

CARE

Spot clean with a damp cloth.
Do not machine wash.

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CROCHET PUMPKIN PATTERN



FINISHED SIZE

Approx. 15 cm (6 in) diameter x 12 cm (4¾ in) tall

MATERIALS

- Bulky weight yarn:
 - Pumpkin: 2 colors (A – Cream, B – Rust)
 - Stem/Leaf: 1 color (C – Sage Green)
- 6.0 mm (J/10) crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Stitch marker

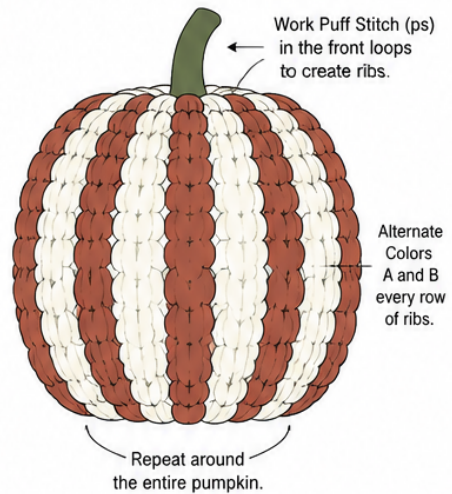
STITCH LEGEND (US TERMS)

- ch Chain
- sl st Slip stitch
- + sc Single crochet
- ⌣ hdc Half double crochet
- ⌣ dc Double crochet
- ⌣ tr Treble crochet
-  Puff Stitch (ps): Yo, insert hook, yo, pull up a loop, yo, pull through 2 loops. Repeat 3 more times in same stitch. You will have 9 loops on hook. Yo, pull through all 9 loops, ch 1 to close.
- [] Repeat instructions in brackets
- () Total number of stitches

PUMPKIN BODY (Make with Colors A and B)

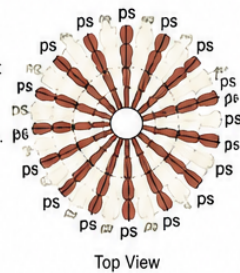
1. With Color A, ch 2.
2. Work 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook. (6)
3. Inc in each st around. (12)
4. [Sc, inc] around. (18)
5. [2 sc, inc] around. (24)
6. [3 sc, inc] around. (30)
7. [4 sc, inc] around. (36)
8. [5 sc, inc] around. (42)
9. [6 sc, inc] around. (48)
10. [7 sc, inc] around. (54)
11. [8 sc, inc] around. (60)
12. – 24. Sc in each st around. (60)
25. Start the ribs (switch colors):
 - Work 1 row in Puff Stitch (ps) with Color A in the front loops only.
 - Next row in Puff Stitch (ps) with Color B.
 - Repeat these 2 rows, alternating colors, until you have a total of 8–10 rows of ribbing (as shown in diagram).
26. Fasten off. Leave a long tail. Weave tail through front loops of the last row and pull tight to close the top. Fasten securely.
27. Stuff the pumpkin firmly before closing.

BODY SHAPING & RIB PATTERN



TOP CLOSING

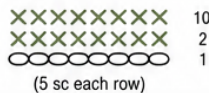
After stuffing, weave the long tail through the front loops of the last row. Pull tight to close. Secure and hide the yarn.



Top View

STEM (Color C)

1. Ch 6.
 2. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across. (5)
 3. – 10. Sc in each st across. (5)
- Fasten off leaving a long tail. Slightly curve the stem. Sew to the top center of the pumpkin.



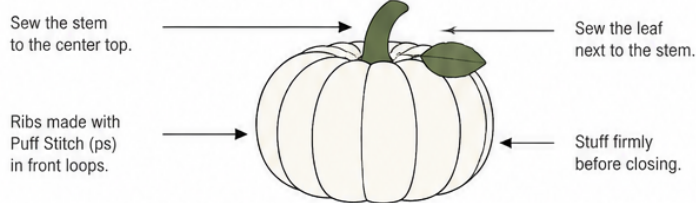
LEAF (Color C)

1. Ch 7.
2. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 4 ch.
3. 3 sc in last ch.
4. Working on the other side of the chain: sc in next 4 ch.
5. Sl st in first sc to join. Fasten off leaving a long tail. Sew the leaf next to the stem.



Start: ch 7

ASSEMBLY DIAGRAM



TIPS

- Use bulky yarn for a plump and sturdy pumpkin.
- Puff stitch in the front loops creates the raised ribs.
- Keep stitches snug for a round shape.
- You can add a cinnamon stick inside the stem for extra stability.

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Crochet Pumpkin – Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This Crochet Pumpkin is a soft, textured fall decoration made with chunky yarn and three colors. The design is worked mostly in the round, creating alternating raised cream and brown ribs. The cream sections use Front Post Double Crochet (FPdc), while the brown sections use Bobble Stitch to give the pumpkin its distinctive dimensional texture.

The pumpkin body is crocheted first from the top down. After increasing to the required width, the textured rib section is worked for several rounds, then decreased to form the bottom. The pumpkin is stuffed firmly before the final opening is closed. The stem, leaf, and tendril are crocheted separately in olive green and sewn securely to the top.

The instructions below follow the tutorial chart closely while adding detailed explanations so that a crocheter in the United States can complete the project from beginning to end.

Finished Size and Gauge

The completed pumpkin measures approximately:

- 6 in (15 cm) wide
- 4.7 in (12 cm) tall, including the stem

The approximate gauge shown in the pattern is:

10 single crochet stitches × 10 rows = 4 in (10 cm)

Gauge is not especially critical for this decorative project. A slightly tighter or looser gauge will simply make the finished pumpkin somewhat smaller or larger.

For an amigurumi-style decorative piece like this, your stitches should be tight enough that the fiberfill does not show through the fabric.

Materials

You will need:

- Super Bulky / Chunky yarn
- Color A: Cream, approximately 80 g
- Color B: Rust/Brown, approximately 80 g
- Color C: Olive Green, approximately 20 g
- 8.0 mm (L/11) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Fiberfill stuffing
- Stitch marker
- Scissors

Choose yarns with similar thickness and fiber composition so the ribs remain even.

The original color combination creates a warm fall appearance, but the construction will also work with different seasonal color combinations.

US Crochet Abbreviations

This tutorial uses standard US crochet terminology.

- ch – chain
- sl st – slip stitch
- sc – single crochet
- hdc – half double crochet
- dc – double crochet
- tr – treble crochet
- blo – back loop only
- FPdc – front post double crochet

- dec – decrease
- st / sts – stitch / stitches
- Rnd – round
- () – repeat the instructions inside the parentheses
- *...* – repeat the section between the asterisks

Use a stitch marker to identify the beginning of each round.

Understanding the Main Stitches

Before starting the pumpkin, it is helpful to understand the three main techniques used to create its texture.

Single Crochet – sc

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop. You should have two loops on the hook.

Yarn over again and pull through both loops.

One single crochet is complete.

Single crochet is primarily used for constructing the beginning and shaping sections of the pumpkin.

Front Post Double Crochet – FPdc

A Front Post Double Crochet is worked around the post of a stitch rather than through the loops at the top of the stitch.

Yarn over.

Insert the hook from front to back and then back to front around the post of the indicated stitch.

The post should sit in front of your hook.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

Yarn over and pull through two loops.

Yarn over again and pull through the remaining two loops.

The stitch will project forward from the fabric.

These raised stitches form the cream ribs of the pumpkin.

Bobble Stitch – Bobble

The brown sections of the pumpkin use Bobble Stitch.

Work several partially completed double crochet stitches into the same stitch, leaving the final loop of each stitch on the hook.

For a typical five-double-crochet bobble:

Yarn over and insert the hook into the stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop.

Yarn over and pull through two loops, leaving the remaining loop on the hook.

Repeat this process until five partially completed double crochet stitches have been worked into the same stitch.

Yarn over and pull through all remaining loops on the hook.

Gently push the bobble toward the front of the fabric.

The bobbles create the thick rust/brown textured ribs visible around the pumpkin.

Part 1 – Start the Pumpkin Body

Begin with Color A – Cream.

Round 1

Ch 2.

Work:

6 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook.

You should have:

6 stitches

Place a stitch marker in the first stitch.

Round 2

Work:

2 sc in each stitch around.

Stitch count:

12 stitches

Round 3

Work:

(1 sc, 2 sc in next st) around.

You are increasing every second stitch.

Stitch count:

18 stitches

Round 4

Work:

(2 sc, 2 sc in next st) around.

Stitch count:

24 stitches

At this point, the center should resemble a small flat crochet circle.

Keep the work reasonably flat during the increase rounds. If necessary, gently smooth it with your fingers after each round.

Build the Top Circle

Continue increasing evenly.

Round 5

Work:

(3 sc, 2 sc in next st) around.

Stitch count:

30 stitches

Round 6

Work:

(4 sc, 2 sc in next st) around.

Stitch count:

36 stitches

Round 7

Work:

(5 sc, 2 sc in next st) around.

Stitch count:

42 stitches

Round 8

Work:

(6 sc, 2 sc in next st) around.

Stitch count:

48 stitches

The top circle of the pumpkin is now complete.

Place your stitch marker carefully at the beginning of the next round because the following section establishes the repeating pumpkin ribs.

Create the Textured Pumpkin Ribs

The rib section is what gives this project its distinctive appearance.

Beginning with Round 9, alternate between:

- **Color A – Cream: Front Post Double Crochet**
- **Color B – Rust/Brown: Bobble Stitch**

This creates alternating cream and brown raised columns.

Keep both yarns attached if possible so you do not have to cut the yarn after every stitch.

When changing colors, complete the final yarn-over of the previous stitch using the new color. Carry the unused yarn neatly along the inside of the pumpkin.

Avoid pulling the carried yarn too tightly because that may distort the pumpkin.

Round 9 – Rib Round

Using Color A, work:

FPdc in the next stitch.

Switch to Color B and work:

Bobble Stitch in the next stitch.

Repeat:

***FPdc with Color A in next st, Bobble with Color B in next st* around.**

At the end of the round, the pattern should show alternating raised cream and brown sections.

According to the tutorial design, the pumpkin will have:

24 ribs total – 12 cream and 12 brown.

Check the placement carefully before continuing.

Continue Building the Ribbed Body

Rounds 10–20

Repeat Round 9 for every round.

Continue alternating:

Color A FPdc

and

Color B Bobble Stitch

Maintain the same stitch placement so that the textured sections stack vertically.

The cream FPdc stitches should remain directly above the previous cream FPdc stitches.

The brown Bobble Stitches should remain above the previous brown bobbles.

This alignment is important because it creates the strong vertical ribs visible in the finished pumpkin.

Continue through:

Round 20

After completing Round 20, fasten off both Color A and Color B.

You should now have a rounded, deeply textured pumpkin body with alternating cream and brown ribs.

Shape and Close the Pumpkin

The following rounds decrease the circumference and form the lower portion of the pumpkin.

Round 21

Work:

(6 sc, dec) around.

Stitch count:

42 stitches

Round 22

Work:

(5 sc, dec) around.

Stitch count:

36 stitches

Round 23

Work:

(4 sc, dec) around.

Stitch count:

30 stitches

Round 24

Work:

(3 sc, dec) around.

Stitch count:

24 stitches

The opening should now be getting noticeably smaller.

Stuff the Pumpkin

Before the opening becomes too small, begin adding fiberfill.

Add the stuffing gradually.

Push small amounts into the sides first, then fill the center.

The pumpkin should feel firm, but do not overstuff it so much that the stitches stretch apart.

Use your fingers to distribute the fiberfill evenly between the ribs.

The finished pumpkin should have a rounded shape with a slightly flattened top and bottom rather than looking like a perfectly round ball.

Continue adding a little stuffing as you complete the remaining decrease rounds.

Finish the Pumpkin Shaping

Round 25

Work:

(2 sc, dec) around.

Stitch count:

18 stitches

Round 26

Work:

(1 sc, dec) around.

Stitch count:

12 stitches

Add the final amount of stuffing.

Round 27

Work:

dec around.

Stitch count:

6 stitches

Fasten off, leaving a yarn tail long enough to close the opening.

Thread the tail through a yarn needle.

Pass the needle through the front loops of the remaining six stitches.

Pull firmly to close the opening.

Secure the yarn and weave in the end.

Use your hands to gently adjust the ribs and distribute the stuffing.

Your main pumpkin body is now complete.

Part 2 – Crochet the Stem

Use Color C – Olive Green.

Round 1

Ch 6.

Round 2

Starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, work:

4 sc, 3 sc in the last chain.

Continue crocheting along the opposite side of the foundation chain.

Work:

3 sc

Then work:

sl st in the last stitch to join.

You should have approximately:

10 stitches

The foundation will form the base of the stem.

Rounds 3–6

Work:

sc in each stitch around.

Maintain:

10 stitches

Rounds 7–12

Continue:

sc in each stitch around.

Maintain:

10 stitches

The stem should gradually develop into a long, slightly curved tube.

Fasten off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

If desired, add a very small amount of stuffing to the stem.

Do not overstuff it. The slightly soft construction makes it easier to bend the stem into a natural curved shape.

Position the base of the stem over the center of the pumpkin top.

Using the yarn tail and a yarn needle, sew the stem securely into place.

Make several stitches around its base so that it stands firmly.

Crochet the Leaf 

Continue using Color C – Olive Green.

Begin with:

Ch 8.

Leaf Row 1

Starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, work:

sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc

The different stitch heights create the rounded leaf shape.

Leaf Row 2

Ch 1 and turn.

Work:

sc, hdc, 2 dc, hdc, sc

Leaf Row 3

Ch 1 and turn.

Work:

sl st in each stitch across.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Use your fingers to gently shape the leaf.

Pinch the base slightly so the leaf takes on a dimensional shape.

Place the leaf next to the stem on the top of the pumpkin.

Using the remaining yarn tail, sew the leaf securely to the pumpkin.

Hide the yarn end inside the pumpkin when finished.

Crochet the Curly Tendril

Using Color C – Olive Green:

Ch 15.

Starting in the 2nd chain from the hook, work:

sl st in each chain across.

Do not fasten off immediately.

Roll or twist the crocheted chain gently between your fingers to create a spiral.

The tendril should curl naturally.

If necessary, wrap it briefly around a crochet hook or pencil to help define the spiral shape.

Position the base of the tendril next to the stem.

Sew it securely to the top of the pumpkin.

Once it is attached, fasten off and weave in the remaining yarn.

Assemble the Top Decorations

Arrange the three olive-green elements together:

- **Stem**
- **Leaf**
- **Tendril**

The stem should sit near the center of the pumpkin.

Place the leaf close to the lower part of the stem, allowing it to rest slightly over the pumpkin ribs.

Place the tendril beside the stem so the spiral extends upward or outward.

Secure every component with several stitches.

Because these pieces are decorative, hidden sewing stitches will give the cleanest result.

Pass your yarn ends into the pumpkin body before trimming them.

Final Pumpkin Shaping

Once all pieces are attached, inspect the pumpkin from every side.

Use your hands to adjust the ribbed sections.

The cream FPdc ribs and brown Bobble Stitch ribs should alternate evenly around the pumpkin.

Gently press the top downward if the pumpkin appears too tall.

Massage the stuffing toward the outside if one side looks flat.

You can also slightly flatten the base with your hands so the pumpkin sits securely on a table or shelf.

Avoid pulling aggressively on the crochet fabric because you want to preserve the raised texture.

Color Sequence Guide

The basic color sequence around the pumpkin is:

Cream FPdc → Brown Bobble → Cream FPdc → Brown Bobble

Continue repeating this sequence around the entire pumpkin.

The final arrangement creates:

12 Cream FPdc ribs

and

12 Brown Bobble ribs

for a total of:

24 alternating ribs

Keeping this color sequence consistent is one of the most important details for achieving the same look as the tutorial image.

Finishing

Use a yarn needle to weave in every loose yarn end securely.

Check the base of the stem, leaf, and tendril to make sure they are firmly attached.

Shape the pumpkin one final time with your hands.

Make sure the stuffing is evenly distributed.

Adjust any bobbles that have accidentally turned toward the inside by gently pushing them outward.

Straighten the cream FPdc columns so the vertical rib pattern remains clearly visible.

Your Crochet Pumpkin is now finished and ready to use as a handmade fall decoration. 🎃🍂

Helpful Tips

Use a stitch marker throughout the project. Since much of the pumpkin is worked in continuous rounds, it can be difficult to identify the beginning of a round without one.

Stuff the pumpkin gradually instead of adding all the fiberfill at once. Smaller pieces of stuffing are easier to distribute evenly between the ribs.

When changing between cream and brown yarn, avoid pulling the inactive yarn too tightly. Excess tension can make the body narrower and distort the vertical ribs.

If your bobbles naturally fall toward the wrong side, gently push them toward the outside of the pumpkin after completing each one.

For a larger pumpkin, you can experiment with a larger hook, heavier yarn, or additional increase rounds. If you add increase rounds, remember that the decrease section should eventually mirror the increase pattern so the pumpkin closes evenly.

For a smaller pumpkin, use a lighter yarn and appropriately sized crochet hook while following the same general construction.

Care Instructions

Because the finished piece is stuffed and has several dimensional crochet elements, spot cleaning is recommended.

Use a clean, slightly damp cloth to remove dust or small marks.

Avoid machine washing, as this may distort the stuffing, ribs, stem, leaf, and tendril.

Allow the pumpkin to air dry completely before storing it.

When storing seasonal decorations, avoid compressing the pumpkin under heavy objects so the dimensional ribs retain their shape.

Final Result

After completing all the steps, you will have a handmade Crochet Pumpkin measuring approximately 6 inches wide and 4.7 inches tall, with a textured cream-and-rust striped body, an olive-green curved stem, a decorative leaf, and a spiral tendril.

The combination of Front Post Double Crochet and Bobble Stitch gives the piece its characteristic raised pumpkin ribs, while the chunky yarn creates a soft and substantial finished decoration.

Once you understand the construction, the same pattern can also be used to create a coordinated collection of pumpkins by changing the yarn colors or adjusting the yarn and hook size while keeping the basic stitch sequence intact.

A useful next step would be to turn these instructions into a clean US-style printable pattern with a materials box, stitch key, round-by-round checklist, and printer-friendly layout.

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