



CROCHET PUMPKIN MUG COZY

Step-by-Step Tutorial

Transform your mug into a cozy pumpkin!

FINISHED SIZE

Fits most standard mugs (10–12 oz / 300–350 ml)



MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) yarn
 - Orange (main)
 - Green (stem)
- 4.0 mm (G-6) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors



ABBREVIATIONS (US TERMS)

ch – chain
sl st – slip stitch
sc – single crochet
hdc – half double crochet
dc – double crochet
inc – increase (2 sc in next st)
dec – decrease (invisible sc2tog)
st(s) – stitch(es)

GAUGE

18 sc x 20 rows =
4 in (10 cm)
(in single crochet)



STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS

1 BASE (BOTTOM)

With orange yarn,
ch 2.

Round 1: 6 sc in 2nd
ch from hook. (6)

Round 2: Inc in each st
around. (12)

Round 3: [Sc, inc]
around. (18)

Round 4: [2 sc, inc]
around. (24)

Round 5: [3 sc, inc]
around. (30)

Round 6: [4 sc, inc]
around. (36)
Sl st in next st,
fasten off.



2 BODY (PUMPKIN SHAPE)

Attach orange yarn in
any stitch.

Round 1: Ch 1, sc in
the same st, sc in
next 2 sts, hdc in
next 2 sts, dc in next
2 sts, hdc in next 2 sts,
sc in next 3 sts. (12 sts
per repeat)

Repeat around.
(36 sts total)



3 CONTINUE SHAPING

Round 2: Repeat
Round 1 pattern
around.

Rounds 3–10: Sc in
each st around.
(36 sts)

This builds the
height of the cozy.
Adjust height as
needed for your
mug.



4 TOP EDGE

Round 11: Ch 1,
sc in each st
around. (36)

Round 12: Ch 1,
[Sc, ch 1] around.
(36 ch-1 spaces)

Round 13: Sc in
each st and ch-1
space around.
(36)

Fasten off..



5 CREATE PUMPKIN RIDGES

Weave the yarn needle with
orange yarn.

Insert needle from inside to
outside at the top edge,
pull down to the base,
then back up a few
stitches away.

Repeat around the cozy
(about every 4–5 sts).

Pull gently to create
ribbing.

Tie a knot inside and
weave in ends.



6 STEM (GREEN TOP)

With green yarn.

Ch 4.

Row 1: Sc in 2nd ch
from hook, sc in next
2 chs. (3)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn,
sc in each st. (3)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn,
sc in each st. (3)

Fasten off, leaving
a long tail.



7 ATTACH STEM

Sew the green stem to
the top center of the
cozy.

Weave in all ends
securely.

Your pumpkin mug
cozy is ready!



8 ENJOY!

Slip your cozy
over your
favorite mug
and enjoy
warm drinks
in autumn
style!



CROCHET STITCH GUIDE (US TERMS)

CHAIN (ch)



Yarn over,
pull through
loop.

SLIP STITCH (sl st)



Insert hook, yarn
over, pull through
both loops.

SINGLE CROCHET (sc)



Insert hook, yarn
over, pull up a loop,
yarn over, pull
through both loops.

HALF DOUBLE CROCHET (hdc)



Yarn over, insert
hook, pull up a loop,
yarn over, pull through
all 3 loops.

DOUBLE CROCHET (dc)



Yarn over, insert
hook, pull up a loop,
yarn over, pull through
2 loops, yarn over,
pull through
remaining 2 loops.

INCREASE (inc)



2 single crochet
in the same
stitch.

INVISIBLE DECREASE (dec)



Insert hook in next 2 sts,
pull up a loop in each,
yarn over, pull through
both loops.

TIPS

- Use a mug as a guide while crocheting to check the fit.
- Pull the ridge yarn gently for a natural pumpkin shape.
- You can add a small button or leaf next to the stem for extra decoration.



COLOR IDEAS

Classic Pumpkin



Cream Pumpkin



Green Pumpkin



Get creative with your colors!

CARE INSTRUCTIONS



Hand wash
cold



Lay flat
to dry



Do not
bleach



Do not
iron

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PUMPKIN MUG COZY – CROCHET PATTERN



MATERIALS

- Worsted weight (4) yarn
 - Orange (main color)
 - Green (stem)
- 5.0 mm (H) crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors

GAUGE

14 sc x 14 rows = 10 cm (4 inches)
in single crochet

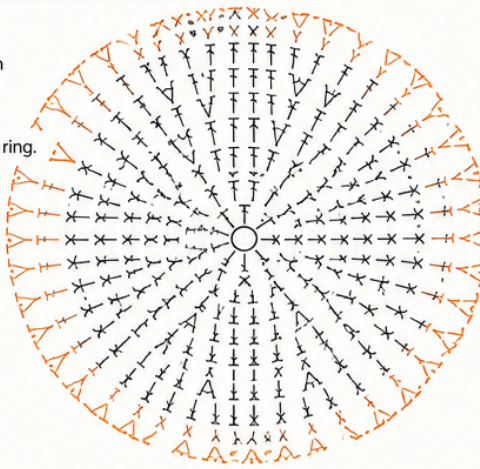
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1. BODY (PUMPKIN PART)

Work in continuous rounds. Do not join unless instructed.
Use orange yarn.

- Round 1:** ch 36, sl st in first ch to form a ring.
Round 2: ch 1, 36 sc in ring. (36 sts)
Round 3: (inc) around. (72 sts)
Round 4: (sc, inc) around. (108 sts)
Round 5: (2 sc, inc) around. (144 sts)
Rounds 6–10: sc around. (144 sts)
Round 11: (2 sc, dec) around. (108 sts)
Round 12: (sc, dec) around. (72 sts)
Round 13: (dec) around. (36 sts)
 Fasten off and weave in ends.



STITCH KEY

- = chain (ch)
 ● = slip stitch (sl st)
 × = single crochet (sc)
 † = half double crochet (hdc)
 ‡ = double crochet (dc)
 ∇ = increase (inc)
 △ = decrease (dec)
 ⊕ = back loop only (BLO)

2. TOP EDGE

Join orange yarn to the top edge.

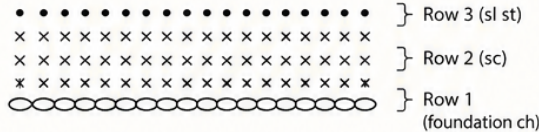
- Round 1:** ch 1, sc in BLO around. (108 sts)
Round 2: sc around.
Round 3: sl st around to neaten the edge.
 Fasten off.



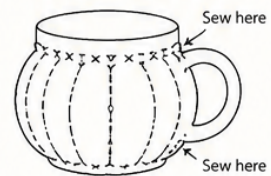
3. HANDLE

Use orange yarn.

- Row 1:** ch 20, sc in 2nd ch from hook and each ch across. (19 sc)
Row 2: ch 1, turn, sc across. (19 sc)
Row 3: sl st across.
 Fasten off.
 Sew both ends of the handle to the mug cozy (right side).



HANDLE PLACEMENT



4. STEM DETAIL

Use green yarn.
 Make a small bobble. (Yarn over, insert hook, pull up a loop) 3 times in the same stitch.
 Yarn over and pull through all loops on hook.
 Fasten off leaving a long tail.
 Sew the stem to the front center of the cozy.



5. FINISHING

- Weave in all ends.
- Shape the cozy by gently pressing the ridges.
- Place on your favorite mug and enjoy!



SIZE

Fits standard mugs
 (approx. 8–9 cm / 3–3.5 in in diameter).



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Crochet Pumpkin Mug Cozy: Complete Step-by-Step Tutorial

This Crochet Pumpkin Mug Cozy transforms an ordinary mug into a soft, textured pumpkin that is perfect for fall, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or cozy autumn mornings. The pattern uses worsted-weight yarn, basic crochet stitches, and simple shaping techniques to create a removable mug cover with raised pumpkin ridges and a small green stem.

The finished cozy is designed to fit most standard mugs that hold approximately 10–12 ounces, or 300–350 ml. Because mug shapes vary, use your own mug as a fitting guide while you work. The cozy should fit securely around the mug without becoming so tight that it stretches the stitches excessively.

This tutorial uses US crochet terminology. Read the complete pattern before beginning, especially the fitting and ridge-making sections.

Materials and Supplies

You will need:

- Worsted-weight category 4 yarn in orange for the main pumpkin
- A small amount of worsted-weight category 4 yarn in green for the stem
- 4.0 mm US G-6 crochet hook
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- Stitch marker, optional but recommended
- Standard 10–12 oz mug for checking the fit

- Small decorative button or crocheted leaf, optional

Choose a washable yarn that feels comfortable to hold. Acrylic or cotton yarn works well. Cotton creates a firmer fabric, while acrylic generally feels softer and provides more stretch.

The amount of yarn required will depend on the height of your mug and the thickness of your yarn. One small ball of orange yarn should be more than enough for a single cozy.

Finished Size

The completed pumpkin cozy should fit a standard mug with a capacity of approximately:

- 10–12 oz
- 300–350 ml

The diameter and height can be adjusted during the body section. The illustrated pattern creates a base with approximately 36 stitches and a body that is worked until it reaches the desired mug height.

Before fastening off the body, place it around or over your mug. The upper edge should sit below the drinking rim so that your lips do not touch the yarn while you drink.

The cozy is designed as a decorative sleeve. Keep it away from open flames and do not place it in a microwave.

Gauge

The suggested gauge is:

18 single crochet stitches × 20 rows = 4 inches or 10 cm

Gauge is measured in single crochet.

Exact gauge is not as critical for this project as it would be for a fitted garment. However, it affects the final diameter of the cozy. If your stitches are too loose, the cozy may slide off the mug. If they are too tight, it may not fit over the mug.

Use the suggested 4.0 mm hook as a starting point. Change hook size when necessary:

- Use a smaller hook if your fabric is too loose.
- Use a larger hook if your fabric is too tight.

Crochet Abbreviations in US Terms

The pattern uses the following abbreviations:

- ch – chain
- sl st – slip stitch
- sc – single crochet
- hdc – half double crochet
- dc – double crochet
- inc – increase by making 2 single crochet stitches in the next stitch
- dec – decrease, preferably using an invisible single crochet decrease
- st – stitch
- sts – stitches
- rnd – round
- rep – repeat
- BLO – back loop only, when used

Numbers shown in parentheses indicate the total number of stitches at the end of a round.

Step 1: Crochet the Pumpkin Base

Use orange yarn.

Begin with a slip knot and chain 2.

Round 1

Work 6 single crochet stitches into the second chain from the hook.

Do not count the loop on the hook as a chain.

You should have:

6 stitches

Place a stitch marker in the first stitch if you are working continuously. Move the marker upward after every completed round.

Round 2

Work 2 single crochet stitches in each stitch around.

This means you will increase in every stitch.

You should have:

12 stitches

Round 3

Repeat the following sequence around:

1 single crochet in the next stitch, 2 single crochet stitches in the next stitch

You should have:

18 stitches

Round 4

Repeat the following sequence around:

1 single crochet in each of the next 2 stitches, 2 single crochet stitches in the next stitch

You should have:

24 stitches

Round 5

Repeat the following sequence around:

1 single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches, 2 single crochet stitches in the next stitch

You should have:

30 stitches

Round 6

Repeat the following sequence around:

1 single crochet in each of the next 4 stitches, 2 single crochet stitches in the next stitch

You should have:

36 stitches

Slip stitch into the next stitch to finish the base round.

The base should now resemble a flat orange circle. It will form the bottom of the pumpkin-shaped mug cozy.

Place your mug over the base to check the size. The circle should cover most of the bottom of the mug without extending far beyond it.

Step 2: Begin the Pumpkin-Shaped Body

Continue using orange yarn.

If you fastened off after completing the base, attach the orange yarn in any stitch around the outer edge. If the yarn is still connected, continue from your current position.

Chain 1. The chain does not count as a stitch.

The illustrated pattern creates the pumpkin texture by combining shorter and taller stitches in a repeating sequence.

Work the following sequence around:

- Single crochet in the same stitch
- Single crochet in each of the next 2 stitches
- Half double crochet in each of the next 2 stitches
- Double crochet in the next 2 stitches
- Half double crochet in each of the next 2 stitches
- Single crochet in each of the next 3 stitches

Continue the established texture evenly around the piece.

The objective is to maintain approximately 36 stitches in each round without adding increases. The taller stitches create rounded sections, while the shorter stitches help define the pumpkin shape.

Join with a slip stitch at the end of the round when working in joined rounds. Chain 1 before beginning the next round.

Check that the body begins turning upward from the base. It should resemble a short bowl rather than continuing to lie flat.

Keep your tension consistent. Very loose double crochet stitches may create large openings, while extremely tight single crochet stitches may make the cozy difficult to fit over the mug.

Step 3: Continue Shaping the Cozy

For Round 2 of the body, repeat the Round 1 texture pattern around.

For Rounds 3–10, work 1 single crochet in each stitch around unless additional textured rounds are needed to preserve the appearance shown in the project.

Maintain:

36 stitches per round

Continue crocheting until the body reaches the height required for your mug. The illustrated project uses approximately 10 body rounds before the upper edging, but your mug may require fewer or more rounds.

Try the cozy on the mug regularly. Slide the mug into the crocheted piece carefully and check the following:

- **The base sits beneath the mug.**
- **The sides fit comfortably around it.**
- **The cozy does not cover the drinking rim.**
- **The mug handle remains accessible.**
- **The fabric does not bunch around the bottom.**

For a shorter mug, stop after fewer rounds. For a taller mug, add more single crochet rounds.

Avoid making the cozy excessively tall. Leave enough uncovered space at the top of the mug for safe and comfortable drinking.

Step 4: Crochet the Top Edge

Continue with orange yarn.

Round 11

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch around.

You should have:

36 stitches

Join with a slip stitch if you are working in joined rounds.

Round 12

Chain 1.

Repeat the following around:

1 single crochet in the next stitch, chain 1

Continue around the entire upper edge.

This creates approximately 36 spaces around the top, depending on how the sequence is placed.

Join neatly at the end of the round.

Round 13

Chain 1.

Work 1 single crochet into each stitch or chain-1 space around, maintaining an even upper edge.

You should finish with approximately:

36 stitches

Fasten off and cut the yarn, leaving a tail long enough to weave in securely.

Use a yarn needle to weave the tail through several stitches on the inside of the cozy. Change direction at least once before trimming the remaining yarn.

The top should feel stable and slightly decorative without becoming too tight.

Step 5: Create the Pumpkin Ridges

Thread a yarn needle with a long strand of orange yarn.

The ridges transform the cylindrical cozy into a recognizable pumpkin shape. Work carefully and avoid pulling so tightly that the cozy becomes too small for the mug.

Insert the needle from the inside of the cozy near the upper edge. Bring it to the outside at the top.

Guide the yarn vertically down the exterior of the cozy toward the base.

Insert the needle near the bottom and bring it back up through the inside of the cozy. Bring the needle out again near the upper edge, a few stitches away from the first ridge.

Gently pull the strand until the crocheted fabric draws inward slightly. This creates one pumpkin groove.

Repeat this process around the cozy, placing a ridge approximately every 4–5 stitches.

Try to space the grooves evenly. You may need approximately six to eight ridges, depending on the circumference of your cozy and the desired appearance.

After making each groove, place the cozy on the mug to check the fit. The yarn should shape the fabric without preventing the mug from sliding inside.

Once all the ridges are complete, tie the yarn securely on the inside of the cozy.

Weave both ends through the inner stitches and trim away the excess yarn.

The ridges should look rounded and natural rather than sharply compressed.

Step 6: Crochet the Green Stem

Use green worsted-weight yarn.

Chain 4.

Row 1

Work 1 single crochet into the second chain from the hook.

Work 1 single crochet in each of the next 2 chains.

You should have:

3 stitches

Row 2

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch across.

You should have:

3 stitches

Row 3

Chain 1 and turn.

Work 1 single crochet in each stitch across.

You should have:

3 stitches

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

The illustrated stem has a thick, slightly rounded appearance. For a fuller stem, you may roll or fold the small green rectangle before sewing it in place.

Roll the stem lengthwise into a short tube. Use the yarn tail to sew through the layers so that the stem holds its shape.

Do not make the stem excessively large. It should sit at the top center of the pumpkin without interfering with the mug opening.

Step 7: Attach the Stem

Position the green stem at the top center of the cozy.

Thread the long green yarn tail through the yarn needle.

Sew through the bottom of the stem and the upper stitches of the cozy. Work around the base of the stem several times so that it is secure.

Keep all sewing stitches below the drinking rim. Do not allow the stem or sewing yarn to extend into the mug.

After attaching the stem, bring the yarn to the inside of the cozy.

Tie a secure knot and weave the tail through several nearby stitches.

Trim the excess yarn.

Weave in any remaining orange or green yarn ends. Check the inside of the cozy for loose strands before placing it on the mug.

Your pumpkin mug cozy is now complete. 🍵

Step 8: Fit the Cozy Over the Mug

Slide the cozy over the bottom of your mug.

Gently guide the mug into the crocheted opening. Do not force it, especially if the mug has a wide base.

Adjust the pumpkin ridges so they are evenly distributed around the mug.

Position the handle between two raised pumpkin sections. The cozy shown in the tutorial does not include a separate handle opening, so it is best suited to mugs whose handles remain accessible above or outside the crocheted sleeve.

Confirm that the top edge sits below the mug's drinking rim.

Fill the mug only after the cozy is positioned correctly. This is safer than attempting to fit the cozy onto a mug that already contains a hot beverage.

Enjoy your favorite coffee, tea, cocoa, or warm autumn drink.

Crochet Stitch Guide

Chain Stitch

Make a slip knot and place it on the hook.

Wrap the yarn over the hook from back to front.

Pull the yarn through the loop already on the hook.

One chain stitch is complete.

Repeat the motion for the required number of chains.

Keep the chains relaxed so that the hook can enter them easily.

Slip Stitch

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over.

Pull the yarn through the stitch and immediately through the loop already on the hook.

A slip stitch is shorter than a single crochet and is commonly used for joining rounds.

Avoid pulling slip stitches too tightly because this may make the following round difficult to crochet.

Single Crochet

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop. You should have 2 loops on the hook.

Yarn over again.

Pull through both loops on the hook.

One single crochet stitch is complete.

Half Double Crochet

Yarn over before inserting the hook.

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop. You should have 3 loops on the hook.

Yarn over again.

Pull through all 3 loops.

One half double crochet stitch is complete.

Double Crochet

Yarn over.

Insert the hook into the indicated stitch.

Yarn over and pull up a loop. You should have 3 loops on the hook.

Yarn over and pull through the first 2 loops.

Yarn over again and pull through the remaining 2 loops.

One double crochet stitch is complete.

Single Crochet Increase

Work 2 single crochet stitches into the same stitch.

The first single crochet uses the stitch normally.

Insert the hook into the same stitch again and make a second single crochet.

One stitch has now become two stitches.

Increases are used in the base to create a flat circle.

Invisible Single Crochet Decrease

Insert the hook under the front loop of the next stitch.

Without completing the stitch, insert the hook under the front loop of the following stitch.

Yarn over and pull through the two front loops.

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

The invisible decrease joins two stitches while creating less bulk than a standard decrease.

Although the main illustrated cozy does not require extensive decreasing, this technique is useful when adjusting the fit.

Adjusting the Cozy for a Different Mug

Mugs vary considerably in height, diameter, base shape, and handle placement. Make adjustments gradually and check the fit often.

For a wider mug, add another increase round to the base.

A possible additional round would be:

Single crochet in each of the next 5 stitches, then make 2 single crochet stitches in the next stitch; repeat around.

This would increase the base from 36 stitches to approximately 42 stitches.

For a narrower mug, stop increasing when the base reaches the correct size. You may finish the base at 30 stitches rather than 36.

For a taller mug, add additional rounds to the body before making the top edge.

For a shorter mug, complete fewer body rounds.

Any stitch-count adjustment must be applied consistently throughout the body and upper edge.

Tips for the Best Results

Use your mug as a measuring guide throughout the project. A standard measurement is helpful, but direct fitting produces the most reliable result.

Pull the yarn used for the ridges gently. The grooves should give the cozy a pumpkin shape without making the fabric stiff or distorted.

Place the ridges at approximately equal intervals. Counting four or five stitches between each ridge helps create a balanced design.

Keep the base flat while crocheting the increase rounds. If the circle begins to curl upward too soon, your tension may be too tight. If it becomes wavy, your tension may be too loose or there may be too many increases.

Use a stitch marker to identify the beginning of each round, especially when working continuously.

A small button, felt leaf, or crocheted leaf may be attached near the stem for additional decoration. Make sure every embellishment is sewn securely.

Color Ideas

For a classic pumpkin, use bright or burnt orange yarn with a dark green stem.

For a cream pumpkin, use ivory, oatmeal, beige, or soft white yarn. Add a green or brown stem for a neutral farmhouse appearance.

For a green pumpkin, use olive, moss, sage, or forest-green yarn. A brown stem can provide contrast.

Other attractive color combinations include:

- **Rust orange with an olive stem**
- **Mustard yellow with a dark brown stem**
- **Burgundy with a green stem**
- **Pale pink with a cream stem**

- Gray with a black or charcoal stem
- Variegated autumn yarn with a solid green stem

Use leftover yarn to make a coordinated collection of pumpkin cozies in several colors.

Care Instructions

Hand wash the cozy in cold water.

Use a mild detergent and avoid aggressive scrubbing, especially around the stem and shaped ridges.

Gently press out excess water. Do not twist or wring the fabric.

Lay the cozy flat to dry.

Reshape the base, body, ridges, and stem while the piece is still damp.

Do not bleach.

Do not iron.

Remove the cozy from the mug before washing. Allow it to dry completely before using it again.

Check the yarn care label because washing instructions may vary depending on the fiber content.

Important Safety Notes

Always position the cozy on an empty, cool mug before adding a hot drink.

Keep the crocheted upper edge below the drinking rim.

Do not place the cozy in a microwave, conventional oven, toaster oven, or dishwasher.

Keep yarn and decorative elements away from flames, stovetops, candles, and other heat sources.

Inspect the cozy periodically for loose yarn ends, detached decorations, or stretched stitches.

The cozy adds insulation and decoration, but it does not make a hot mug completely safe to touch. Handle hot beverages carefully.

Final Result

Your finished Crochet Pumpkin Mug Cozy should have a flat circular base, a softly rounded orange body, evenly spaced vertical ridges, a finished upper edge, and a small green stem in the center.

Place it around your favorite mug and adjust the ridges to create a full pumpkin silhouette. The finished project makes a charming seasonal accessory, handmade gift, craft-fair item, or addition to an autumn coffee station.

Handmade with love, this cheerful pumpkin cozy makes every fall drink feel extra special. Happy crocheting!   

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