

Halloween Ideas from Bloggers eBook

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Letter from the Editors

Hi Fellow Ghosts and Goblins,

It's that time of year again when you get to scare your friends and family with your spooky costumes. Halloween is one of my favorite times of the year; you get to create and decorate with pumpkins and ghosts. Our team at FaveCrafts has put together some spooktacular Halloween ideas that came to us from our fellow bloggers.

If you're short on cash, you can make your own costumes and if you have old materials laying around the house you can create your own ghoulish decorations. Whatever it is you're looking for, we have just the thing.

Happy Halloween!

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Happy Halloween,

The Editors of FaveCrafts

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Decorations

Orange Halloween Candy Dish

By: Donna's Crochet Designs

Crochet a nice Halloween candy dish this holiday. Using Red Heart yarn you can have this decoration put out every year.



Materials:

- 1-2 ounces Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Pumpkin
- Black size 10 crochet thread
- H & 7 crochet hooks
- Needle to take crochet thread and 6 Black chenille stems
- Needle to take yarn

Finished Size:

4" tall and 6" across

Gauge:

5 hdc = 1-1\2", 3 rows = 1"

Bottom for Basket:

With Pumpkin yarn and H hook ch-4, sl st to form a ring.

Steps:

RND 1: Ch-1, work (2 hdc, ch-2) 5 times in ring, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (10 sts)

RND 2-5: Hdc ea st around working (hdc, ch-2, hdc) in ea ch-2 sp, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. End rnd 5 fasten off. (20 sts)(30 sts)(40 sts)(50 sts)

SIDE FOR BASKET:

ROW 1: With Pumpkin yarn and H hook ch-12, hdc 3rd ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (10 sts)

ROW 2: Hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn.

ROW 3-4: 2 hdc 1st st, hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn. (11 sts)(12 sts)

ROW 5-6: Rep row 2.

ROW 7-8: 2 hdc 1st st, hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn. (13 sts)(14 sts)

ROW 9-10: Rep row 2. End row 10 fasten off.

-Make 5.

TRIM:

ROW 1: With Black thread and 7 hook ch-100, sc 2nd ch from hook, sc next ch, (ch-4, sk next 4 ch, sc next 3 ch) across ending with ch-4, sk next 4 ch, sc last 2 ch, ch-2, turn.

ROW 2: Sc 2nd sc, * ch-2, (dc, ch-1) 4 times in next ch-4 lp, dc sa lp, ch-2, sc 2nd sc of 3 sc group * rep bet ** across ending with ch-2, sc last st, fasten off.

-Make 5.

BAT BODY:

RND 1: With Black thread and 7 hook ch-6, hdc 3rd ch from hook, hdc next 2 ch, 3 hdc last ch, turn piece so you are now working across the bottom of the foundation ch (in bottom of sts just made), hdc next 2, 2 hdc last, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off. (10 sts)

-Make 10

BAT WING:

ROW 1: With Black and 7 hook ch-8, hdc
3rd ch from hook, hdc next ch, 3 hdc next
ch, hdc last 3 sts, fasten off. (8 sts)

-Make 20.

PUTTING THE BASKET TOGETHER:

On ea side of basket, pin and sew trim. Sew
two bats into ea center area. Sew sides tog
and then sew to bottom.

To make the handle take 2 chenille stems
and holding them tog work into spirals.
Spirals are to twist in opposite directions.
Make 3 of these. Inner link the spirals tog at
the center sliding to inter link at the spiral.
Sew ends of handle to sides of basket.

For more information on Donna's Crochet
Designs [click here!](#)

Crochet Scarecrows

By: Julianne Sudbrink of
INKYBINKYPRODUCTIONS

This adorable scarecrow is the greatest craft for you to crochet. You can use it as a Halloween decoration or just have it up for the autumn season. He comes to us from our guest contributor Julianne Sudbrink. Who wouldn't want this cute guy around the house?



Materials:

- Crochet Hook size H
- Worsted weight yarn Scraps of white, beige, red and black for sewing a mouth, a multi autumn colored yarn for shirt and arms and a solid color of choice for the overalls Orange or yellow or green or any autumn color of choice
- Buttons for straps on Bib (I used buttons for Autumn that I found in scrapbooking supply aisle)
- Buttons for eyes and nose
- A bow of Raffia cut into 8 inch strips
- Fiberfill
- A crochet flower for hat
- Stitch markers

Gauge

4 sc= 1 inch, 4 sc rnds = 1 inch

Head

Starting at top of head with a white or flesh color yarn, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook, place st marker to mark rnds (6sc)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each st around (12 sc)

Rnd 3 (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) around. (18sc)

Rnd 4 (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around (24 sc)

Rnd 5 (sc in each of the next 5 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around (28sc)

Rnd 6 (sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 sc in next sc) around (32 sc)

Rnds 7-14 Sc in each sc around

Rnd 15 (sc in each of next 2 sc, SC DEC in next 2 sc) around

This is a good point to start putting fiberfill in head

Rnd 16 (Sc dec in next 2 sc) around, sl st in next st, fasten off (12 sc)

Body

Rnd 1 Join with your shirt color with a sc in ending sl st of Head, 2 sc in next st, (sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around (18sc)

Rnd 2 (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around (24 sc)

Rnd 3 Rep Rnd 2 (32 sc)

Rnd 4 –8 Sc in each sc around. At the end of rnd 8, sl st in next sc, fasten off

Pants

Rnd 1

Join with a bright contrasting color to shirt (like orange or yellow) with a sc in ending sl

st, sc in each st around (32 sc)
Rnd 2 Working in back loops for this rnd, sc in each st around
Rnd 3 sc in each st around
Rnd 4 –7 Rep rnd 3 At the end of rnd 7 stuff body with fiber fill

Left Leg

Rnd 8 Skip next 16 stitches, sc in next 16 st (16 sc)
Rnd 9 –20 Repeat rnd 3
Rnd 21 Working in Front loops (sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st) 5 times sc in last st sl in next stitch NOTE * Here you can fasten off or if you want to make long legs that dangle than continue around until desired length and do not stuff long legs with fiberfill if you want them to dangle If you are doing regular legs than fasten off at this point

Right Leg

Rnd 8 Starting at center back in first sk st, join with a sc. Sc in each of next 15 sc. (16 sc)
Rnd 9-21 same as left leg

Stuff with fiberfill

Shoe (Make 2)

Rnd 1 Starting at bottom of sole with a preferred color (usually a contrasting color to pants color) , chain 5 . sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 chs, 5 HDC in last ch (toe of shoe) , working on opposite side of foundation chain, sc in each 2 chains, 2 sc in last ch (12 sts)
Rnd 2 2 sc in first sc, sc in each of next 2 sts, 3 HDC in next st, HDC in each of next 2 sts, sc in each of next 3 sts, 2 sc in last st (16

sts)
Rnd 3 Sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in each of next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st (20 sts)
Rnd 4 Working in BACK LOOPS sc in each st around
Rnd 5 Sc in each st around
Rnd 6 Sc in each of next 9 sts, (sc DEC in next 2 sts) twice, sc in each of next 7 sts (18 sts)
Rnd 7 Sc in each of next 8 sts, (sc DEC in next 2 sts,) twice sc in each of next 6 sts (16 sts)
Rnd 8 Sc in each st around, sl st in next st leaving a 12 inch length, fasten off

Stuff shoes with fiber fill, using remaining length, sew back loops of round 8 to rem free loops of rnd 20 of each leg.

Bib

Rnd 1 (Using color of pants) With toes of shoes facing and working in rem front loops of rnd 1, join with a sc at dolls left side, sc in each rem st around, join in first sc (32 sc)
Rnd 2 Now working in rows, ch=1, sc DEC in same st as beginning ch-1 and next sc, sc in each of next 14 stst, sc DEC in next 2 sts, turn (16 sc)
Rnd 3 Ch 1, sc DEC in same st as beginning ch-1 and next sc, sc in each of next 12 sts, sc DEC in next 2 sts, turn (14 sc)
Rnd 4 Sl st in first st, sc DEC in next 2 sts, sc in each of next 8 stst, sc DEC in next 2 sts, turn (12 sc
Rnd 5 Ch-1 sk sl st sc DEC in next 2 stst, sc in each of next 6 sts, sc DEC in next 2 sts, turn (9 sts)
Rnd 6 Ch-1 sk sl st, sc in each of next 8 sts, fasten off.

Arm (Make 2)

Rnd 1 Starting at shoulder

With the same color yarn as shirt

Chain 13, join in first sc, sc in remaining ch around (13 sc)

Rnd 2 Sc in each st around

Rnd 3-7 Rep rnd 2

Rnd 8 Sc in each of next 5 sts, sc DEC in next 2 sts, sc in each of next 6 sts. (12 sc)

Rnd 9-12 Rep rnd 2

Rnd 13 Working n front loops (sc in each of ext 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around, sl st in next st, fasten off (16sc)

Hand (Make 2)

Use same color yarn as face

Rnd 1 Starting at tip of hand, ch 2, 6 sc in 2nd cg from hook (6sc)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each st around

Rnd 3 (sc in each of next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around (16 sc)

Rnd 4-6 Sc in each st around

Rnd 7 (Sc in each of next 2 sc, sc DEC in next 2 sc) around (12sc)

Rnd 8 Sc in each st around. Sl st in next st, leavin a 12 inch length, fasten off

Stuff hand with fiberfill and with rem length sew back loops of rnd 8 of Hand to rem free loop of rnd 12 of arm

Sew arms to side of body as close to neck aedge as possible

Pants Strap

Use same color yarn as pants and bib

Rnd 1 Ch 3 , sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next ch, turn (2 sc)

Rnd 2-21 Ch-1, sc in each of next 2 sc, turn

Rnd 22 Ch-1 (sc,hdc) in first sc, (hdc,sc) in last sc, fasten off (4 sts)

Leaving 1 – inch sp between, sew row 1 of each pants strap to back of pants, cross over at back and tack row 22 to row 6 of Bib

Patch

Make 2 or 3 as many as you would like to sew to various parts of the pants

Row 1 Ch 4, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each of next 2 chs, turn (3sc)

Row 2 Ch-1, sc in each sc across, turn

Row 3 Rep row 2 fasten off

Using white yarn, sew patch using straight stitches It should have a shabby look

Hat

Use a straw colored yarn or a Bright Yellow

Rnd 1 Starting at top of hat , ch 2 , 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook (6 sc)

Rnd 2 2 sc in each st around (12 sc)

Rnd 3 (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) around (18 sc)

Rnd 4 (2sc in each of next 3 sc, sc in each of next 6 sc) around (24 sc)

Rnd 5 *(sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times, sc in each of next 6 sc, rep from * around (30 sc)

Rnd 6 (sc in each of next 9 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around (33sc)

Rnds 7-12 Sc in each st around

Rnd 13 Sl st in next st, ch 1, sc in same st as beginning ch 1, sc in next sc,2 sc in next sc, (sc in in each of next 2 sc, sc in next sc) around, join in first sc (44sc)

Rnd 14 Ch 1, 2 sc in same st as beginning ch-1, sc in each of next 3 sc) around, join in first sc (55sc)

Rnd 15 Ch 1, sc in same st as beg chain 1, sc in each of next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc,(sc in each of next 4 sc, 2 sc in next sc) around , join in first sc (66)sc

Rnd 16 Ch-1 , sc in each sc around join in first sc fasten off

Facial Features

Use buttons for nose and eyes
For mouth use my photo as a guide
embroider using straight stitches with black
yarn and then use red yard for the up and
down stitches of mouth

Hair

For Bangs, cut 14 strands of preferred color
5 inches long. Fold 1 strand in half, insert
hook in st at top of head, place fold over
hook and draw through to form a loop on
hook, pull gently to secure
For hair cut 22 strands about 10 inches long,
Attach strands between rounds 3 and 4
around sides and back,
Sew hat to head
You can now crochet a flower on the head
or tie a scarf using a scrap of material;

Raffia

Cut strands of Raffia and attach to arms,
legs, and neck the same way as hair

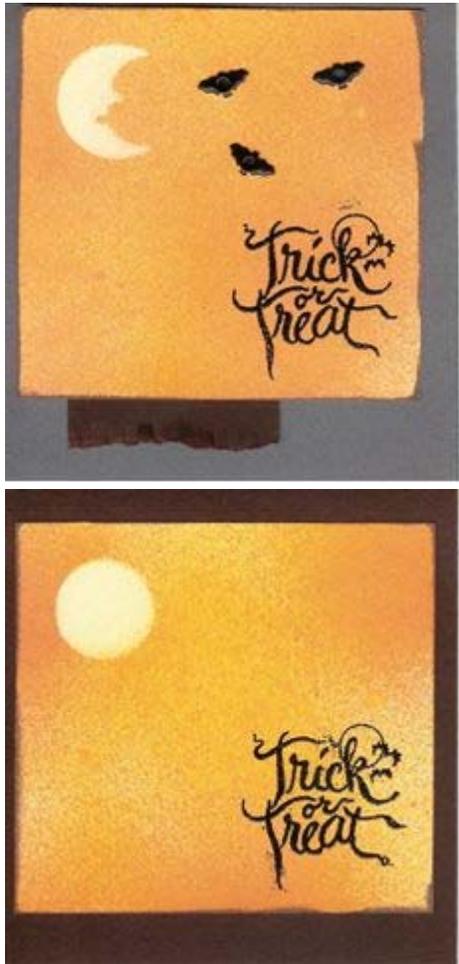
You can crochet a plastic ring on the back of
the head for hanging or you can purchase
small dowls on craft shops and use to stand
doll straight up in a plant or anywhere. I
have even used the autumn leaves and glued
them around the feet of doll.

[Learn what Julianne likes to crochet!](#)

Trick or Treat Halloween Card

By: Terri Sproul, www.terrisproul.com

Use a special ink mist in orange colors to create a spooky card for Halloween. Send Trick or Treat greetings, invitations or use as home decoration on Halloween.



- “The Embosser” and Filigree Black embossing powder. Memories Chalk ink in
- Bat eyelets
- Eyelet setter
- Trimmer
- Punch: Moon or circle punch
- Stamp: “Trick or Treat” by PSX
- Heat Tool

Directions:

1. Punch out Moon shape or Circle.
2. Cut Cream cardstock to 4” x 4”, place Moon or Circle shape in upper left hand corner.
3. Spray Memories Mists Mango onto cream cardstock add Memories Mists Classic Metallic Orange over the Mango. Set aside to dry. Remove Moon or Circle shape Mask
4. Stamp “Trick or Treat” with Embossing ink and add Black embossing powder, Heat to emboss.
5. Using your eyelet setter – set bat eyelet as desired. Ink all edges with Chalk ink to distress.
6. Adhere to card base.

Materials:

- Cardstock: cream, brown and navy
- Ink: Stewart Superiors Memories Mists in “Classic Metallic Orange” and “Mango”

Cute Polly Pumpkin

By: Donna's Crochet Designs

Remember Polly Pocket? Well now we can go back in memory lane. Donna's Crochet designs has a cute polly pumpkin for Halloween. This is a cute free crochet pattern to have around the holidays.



Materials:

- Size 10 crochet thread in Myrtle Green and Pumpkin,

- Size 7 crochet hook or hook need and small amount of craft fiberfill (stuffing).

Finished Size Pumpkin: 2-1\4" tall X 2" wide. Outfit will fit 4" size Polly Pocket doll.

Gauge: 9 hdc = 1", 4 rows hdc = 1"

Polly's Dress:

ROW 1: With Green and 7 hook, ch-15, hdc 3rd ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (13 sts)

ROW 2-12: Hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn. End row 12 fasten off.

Top Ruffle for Skirt on Dress:

ROW 1: With Green and 7 hook ch-9, sc 2nd ch from hook, sc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (8 sts)

ROW 2-46: Back Loop sc ea st across, ch-1, turn. End row 46 fasten off.

With crochet thread gather top of ruffle tightly and sew across top of skirt. Place skirt around Polly and sew together.

Straps:

ROW 1: With Green and 7 hook ch-3, sc 2nd ch from hook, sc last ch, ch-1, turn. (2 sts)

ROW 2-15: Sc ea st across, ch-1, turn. End row 15 fasten off.

Make 2. Lay straps on doll's chest so they cross in front, tack to hold. Sew bottoms of strap to inside front of skirt. Cross straps again in back and sew to inside back of skirt.

Outer Pumpkin:

ROW 1: With Pumpkin and 7 hook ch-25, hdc 3rd ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (23 sts)

ROW 2-42: Hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn. End row 42 fasten off.

INNER PUMPKIN:

ROW 1: With Pumpkin and 7 hook ch-15, hdc 3rd ch from hook, hdc ea ch across, ch-1, turn. (13 sts)

ROW 2-25: Hdc ea st across, ch-1, turn. End row 25 fasten off.

pumpkin to look like the stem.

For more information on Donn's Crochet Designs [click here!](#)

Pumpkin Bottom:

With Pumpkin and 7 hook ch-3, sl st top form a ring.

RND 1: Ch-1, work 12 hdc in ring, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (12 sts)

RND 2-3: (2 hdc next st, hdc next st) around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (18 sts)(27 sts)

RND 4: (2 hdc next st, hdc next 2 sts) around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (36 sts)

RND 5: Working in Back Loops (2 hdc next st, hdc next 3 sts) around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (45 sts)

RND 6: (2 hdc next st, hdc next 4 sts) around, sl st top beg hdc, fasten off. (54 sts)

Putting the Pumpkin Together:

With needle and crochet thread sew inner pumpkin together at long sides to form a tube. Sew this tube to bottom at rnd 5 where you worked bk lp hdc. Sew the sides of outer pumpkin tog to form a tube as well. Sew it to the outer edge of the bottom, you will need to ease some sts to fit. Stuff the pumpkin bet inner and outer sides being careful not to over stuff so on hole remains for the doll. Sew the top edge of outer pumpkin and inner pumpkin again easing to fit. Set the doll inside the pumpkin's center with her ruffle around the top of the

Pink Rabbit Witch

By: Sayjai for K and J Dolls

This pink rabbit witch crochet amigurumi is every bit cute and every bit spooky at the same time! Here's a creative way to get away from orange and black this Halloween.



Materials:

- 3.00 mm crochet hook
- 4 ply yarn (light pink, dark pink for inner ear, pink for hat and broom)
- Polyester fiber
- Black 10 mm buttons for eyes or other eyes as desired
- Tapestry needle
- Sewing needle and thread for attaching eyes
- Iron wire 7 inches long

Size:

6 inches tall (exclude hat)

Abbreviations:

ch = chain
 sc = single crochet
 st = stitch
 sl = slip
 rnd = round
 tog = together
 hdc = half double crochet
 dc = double crochet

Note: This project is working in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless otherwise stated. Mark first stitch of each round.

Steps:

Head and Body:

Starting at the bottom of the body.

- Rnd 1: With light pink, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook. (6 sc made)
- Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)
- Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around. (18)
- Rnd 4: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts) around. (24)
- Rnd 5: Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, (sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st) 5 times, sc in next st. (30)
- Rnd 6: (Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (36)
- Rnd 7: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts) around. (42)
- Rnd 8: Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st, (st in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st) 5 times, sc in next 3 sts. (48)
- Rnd 9: Sc in each st around.
- Rnd 10: (Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (54)
- Rnd 11: Sc in each st around.
- Rnd 12: Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st, (sc in next 8 sts, 2 sc in next st) 5 times, sc in next 4 sts. (60)
- Rnd 13-20: Sc in each st around.
- Rnd 21: (Sc in next 8 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (54)
- Rnd 22: Sc in each st around.
- Rnd 23: (Sc in next 7 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (48)
- Rnd 24: Sc in each st around.
- Rnd 25: (Sc in next 6 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (42)
- Rnd 26: Sc in each st around.
- Rnd 27: (Sc in next 5 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (36)

Rnd 28: Sc in each st around. Stuff.
 Rnd 29: (Sc in next 4 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (30)
 Rnd 30: (Sc in next 3 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (24)
 Rnd 31-36: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 37: (Sc in next 2 sts, sc next 2 sts tog) around. Stuff. (18)
 Rnd 38: (Sc in next st, sc next 2 sts tog) around. (12)
 Rnd 39: (Sc next 2 sts tog) around, join with sl st in first st. Fasten off.

Foot (make 2):

Rnd 1: With light pink, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook. (6 sc made)
 Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (12)
 Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around. (18)
 Rnd 4-12: Sc in each st around. Stuff.
 Rnd 13: For first toe, sc in next 3 sts, skip next 12 sts, sc in next 3 sts. (6)
 Rnd 14: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 15: (Sc next 2 sts tog) around, join with sl st in first st. Fasten off.
 Rnd 13: For second toe, join light pink to next free st on rnd 12, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in each of next 2 sts, skip next 6 sts, sc in last 3 sts. (6)
 Rnd 14-15: Repeat rnds 14-15 of first toe.
 Rnd 13: For third toe, join light pink to next free st on rnd 12, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 5 sts. (6)
 Rnd 14-15: Repeat rnds 14-15 of first toe.

Sew feet to bottom of body.

Ear (make 2 light pink, 2 dark pink):

Row 1: Ch 10, sc in second chain from hook, hdc in next 2 chs, dc in next 3 chs, hdc in next 2 chs, sc in next ch. Fasten off. (9)

Matching sts, hold 1 light pink ear and 1 dark pink ear tog, with dark pink side facing you. Join light pink with sl st at end of row 1, ch 1, sc in same st, sc in next 7 sts, (2 sc in next st) 2 times, sc in next 8 sts. Fasten off.

Sew ears to side of head on rnd 37.

Arm (make 2):

Rnd 1: With light pink, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook. (6)
 Rnd 2-8: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 9: 2 sc in each st around. (12)
 Rnd 10-12: Sc in each st around. Stuff.
 Rnd 13: Sc next 2 sts tog around. Fasten off. Sew opening closed. (6)

Sew arms to side of body over rnd 23-24.

Witch hat:

Rnd 1: With pink, ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook. (6)
 Rnd 2: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 3: (Sc in next st, 2 sc in next st) around. (9)
 Rnd 4: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 5: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts) around. (12)
 Rnd 6-7: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 8: (2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts) around. (15)
 Rnd 9: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 10: (Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (18)
 Rnd 11: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 12: (Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (21)
 Rnd 13-14: Sc in each st around.
 Rnd 15: (Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st) around. (24)
 Rnd 16: (For ear hole, Ch 3, skip 3 sts; sc in next 9 sts) 2 times.
 Rnd 17: (Sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st)

around.(30)

Rnd 18: (Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st)

around. (36)

Rnd 19: (Sc in next 5 sts, 2 sc in next st)

around, join with sl st in first st. Fasten

off.(42)

Sew hat on top of head.

Broom: With pink.

Part 1: Broomstick

Rnd 1: Ch 2, 6 sc in second chain from hook.(6)

Rnd 2: Working in back loops only. Sc in each st around.

Rnd 3-13: Sc in each st around, join with sl st in first st. Fasten off

Part 2 : Bristles

Cut 20 pieces of yarn, 6 inches in length.

Fold the yarn in half and loop an iron wire around the center, and then twist the wire up together.

Assembly: Put the iron wire inside part 1, sew them together, tie a piece of yarn around the bristles, to make it look like a real straw broom. Trim the broom.



Finishing:

Sew eyes 3 sts apart over rnds 35-36 of head. With red, embroider mouth.

Read more about Sayjai's amigurumi patterns at Favecraftsblog!

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Crochet Squash and Gourds

By: Sherry for Chiwaluv Amigurumi Critters

These crochet squash and gourds are pleasant fall decorations to adorn your home with. Use this free crochet pattern to create a wonderful centerpiece for your Thanksgiving gathering!



Materials:

- Acrylic yarn, orange, sage green, forest green, pale yellow, lemon yellow, small amount 's of white , tan and brown, butter yellow
- Crochet hook suitable for the yarn you use (I use an E)
- Polyester fiber fill
- Sewing needle for yarn

Size:

Approximately 5 1/2" tall to tip of crookneck. Your finished items might finish in bigger or smaller than mine depending on your tension and the yarn you use.

Abbreviations:

1. = Round
ch = chain
sc = single crochet
inc = increase (2sc in same stitch)
dec = decrease (2sc worked together)

sl st = slip stitch(es)

FO = fasten off yarn, lv tail for sewing

BLO = back loop only of next stitch

* = repeat directions between * and * as many as indicated

I start crochet by making a Magic ring as in Japanese style. It makes the starting hole tight and secure. You can start in whichever way you feel comfortable.

Note: Work in continuous spiral round; do not join rounds unless otherwise stated. Mark first stitch of each round, this is so you won't lose count or your place.

Steps:

GREEN GOURD:

MC = Sage green

CC = Forest Green

Work both colors throughout, DO NOT FO, as you change colors, just drop and pick up the color you need, carrying the spare color along side of the piece.

1. with MC ch-20, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each st across (19)
 2. with MC Ch-1, turn - in BLO sc across (19) drop MC , Pick up CC ch-1 turn
 3. working in both loops - sc across (19) ch-1 turn
 4. BLO sc across (19) drop CC, pick up MC for next 2 rows
 - 5-28. repeat rows 3 & 4, alternating yarn colors (MC & CC) every two rows
 29. FO , lv a yarn tail to gather one long edge. Weave in and out of rows. Gather tight.
- DO NOT FO!
30. Fold piece in half short sides lined up. (make sure the ridge edges are on the inside) whipstitch these two sides together. Turn rightside- ridges out.
 31. STUFF Gourd, now gather remaining open end the same as row 29. Pull tight , run yarn

back and forth to secure end, (do the same on opposite end making sure they are tightly closed)

FO weave ends in.

STEM:

1. Make a magic ring with 6 sc
 2. *sc inc 1*, repeat 5 times (12)
 3. BLO sc around (12)
 4. *sc 4, sc dec 1* repeat 1 time (8)
- Lv yarn tail to sew to top of gourd, run yarn through (4)sides of stem lightly to give it a semisquare look .FO weave ends in

CROOKNECK SQUASH

Work in Yellow yarn

1. Make a magic ring with 6 sc
 2. *sc inc 1*, repeat 5 times (12)
 3. * sc 1, sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (18)
 4. * sc 2, sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (24)
 5. * sc 3 sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (30)
 6. * sc 4, sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (36)
 - 7-11. sc around (36)
 12. *sc 4, sc dec 1 * repeat 6 times (30)
 13. sc around (30)
 14. *sc 13, sc dec 1* repeat 1 time (28)
 15. sc around (28)
 16. * sc 12, sc dec 1* repeat 1 time (26)
 17. sc around (26)
 18. * sc 11, sc dec 1* repeat 1 time (24)
 19. sc around (24)
 20. * sc 10, sc dec 1* repeat 1 time (22)
 21. sc around (22)
 22. * sc 9, sc dec 1* repeat 1 time (20)
 23. sc around (20)
 24. * sc 8, sc dec 1* repeat 1 time (18)
- CROOKNECK squash is on the right end.
25. sc around (18)
 26. * sc 1. sc dec 1* repeat 6 times (12)
 27. sc around (12)
 - 28-32. sl st 6, sc 6 (12)
 - 33-34. sc around (12)
- ATTACH BROWN YARN**
35. *sc dec 1, sc 5* repeat 1 time (10)
 36. *sc dec 1, sc 4) repeat 1 time (8) sl st in

next st, FO ,

lv tail whip stitch end closed. Weave ends in.

CALYX: make 1 with forrent green yarn

1. ch-5, join into a circle
 2. ch-4, sc in 2nd ch from hook , hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, sc in next ch in circle
- REPEAT rows 1 and 2, 4 more times. sl st FO lv tail of yarn to sew to bottom of your squash.

ORANGE , WHITE AND GREEN GOURD

MC = orange

CC = forest green

Work both colors throughout, DO NOT FO, as you change colors, just drop and pick up the color you need, carring the spare color along side of the piece.

1. with MC ch-18, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each st across (18)
 2. with MC Ch-1, turn - in BLO sc across (19) drop MC , Pick up CC ch-1 turn
 3. working in both loops - sc across (18) ch-1 turn
 4. BLO sc across (18) drop CC, pick up MC for next 2 rows
 - 5-24. repeat rows 3 & 4, alternating yarn colors (MC & CC) every two rows
 25. FO , lv a yarn tail to gather one long edge. Weave in and out of rows. Gather tight.
- DO NOT FO!
26. Fold piece in half short sides lined up. (make sure the ridge edges are on the inside) whipstich these two sides together. Turn rightside- ridges out.
 27. STUFF! attach MC on ungathered end and sc (24) stitches evenly spaced around.
 28. * sc 2, sc dec 1 * repeat 6 times (18)
 29. * sc 1. sc dec 1* repeat 6 times (12)
 - 30-34. sc around (12)
 - 35-38. sl st 6 sts, (loosly) sc 6 (12)
 - 39-40. sc around (12)
- ATTACH BROWN

41. *sc dec 1, sc 4* repeat 1 time (10)
 42. *sc dec 1, sc 3* repeat 1 time (8)
 43. *sc dec 1, sc 1* repeat around , sl st in next st, FO lv yarn tail weave hole closed, weave ends in.
 FINISH: take a long string of white yarn and long stitch white stripes from bottom of gourd on orange rows, up to the beginning of the crook neck.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Make with a butter color yarn

1. Make a magic ring with 6 sc
2. *sc inc 1*, repeat 5 times (12)
3. * sc 1, sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (18)
4. * sc 2, sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (24)
5. * sc 3 sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (30)
6. * sc 4, sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (36)
- 7-11. sc around (36)
12. * sc 4, sc dec 1 * repeat 6 times (30)
13. sc around (30)
14. * sc 3, sc dec 1 * repeat 6 times (24)
- 15-19. sc around (24)
20. * sc 2, sc dec 1 * repeat 6 times (18)
21. * sc 1. sc dec 1* repeat 6 times (12)
22. sc dec around, sl st in next stitch, FO close weave ends in.

FINISH NOTE:

Thread your yarn needle with brown yarn, embroidery a star on top end of Gourd

YELLOW STRIPED GOURD

MC = Pale lemon yellow

CC = Forest Green

Work both colors throughout, DO NOT FO, as you change colors, just drop and pick up the color you need, carrying the spare color along side of the piece.

1. with MC ch-20, sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each st across (19)
2. with MC Ch-1, turn - in BLO sc across (19) drop MC , Pick up CC ch-1 turn

3. working in both loops - sc across (19) ch-1 turn
4. BLO sc across (19) drop CC, pick up MC for next 2 rows
- 5-28. repeat rows 3 & 4, alternating yarn colors (MC & CC) every two rows
29. FO , lv a yarn tail to gather one long edge. Weave in and out of rows. Gather tight.

DO NOT FO!

30. Fold piece in half short sides lined up. (make sure the ridge edges are on the inside)
31. STUFF GOURD, attach MC to open end, sc 30 sts evenly around opening
32. * sc 3, sc dec 1 * repeat 6 times (24)
33. sc around (24)
34. sc dec 1, sc 1 around (16)
- 35-38. sc around (16) sl st in next stitch, FO lv yarn tail. Thread yarn needle weave hole closed.

CALYX: make 1 with forest green yarn

1. ch-5, join into a circle
 2. ch-4, sc in 2nd ch from hook , hdc in next ch, dc in next ch, sc in next ch in circle
- REPEAT rows 1 and 2, 4 more times. sl st FO lv tail of yarn to sew to bottom of your squash.

FINISH:

1. thread yarn needle with brown yarn, and make a star on end of gourd
2. thread yarn needle with forest green , and run long stitch's from bottom of gourd up the sides of gourd along yellow rows.

Read more about [Sherry's crochet amigurumi!](#)

Harvest Indian Corn

By: Sherry for Chiwaluv Amigurumi Critters

Display the beautiful fall colors of these multi-colored crochet indian corn. Using amigurumi techniques, this free crochet pattern is perfect for your harvest parties and autumn decor.



Materials:

- Acrylic yarn: Black, yellow, red, brown, rust, bright orange
- Crochet hook suitable for the yarn you use (I use an E)
- Optional: ribbon or twine
- Yarn Needle
- Polyester fiber fill
- Optional: Hot glue gun and glue sticks

Size:

Approximately 7 inch cobs before husks
Your finished Corn, might finish bigger or smaller than mine depending on your tension, hook size and the yarn you use.

Abbreviations:

1. = Round
ch = chain
sc = single crochet
inc = increase (2sc in same stitch)
dec = decrease (2sc worked together)
sl st = slip stitch(es)
FO = fasten off yarn, lv tail for sewing
BLO = back loop only of next stitch
MC = main color
CC = contrasting color
* = repeat directions between * and * as many times as indicated
(= repeat directions between (and) as many times as indicated
I start crochet by making an Adjustable ring as in Japanese style. It makes the starting hole tight and secure. You can start in which ever way you feel comfortable.

NOTE: Work in continuous spiral round; do not join rounds unless otherwise stated. Mark first stitch of each round, if the number goes up on the next row, increase to that number of stitches, if the number goes down, decrease to that number of stitches.

Steps:

INDIAN CORN

Work each cob with two strands of 4-ply yarn held together

I used the following colors:

Black and Yellow

Red and Brown

Rust and Bright Orange

1. Make a magic ring with 6 sc
2. *sc inc 1*, repeat 5 times (12)
3. *sc 1, sc inc 1 * repeat 6 times (18)
- 4-7. sc in each st around (18)
8. *sc dec 1, sc 7 * repeat * to * 1 time (16)
- 9-12. sc in each st around (16)
13. *sc dec 1, sc 6 * repeat * to * 1 time (14)
- 14-17. sc in each st around (14)
18. * sc dec 1, sc 5 * repeat * to * 1 time (12)
- 19-22. sc in each st around (12)

23. sc 1, sc dec 1, repeat around (8)
24. sc dec around (4) FO lv yarn tail, thread needle whip closed, weave ends in.

HUSK:

1. *ch-18 turn, sc in 1st ch from hook, and in the next 4 ch, hdc in next 11 ch, sc 1, sl st * repeat from * to * 4 more times.
 2. Fasten (I used a glue gun) to large end of corn cob
 3. Using a small piece of yarn tie the husk's together after you attach to the corn cob.
- NOTE: you may also use ribbon, or twine, depends on the effect you would like to achieve.

Read more about [Sherry's crochet amigurumi!](#)

Costumes

Easy Halloween Horns Tutorial

By: Stacy Schlyer of Stacy Sews

This step-by-step photo tutorial, from Stacy Schlyer of [Stacy Sews](#), walks you through how to sew a Halloween horns headband to complete a devil or black cat costume. You can use whatever fabric matches the Halloween costume.



Materials:

- Smooth Headband (Without Teeth)
- Scraps of Fabric
- Polyester fiberfill
- Matching Thread
- Hand sewing needle

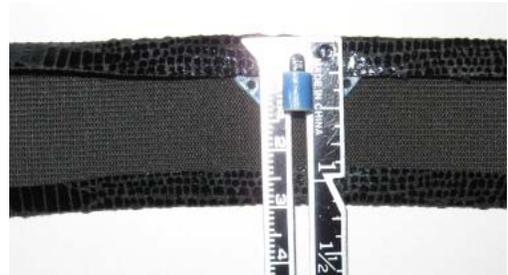
Optional:
Hot glue gun

Instructions:

1. To determine what size to cut your material for your headband you'll need to take a few measurements. First, measure the headband width (if the headband is wider at one point, use this measurement). Add 3/4" to width size. Additionally, measure the headband length, adding 1" to measurement. Use these measurements to make a headband covering piece and cut from your material. Additionally, cut 4 horn or ear sections from material.



2. On longest edges of Headband Covering Piece fold under 1/4" to wrong side. Press in place.



3. Make the horn or ear pieces by sewing 2 sections, right sides together. Clip curves and turn right side out. Stuff firmly with fiberfill leaving 1/4" of the bottom edge free. Baste raw edges together. Repeat for second ear or horn.



4. Fold long edges of Headband Covering piece so that finished edges are even. Press in place. Next, determine the center of the headband - crease this measurement by pressing with iron. Open up Headband Covering piece so

that wrong side is up. From the center crease measure down 1 1/2". Place edge of horn section next to this measurement so that basting is even with the creased edge and pin in place. Repeat this step for the second side. (Note: These measurements can be adjusted so that the ears or horns are closer together or further apart depending on your liking). Again, fold up finished edges of Headband Covering so that finished edges are even - however this time, pin them in place.



5. Sew close to finished edges and across earshorns. It may be helpful to switch your machine foot to a zipper foot when sewing across the ear or horns. Slide your finished Headband Covering across purchased headband until hornsears are centered. (Note: Stitching and horns should be centered across the top of the headband.)



6. Fold under raw edges of headband ends (short ends) to wrong side of headband. Hand sew or hot glue in place.

Gold Lace Crown

By: Bitter Betty of
bitterbettyindustries.blogspot.com

Use lace and a touch of gold paint to create a regal "gilded" crown for a homemade Halloween costume or dress-up anytime. This beautiful crown would perfectly complete any royal homemade Halloween costumes, including princesses. Kids can help make the crown for their own costume or as a fun activity anytime. A smaller crown would work as decoration for a fairy or doll house or even as a tree ornament.



Materials:

- Lace
- gold acrylic paint
- gold leafing powder
- modpodge
- scissors
- paintbrushes
- wax paper
- (optional) hair dryer

Instructions:

1. Take your lace and make a crown shape. The laces I used have one flat side. That really helps the structure. The width of the lace and the pattern will help you determine the size of your crown.



2. Trim lace to size with a 1/2 inch or more overlap, matching pattern.



3. Paint with gold acrylic paint. Be sure to cover all surfaces. Paint both sides of the lace. Let dry. You may want to do more coats of gold paint. I mixed an iridescent gold and a flakier gold for a deeper look.



4. Place on wax paper.



5. Coat with ModPodge until well saturated. I recommend you seal with, at least, 3 more coats of Modpodge. Move it around while its really wet, to keep the holes in the lace from becoming windows.

6. Enhance the color with gold leafing powder dabbed onto wet Modpodge with dry brush. You can skip this step, but I really think it makes all the difference.



7. Dry completely flat. A hair dryer can speed the process. Brush dry crown with a dry brush to remove excess leafing powder. Peel off of the wax paper.



8. After all of ModPodge dries, use craft glue to attach the ends of the lace together to form the crown.



9. Pinch ends with fingers until set, wait overnight, until dry. If this crown will see heavy use, some stitches on a sewing machine might also be a good idea.



Find more great crafting ideas at [Bitter Betty Blogs](#).

10. Place crown on head and have fun storming the castle.

Halloween Cat and Mouse Costumes

By: Heidi Borchers of Inspired at Home

Make a pair of costumes, black cat and mouse, for friends or siblings this Halloween. These homemade Halloween costumes designed by [Heidi Borchers of Inspired at Home](#) are made inexpensively by embellishing sweatshirts. For the black cat Halloween costume, you can also sew up Halloween Horns using a headband instead of a hood.



Materials

- **For each:** 2 chenille stems
- Aleene's® Super Thick Tacky Glue™
- Aleene's® OK to Wash-It® Glue
- Aleene's® Stop Fraying® Glue
- 1 (4" x 31") strip black fabric
- Black thread
- Batting
- Black embroidery floss
- Waxed paper
- Book (or phone book)
- **For cat:** Black sweatshirt jacket with hood and pocket

- Felt: black, light gray, pink, black-and-grey
- Orange Halloween print fabric: 1 (1" x 12") strip, 2 (5" x 6") pieces
- Clothespins
- 2 (1/4" diameter) black half-round bead eyes
- **For mouse:** Gray sweatshirt jacket with hood
- Gray felt
- Purple satin ribbon: 20" length (1" wide) , 14" length (1/8" wide)
- Pop-up craft sponges
- [Pattern](#)

Instructions for cat:

Transfer ear pattern to black felt and cut 4. Bend 1 chenille stem to fit edge of 1 ear from fold line up one side to tip and down other side to fold line. Trim ends of stem even with fold line. Spread coat of Tacky glue on 1 ear from tip to fold line. Do not put glue on tab of ear. Press chenille stem into glue. With edges aligned, press another felt ear into glue. To keep ear flat while drying, place ear between two pieces of waxed paper and lay flat on table. Place phone book on top. Let dry. Repeat to create 2nd ear.

To attach each ear to sweatshirt, find center top of hood. On each side of center, apply 1 (4" long) line of Stop-Fraying Glue parallel to front of hood, each about 3/4" from center and 1-1/2" from front of hood. Let dry. Cut along center of glue lines. Insert tab of 1 ear into each slit in hood. Fold tabs up and glue to inside of hood at front and back of ear, using OK to Wash It Glue. Pin tabs in place until glue is dry.

With right sides facing and raw edges aligned, fold black fabric in half lengthwise

and trim one end to point (to create end of tail). To make tail, stitch along long edge, using ¼" seam. Turn tail right side out and stuff firmly with batting. Cut opening in waistband seam at back of jacket. Slip ½" of open end of tail through seam opening. Stitch seam closed, catching tail in seam. Tie orange fabric strip in bow around tail.

For bow tie, turn under ½" along both long edges and one short end of each 5" and 6" orange fabric piece and glue with OK to Wash-It Glue. Let dry. Pleat unhemmed short end of each piece. Place pleated end of one tie piece on each side of hood. Turn ¾" of end to inside of hood and glue with OK to Wash-it Glue. Use clothespins to hold pieces in place until glue is dry.

For mouse in pocket, transfer patterns to felt and cut 1 head and 2 paws from light gray, 2 inner ears from pink, and 1 tiny triangle from black for nose. Glue felt pieces to jacket above pocket (use photo as guide) with OK to Wash-It Glue. Glue bead eyes to head, using OK to Wash-It Glue. Let dry. Stitch whiskers and mouth on head, using embroidery floss.

For each paw, cut 2 (4-1/4" x 9") pieces of black-and-grey felt, rounding 1 short end of each piece to create a mitten shape. With edges aligned, stitch felt pieces together from short straight edge, up around rounded end, and back to short straight edge, using ¼" seam. Leave straight edge open to insert hand. Stitch details on paw, using embroidery floss.

Instructions for mouse

Transfer ear pattern to felt and cut 4. Referring to cat directions, make 2 ears, using gray felt and chenille stems. Referring to directions for cat, glue ears to hood of

jacket. Tie 1" wide ribbon in bow and glue to neck of jacket. Referring to directions for cat, make tail and stitch to back of jacket. Tie 1/8" wide ribbon in bow around tail. Referring to Step 6 of directions for cat, make 2 paws from gray felt.

To make wedge of cheese, cut 2 triangles 5" high and 3" wide at base from craft sponges. Cut rounded indentations in each long edge of each triangle. Dip each sponge into water to expand and wring out water. Let dry. With edges aligned, glue sponge pieces together with Tacky glue.

Halloween Costume Horns

By: Danielle Ackley-McPhail from Clay Sculpture

Get scary and spooky this Halloween with your horns. Guest contributor Danielle sent us a step-by-step guide on how to make these costume horns. Be something crazy this holiday.



Materials:

- A cookie sheet for baking
- One 2oz package of non-toxic polymer clay in the desired color for solid color horns
- A smooth, clean board or acrylic sheet to work on (alternatives: an old, clean cooking sheet-uncovered,

- a scrap of tin, a vinyl remnant from the fabric store. Anything flat, smooth, and expendable.)
- Clay drill or a metal or bamboo skewer
- .8 or 1 mm clear beading elastic (nothing smaller as it will not be strong enough)
- Masking tape
- Clay working tools
- Brush-on gloss glaze (optional)
- Wide bristle art brush
- Tin foil
- Aluminum clay knife or pastry knife
- Scissors
- Superglue
- Oven or Toaster Oven
- Paper towels

Warning:

1. Do not eat while working this project as the clay will leave a residue on your work surface and your hands. While the clay is non-toxic, you still don't want to ingest it with your food. This project should be done with adult supervision if being completed by children and is not recommended for children under five or those who have the impulse to put things in their mouths.
2. Make sure the kitchen is well ventilated when you are baking the clay. It does produce strong fumes that you do not want to inhale too extensively. Open a window or turn on a fan, and do not wait in the kitchen while the items are baking.
3. The smell of the fumes will linger in your oven for a short time after you've baked the horns. It will cook off and dissipate rather quickly, but if you use your home oven that you

prepare food in, you might want to run it without anything in for a some time after to get rid of the smell sooner or run the cleaning feature if you have one. An alternative to that, if you are going to be working with polymer clay on an ongoing basis is to purchase an inexpensive toaster oven for dedicated clay use. I keep mine in the garage and do all my baking there. You would need a toaster oven that lets you set to a specific temperature and it is beneficial to have one that lets you set a timer. Mine actually has a timer that will turn off the unit rather than just alerting me that it is done, which is absolutely wonderful.

Preparation:

1. Place your work board on the table or counter you will be working on and use the masking tape to secure it in place. I used an acrylic sheet to work and roll out my clay as it is easier to clean and will not suffer from color transfer. Do not use paper as the clay will stick. Aluminum foil would work in a pinch, but can tear while you are working. If you decide to work directly on the table or counter surface I would recommend choosing. If you use an old cookie sheet make sure it is one you will NOT use for food preparation from that point on.
2. Wrap cookie sheet in tin foil and set nearby.
3. Select your clay and remove the cellophane. If you are making just one set of horns you can cut off only the amount needed and minimize

how much you must work, if you are making them in bulk best to just work the whole thing. Start to knead and work the clay until is more malleable. Roll it between the work surface and the palm of your hand, or just between both hands, until it is smooth and there are no seams. You should end up with a ball or a rope of clay.



4. Use your clay knife to slice off enough clay for the approximate size horn you desire, then slice a second segment the same length, make sure that the sections are roughly the same amount of clay.



Steps:

1. Once you have your clay start working it into the horn shape you desire by sculpting it with your fingers and tools (see below). Make sure the base is both flat and a bit wide for stability.



2. When you have your horn in the proper shape take your clay drill or skewer and very carefully pierce the side of your horn until it goes all the way through. This hole is for the elastic that will hold the horns onto the head. Be sure to smooth the edges of the hole where the clay pushes out, but don't press too hard or you will close up the opening. Repeat on the other horn, making sure that the holes are in the same orientation.



3. When complete place the horns on the cookie sheet and either move on to baking, or create more sets of horns. Make sure the horns are in the upright position as much as possible any surface touching the pan will flatten and take on a glossy finish in reaction to the foil.



4. Set your oven or toaster oven to 275 degrees. (do not set higher).
5. Set your timer to 25 minutes. (package recommends 15 minutes for every ¼ inch of depth but I find 25 minutes is sufficient for my horns no matter the size).
6. Once the temperature is up to speed slide the cookie sheet into the oven, making sure the horns do not touch the sides if you are using a toaster oven, in those instances where you are making many sets at once.
7. Activate the timer.
8. Once the horns are done baking remove them and set them aside to cool. Do not touch them until they are completely cool as the clay will be very hot and will not completely harden until cool.

9. (optional) take the brush-on gloss and glaze your horn. It will give it a bit of a protective surface and it will also bring out the colors, which dull and darken a bit after baking; or, for effect, glaze only part in a pattern, such as with spiral horns. Let them dry completely before handling. You may need more than one coat and be sure to get all spots if you are not purposely only glazing part of the surface.



Pull the elastic very tight from both sides, then place a drop of super glue on the knot to ensure it will not unravel. Trim off any excess. If you discover you have tied it too loose, just repeat the process a little above the existing knot. You do not want it tight enough to press into your skin, but the horns should rest in place without shifting. If it is too tight you will have to cut the elastic and try again.

10. Take the elastic cord and measure it to fit your head, leaving a little extra so you can tie it off. Don't make it too tight, just enough to hold the horns firmly in place.
11. String the horns on the elastic, making sure that they are both in the same orientation, then holding both ends of the elastic together, make a double knot.



12. Leather or cloth cording can be used in place of the elastic, but they will be more visible. If you chose this route try and find something close to the hair color of the person that will be wearing the horns.
13. If the person wearing the horns has an issue with things tied around their

head you can skip drilling the hole and use craft glue to attach the horns to a bandana (cut holes, poke the horns through, and then glue on the underside), to a headband, or to a hat. You could also connect directly to a wig.

For other types of horns and ideas [check it out here!](#)

Baby Pumpkin Crochet Beanie

By: Danyel Pink from CrazySocks Crochet

Dress your little one up this Halloween by crocheting a pumpkin beanie. This is for the newborns zero to three months old. Danyel Pink sent us this project. It makes for a great gift if you know someone who is expecting around Halloween.



Materials:

- I hook
- 1 oz green WW yarn
- 2 oz orange WW yarn
- Yarn needle

*Both cotton and acrylic yarn will work well for this project.

Size: Newborn (0-3 months)

Stitch Guide: BL – back loop, CH – chain, HDC – half double crochet, SC – single crochet, SC2TOG – single crochet 2 together (decrease), SL ST – slip stitch, ST – stitch

Steps:

Using orange, ch 25.

Row 1: hdc in BL of 3rd ch from hook, and in each st across, ch 2, turn. (23 hdc)

Row 2 – 23: hdc in BL of each st across, ch 2, turn.

Row 24: hdc in BL of each st across, ch 1, turn.

Joining both ends, sl st down entire length of hat through both sides, fasten off and weave in ends.

Stem

Using green yarn, join with sc at top of hat near back seam.

sc evenly around (about 24 sc), do not join. When you arrive back at your 1st sc, begin sc2tog continuously around, until 4-5 stitches remain.

Now, sc in each st around for about 6 rounds so that you create a 1-1 ½” stem. Fasten off, tuck tail inside hat, and weave in ends.

Vine

Using green, ch 20.

Work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ST to end. Fasten off.

Using starting and ending tails, tie the vine between any 2 stitches on stem. See photo for suggested placement.

Other Suggestions:

- Crochet leaf instead of vine.
- Use red yarn to make an apple, blue yarn for a blueberry, etc.

[Read Danyel's inspiration for making this beanie!](#)

Elsie's Knit Pumpkin Hat

By: Maddy Cranley from MaddyCraft

Knit this adorable orange pumpkin hat for the fall season. It's great for Halloween with its stem and leaves. This free knitting pattern is great for any child!



Sizes:

(2-4), (4-6) yrs

Instructions are for the smaller size with a larger size in parentheses. If only one figure is given, it applies to all sizes. An (0) indicates the instruction does not apply to that size.

Finished Size:

Hat circumference 16 (18½)"/40.5 (47) cm

Materials:

- Small amounts of additional yarn in DK weight yarn (22 sts = 4"/10cm) in two contrast colors (CC) for stem and leaves.
- Chunky weight yarn (MC)
- 110 (130)yd/100 (120)m

- One pair each sizes 5.5mm (US9/CAN5) and 4mm (US6/CAN8) needles, size 4mm (US6/CAN8) double-pointed needles, OR SIZE TO OBTAIN GAUGE, row counter.

Gauge:

15 sts x 20 rows = 4"/10cm over st st using larger needles.

PLEASE TAKE YOUR TIME TO CHECK YOUR GAUGE BEFORE BEGINNING.

Glossary:

Inc 1

Knit into front and back of stitch to make one stitch.

SKP

Slip 1, knit 1, pass slip stitch over 1 st decreased.

SSK

Slip 2 stitches knitwise, one at a time to right-hand needle.

Insert tip of left-hand needle into the front of these two

stitches from left to right, and knit the 2 stitches together 1 st decreased.

I-Cord

Row 1 *K4. Do not turn. Slide stitches to right end of needle.

Rep from *.

Abbreviations:

CC contrast color

rem remain(s)(ing)

dec decreas(e)(ing)

rep repeat(s)(ing)

dp double-pointed

st(s) stitch(es)

K(k) knit

slip slip

MC main color

st st stocking(stockinette) stitch

P(p) purl
psso pass slip stitch over
tog together

Row 9 Ssk, k1, k2tog—3 sts.
Row 11 Sl 1, k2tog, psso—1 st.
Fasten off. Sew leaves at base of stem

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Steps:

With larger needles and MC, cast on 61 (71) sts. Work even in st st until piece measures 6 (7)"/15 (18)cm from beg, ending with a WS row.

Crown Shaping

Row 1 (RS) *K1, SKP, k6 (8), k2tog, k1; rep from * 4 times more, end k1—51 (61) sts. Row 2 Purl. Row 3 *K1, SKP, k4 (6), k2tog, k1; rep from * 4 times more, end k1—41 (51) sts. Row 4 Purl. Cont to dec in this manner every other row, having 2 sts less between decrease stitches every RS row, 2 (3) times more—21 sts. Next row (WS) Purl. Next row (RS) *K1, SKP, k1; rep from * 4 times more, end k1—16 sts. Purl one row. Next row (RS) *K2tog; rep from * to end—8 sts. Next row (WS) *P2tog; rep from * to end—4 sts. Cut Col A, leaving a length for sewing side seam

Stem

Transfer rem 4 sts of top of hat to a dp needle. Join CC yarn and work I-Cord for 5cm /1". Bind off all sts. Sew back seam of hat.

Leaves (make2)

With a CC yarn and smaller needles, cast on 5 sts.
Row 1 (RS) K2, yo, k1, yo, k2—7 sts.
Row 2 and every WS row Purl.
Row 3 K3, yo, k1, yo, k3—9 sts.
Row 5 Ssk, k5, k2tog—7 sts.
Row 7 Ssk, k3, k2tog—5 sts.

Sewn Halloween Apron

By: Kristin Rix, Guest Contributor

Bake those ghoulish cookies and eyeball treats wearing your cute sewn Halloween apron. Using ribbon and fabric you can have this great pattern for your kitchen apron.



Materials:

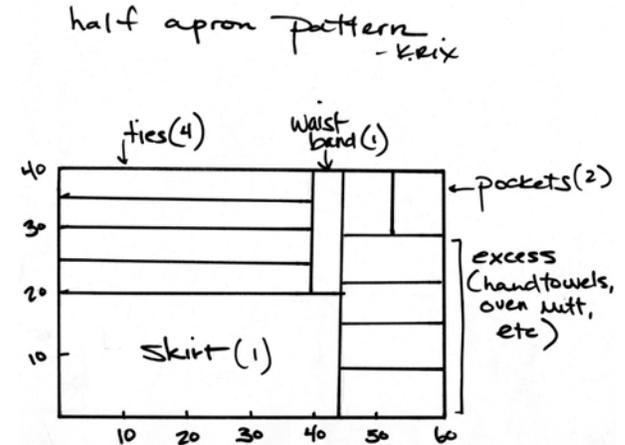
- Hand sewing needle
- Measuring tape/yard stick
- 2 yards fabric
- 1 spool coordinating thread
- Coordinating ribbon (optional)
- Scissors
- Straight pins

Steps:

I find having an iron and ironing board on hand very helpful throughout the whole project. It makes hemming much easier. A sewing machine is not required for this project, but is recommended. With a sewing machine, the whole project takes only a few hours to complete.

Additionally, in this tutorial I use a fabric that has a decorative border, which means that I must be careful where I cut my pieces from. If you don't use a decorative border fabric, you can cut the pieces out more

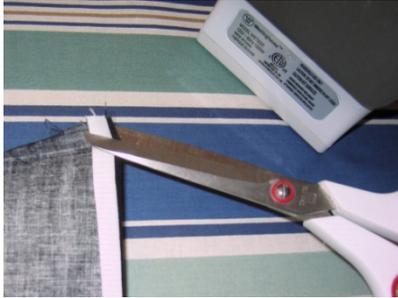
efficiently using the pattern guide below.



1. Cutting the Pieces

Cut your pieces using the pattern guide. I start with the skirt first, then the tie pieces and waistband and fold them in that order. That way, the pieces won't get mixed up with each other. If you chose a decorative border print and wish to match your pocket to your skirt to maintain the integrity of the print, consider these facts: the top of the finished and hemmed pocket will be approximately 1" from where the skirt and waistband meet, and the edge of the finished and attached pocket will be about 1" from the left or right edge of the skirt; hemming takes up approx. 1/2" of fabric from the piece.





2. Preparing the Skirt

To hem the skirt, fold, iron, and pin the bottom, left, and right edges of the skirt, leaving the top edge undone. Fold each edge twice at the 1/4" mark, snipping the corner fabric from the two bottom corners after the first fold to reduce the amount of fabric that runs through the sewing machine. Sew the hems down using your machine. You can use a basic straight stitch, or get creative with a decorative stitch if your machine has that option. Use your hand sewing needle to securely tie off the excess thread at the beginning and end of your stitches.



3. Preparing the Waistband

Fold, iron, and pin the top, left, and right edges of the waistband, leaving the bottom edge undone. Fold each edge twice at the 1/4" mark, snipping the corner fabric from the two top corners after the first fold. Sew only the top edge down, tying off the

excess thread with your hand sewing needle.



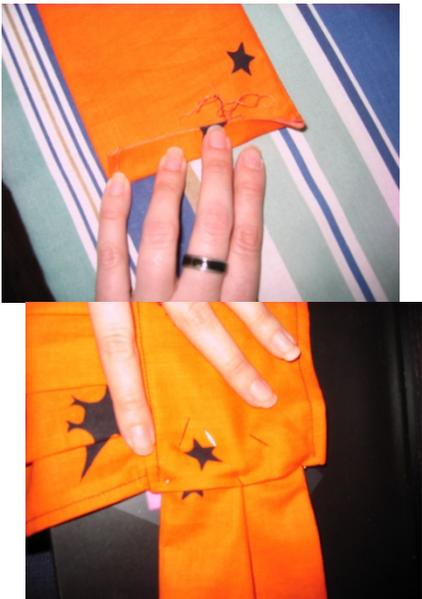
4. Preparing the Ties

Place two of the tie pieces together, print-sides facing each other. At this point you may want to consider cutting the end of the fabric at a diagonal. If so, I suggest cutting all four tie pieces at the same time, to ensure the diagonal is consistent for both ties. Sew the two tie pieces together, wrong side out. Do the same for the remaining tie pieces. Tie off the excess thread with your hand needle. Turn the ties right side out. Carefully iron the ties flat. Sew along the entire edge of the piece, 1/4" from the edge of the tie, to create a border and to maintain the shape of the tie. Tie off the excess thread with your hand sewing needle.



5. Attaching the Waistband to the Skirt

Find the middle of the skirt and mark with a straight-pin. Do the same for the waistband. Pin the center of the top of the skirt to the center of the bottom of the waistband, the two unfinished edges, so that their print sides are facing each other. Pleat and pin the skirt to the left and right of the center until the left and right edges of the skirt align with the left and right edges of the waistband. Iron the pleats flat. Sew the two pieces together. Tie off the excess thread with your hand sewing needle.



6. Attaching the Ties to the Waistband

Fold, iron, and pin the rough end of the tie twice at the 1/4" mark. Line up the folded end of the tie to the side of the waistband and pin, adding a pleat tuck to ensure they match. Sew the two pieces together. Tie off the excess thread with your hand needle.



7. Preparing and Attaching the Pockets

Fold, iron, and pin all edges of each pocket, folding at the 1/4" mark and snipping the fabric from each corner after the first fold. I like to use decorative coordinating ribbon on the top edge of the pocket. If sew, add this piece now. Sew the top edge of the pocket. Tie off the excess thread with your hand needle. Place the pocket on the skirt, approx 1" from the top and right or left edge. Pin the left, bottom, and right edge of the pocket to the skirt. How you pin your pocket's interior edge will determine how jauntily your pocket sticks out at the top. Personally, I prefer jaunty pockets. Sew the pinned edges. Tie off the excess thread with your needle.

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Pumpkins

Colorful Pumpkin Ornament

By: Linda Walsh Originals

Linda Walsh is here to teach us to make colorful pumpkin ornaments. Using felt, flannel and fabric you can create these wonderful Halloween crafts in no time. This is a great free sewing pattern and you can make a trio of them.



Materials:

- Felt Fabric (for leaves) - 2 different colors of green
- Flannel or Cotton Fabric (for stem) - Light Brown
- Upholstery Thread and Sewing Thread
- 1/8 Yard Fabric (for pumpkin #A)
- 1/8 Yard Fabric (for pumpkin #B)
- 1/8 Yard Fabric (for pumpkin #C)
- Poly-fil (for pumpkins)
- Blush
- DMC Embroidery Floss - Black
- Glue Sticks and Glue Gun
- Black Charcoal Pencils
- Instant Coffee

Tips:

- All seam allowances are 1/4" unless otherwise stated.
- RST = Right Sides Together WST = Wrong Sides Together
- RSO = Right Sides Out WSO = Wrong Sides Out
- Clip all curves and corners.
- Glue is hot glue unless otherwise noted.
- Iron fabric pieces and seams as required. Seam edges should be ironed flat.
- Trace all pattern pieces onto tracing paper or tissue paper, copy, or, use the enclosed pattern pieces directly.
- Cut all fabric pieces outside of black mark lines as shown on the pattern.
- Trim seams to finish with pinking shears.
- The edges of the pattern pieces indicate the name of the other pattern piece it is to be sewn to except for the side seams, which are indicated as side seams or side edges, and the shoulder seams, which are indicated as shoulder seam or edge and sleeve edge.
- Overlap all pattern pieces that require taping before cutting by approximately 1/4" or until the side lines match.
- When hand stitching is required use the upholstery thread.

Steps:

PUMPKINS:

You want to create the effect of rounded pumpkins. In order to do so you will be sewing the pumpkin-top in six sections. Mark the Points A, B, C, D, E, and F, where indicated in the pumpkin-top pattern (See Diagram #1a). With RST sew the left hand side of the pumpkin-top from the pumpkin bottom edge up to at Point A to the right

hand side of the pumpkin-top from the pumpkin bottom edge to Point F (See Diagram #1a). With RST sew from Point B down and up to Point C (See Diagram #1b). With RST sew from Point D down and up to Point E (See Diagram #1c). With RST sew from the combined Points AF down and up to the combined Points BC (See Diagram #1d). With RST sew from the combined Points BC down and up to the combined Points DE (See Diagram #1e). With RST sew from the combined Points DE down and up to the combined Points AF (See Diagram #1f). You should now have a complete rounded pumpkin-top (See Diagram # 1f). Do the same for the other two pumpkins and then set them aside temporarily until the stems and leaves are finished.

STEMS AND LEAVES:

With RST sew the side edges and top of the stem leaving the stem open for turning where indicated in the stem pattern (See Diagram #2a). Turn the stem RSO (See Diagram #2a). Do the same for the other two stems.

Each pumpkin will have two leaves so cut six leaves out of the felt fabric for the leaves. Gather the bottom of each of the leaves tightly from Point A to Point B with upholstery thread and then stitch to secure (See Diagram #2b).

With RST stitch the bottom at Point A and Point B of one of the leaves to the bottom right hand side of one of the stems and stitch the bottom at Point A and Point B of another one of the leaves to the left hand bottom side of the stem with upholstery thread (See Diagram #2c). Do the same for the remaining stems and leaves and then set them aside temporarily.

PUMPKIN BOTTOM:

Mark the Points A, B, and G on the pumpkin bottoms where indicated in the pumpkin bottom pattern. With RST sew the pumpkin top edge of the pumpkin bottom to the pumpkin bottom edge of the pumpkin-top leaving the seam open between Points A and Point B where indicated in the pumpkin bottom pattern (See Diagram #3). Do the same with the other two pumpkins.

Stuff the pumpkins firmly with poly-fil (See Diagram #3). With WST turn the edges between Point A and B under 1/4" and then hand stitch the opening between Point A and Point B closed with upholstery thread (See Diagram #3). Do the same for the other two pumpkins.

PUMPKINS AND STEMS AND LEAVES:

Sew the bottom edges of the combined stem and leaves to the top center of the pumpkin where all the sections meet with upholstery thread (See Diagram #4).

Cut long piece of the black DMC Embroidery floss and knot one end. You are going to create a lined effect down the sides of the pumpkin along the side seams of the 6 sections with the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #4) .

Insert your needle at Point G and come out at Point A (See Diagram #4). Pull tightly to indent the bottom of the pumpkin and then run the black DMC Embroidery floss down the seam of section A and section B, pull snug, insert your needle at Point G, again, and come out at Point F (See Diagram #4). Pull tightly to indent the bottom of the pumpkin and then run the black DMC Embroidery floss down the seam of section A and section F, pull snug, insert your needle at Point G, again, and come out at Point E (See Diagram #4). Pull tightly to

indent the bottom of the pumpkin and then run the black DMC Embroidery floss down the seam of section E and section F, pull snug, insert your needle at Point G, again, and come out at Point D (See Diagram #4). Pull tightly to indent the bottom of the pumpkin and then run the black DMC Embroidery floss down the seam of section E and section D, pull snug, insert your needle at Point G, again, and come out at Point C (See Diagram #4). Pull tightly to indent the bottom of the pumpkin and then run the black DMC Embroidery floss down the seam of section D and section C, pull snug, insert your needle at Point G, again, and come out at Point B (See Diagram #4). Pull tightly to indent the bottom of the pumpkin and then run the black DMC Embroidery floss down the seam of section C and section B, pull snug, insert your needle at Point G, again, and come out at Point A (See Diagram #4). Pull tightly then know to secure. The seams of each of the six sections should now have a line of black DMC Embroidery floss running down them (See Diagram #4). Do the same for the other two pumpkins.

FACE (A), (B), AND (C):

See Diagrams #5a, 5b, and 5c. You are going to embroider the faces with the black DMC Embroidery floss. Make sure that when you embroider the pumpkins face the beginning and ending knots of the DMC embroidery floss will be on the top of the pumpkin and hidden by the leaves and stem. The faces will be embroidered in one of the sections of the pumpkin (See Diagram #5a, 5b, and 5c). Pumpkin A's face is straight up (See Diagram #5a). Pumpkin B's face is upside down (See Diagram #5b) and Pumpkin C's face is sideways (See Diagram #5c).

For each of the pumpkin faces backstitch the

eyebrows, outline of the eyes, and nose with the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #5a). Straight stitch the mouth with the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #5a, 5b and 5c). Satin stitch the pupils with the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #5a, 5b and 5c). Blush all the cheeks.

Highlight and shadow all over the pumpkin-top and pumpkin bottom with the black charcoal pencil (See Diagram #5a, 5b and 5c).

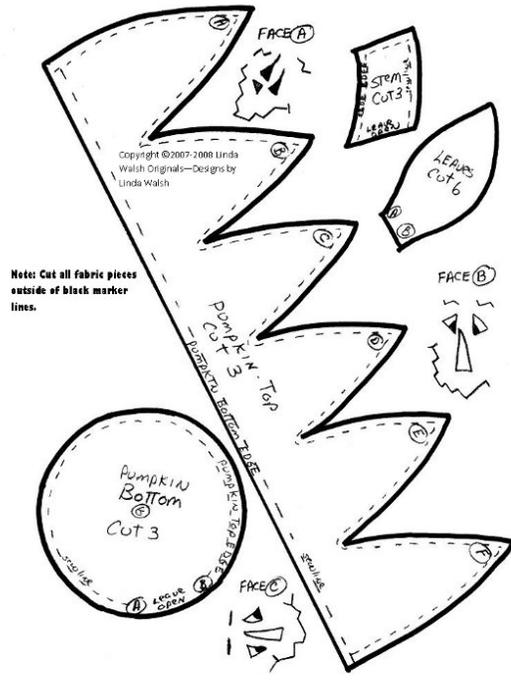
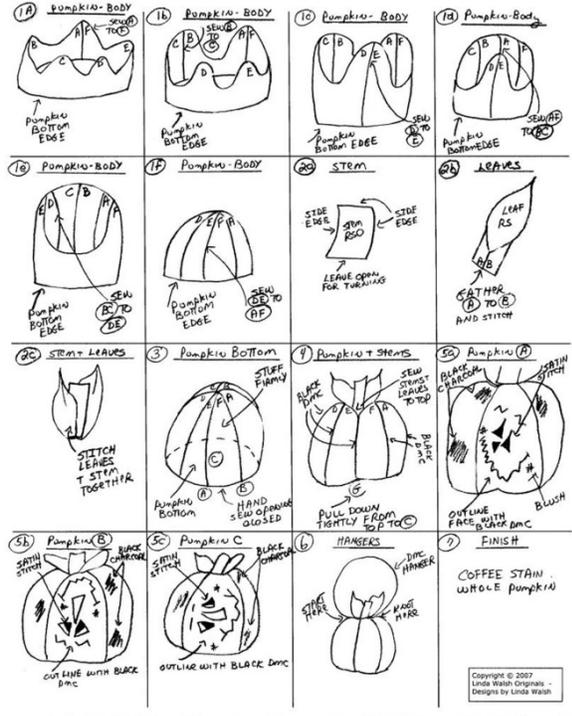
DMC HANGER:

You are going to provide a hanger for hanging your pumpkins using the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #6). Cut a piece of the black DMC Embroidery floss 14" long. Knot one end of the black DMC Embroidery floss and insert your needle on the right hand side of the top of the pumpkin at the leaves and stem (See Diagram #6). Pull tightly, leave enough slack for the hanger and then insert your needle on the left hand side of the pumpkin top at the leaves and stem, knot to secure and then tie off (See Diagram #6). Do the same for the other two pumpkins.

COFFEE STAINING:

Coffee stain all three of the pumpkins using instant coffee, tea, or coffee. I prefer instant coffee and prefer to stain the finished pumpkin after it is made. Just add 1 cup of boiling water to one teaspoon of instant coffee and mix well. Brush the instant coffee onto the pumpkin after it has been completely made with a kitchen basting brush. You can also add the instant coffee to a spray bottle and then spray the whole pumpkin. Let dry completely. If the pumpkin is not dark enough for your taste then brush or spray a second coat on the

finished pumpkin. Let dry completely, again. I like to spray my pumpkins with Fabreze fabric freshener after they have dried to add a nice smell to them.



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Crochet Jill O Lantern

By: Phyllis of Many Creative Gifts

Crochet yourself some lovely Halloween crafts. This free crochet pattern is a fabulous Jill-o-lantern that can be made with yarn, stuffing and pantyhose. You don't always have to have a Jack-O-Lantern.



Materials:

- 1 skein light worsted (light # 3) weight yarn (shown here, Shepherd's Wool, 100% worsted spun fine wool, 250 yds, Orange #042) 5 to 6 yards of light worsted weight yarn in green; 1 to 2 yards of black yarn or thread
- Yarn or embroidery needle
- Crochet hook size F/5/3.75 mm
- Acrylic or polyester stuffing
- An old, clean pair of kneehighs or pantyhose (optional)

Finished pumpkin will be about 16 inches in circumference and about 5 inches high

Abbreviations:

ch = chain

dec = decrease (insert hook into next st and pull up yarn, insert hook into next st and pull up yarn, yarn over and pull yarn through all three loops on hook)

fpdc = front post double crochet (yarn over and slide crochet hook under dc from row below and pull up a loop, complete dc as usual)

RS = right side

sc = single crochet

sl st = slip stitch

st = stitch

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Gauge

5 sts = 1 inch; 4 rows = 1 inch

Main Body:

ROUND 1 • (RS): Starting with the orange yarn, ch 4, join with a sl st to 1st ch

ROUND 2 • Ch 2, 12 dcs into ring, sl st to top of 1st dc

ROUND 3 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into dc below, 2 scs in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 4 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 2 scs in each of next 2 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 5 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 scs in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 6 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in next st, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in each of next 2 sts, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 7 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in each of next 8 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 8 • Repeat Round 7

ROUND 9 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 2 scs in next st, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts, 2 scs in next st] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 10 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in each of next 10 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUNDS 11 through 19 • Repeat Round 10

ROUND 20 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 dec, 1 sc in each of next 6 sts, 1 dec] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 21 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 dec, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts, 1 dec] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

ROUND 22 • Ch 2, [1 fpdc into fpdc below, 1 sc in each of next 4 sts] 6 times, sl st into top of 1st fpdc

At this point, you might want to go ahead and embroider a face on your pumpkin and stuff it (tip: first you might want to cut off the foot and part of the ankle of a pair of pantyhose and put some of the stuffing in the hose, then place it inside the pumpkin and put in more stuffing until it's stuffed the way you want it, then tuck in the ends of the hose and go on to Round 23).

ROUND 23 • Repeat Round 22

Stem:

ROUND 24 • Attach green yarn, ch1, 1 sc in same st (should be on top of 1 fpdc below), [1 dec in next 2 sts, 1 dec in next 2 sts, 1 sc on top of 1 fpdc below] 6 times, sl st to 1st st (18 sts)

ROUND 25 • Ch 1, 1 sc in same st and each of next 17 sts, sl st to 1st st (18 sts)

ROUND 26 • Ch 1, [1 dec in next 2 sts] 9 times, sl st to 1st st (9 sts)

ROUND 27 • Ch 1, 1 sc in same and each of next 8 sts, sl st to 1st st (9 sts)

ROUND 28 • Repeat Round 27, fasten off.

To see more of what Phyllis can create [click here](#).

Round Felted Pumpkins

By: Maddy Cranley for Maddycraft.com

Wool yarn makes these felted pumpkins a great decoration for the Halloween and Autumn season. In a few easy steps you can have these pumpkins decorate your home from head to toe.



Materials:

- For each pumpkin, you will need:
- 30yd/27m, worsted weight wool yarn (MC)
- Lengths of worsted weight yarn for “furrows” and stem
- (CC)
- One pair needles and one pair double-pointed needles,
- size 4mm (US6/CAN8)
- Net fabric or nylon stocking
- Polyester or acrylic fiberfill

Felting Tips

- Always use a natural fiber yarn obtained from an animal
- source, most often wool.

- Do not use a wool yarn that is labelled “superwash”.
- The most efficient felting method is a full washing machine
- cycle set at “Hot” or “Whites”.
- It may require two or more washing cycles to obtain the
- felted finish.
- Allow felted projects to dry thoroughly before adding
- finishing pieces.

Finished Size

The finished size is the measurement after felting and finishing of the pumpkin.

These pumpkins are made by wrapping yarn around a fiberfill form. The size of the pumpkin will be determined

by the yarn weight used and the size of the fiberfill ball.
Approximate finished diameter, using worsted weight yarn and a 3 (4, 5)"/8 (10, 12)cm diameter ball of fiberfill: 2 (3, 4)"/5 (8, 10)cm.

Steps:

1. Form fiberfill into a ball.
2. With MC, wrap around the fiberfill ball, keeping yarn in place with thumb at center top and third finger at center bottom. Do not wrap too tightly nor too loosely but evenly around to cover so that no fiberfill shows through the wrapped yarn. Keep the shape rounded as you wrap so that the “pumpkin” does not become flattened. Darn in yarn end at center bottom and secure with a

small knot.

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3. Place the pumpkin into a square of net fabric or a nylon stocking. Knot or tie securely to keep pumpkin in its rounded shape.
4. Felt the pumpkin until the surface has become dense and matted.
5. Remove the pumpkin from the net fabric or stocking, cutting if necessary.
6. Correct the rounded shape and allow the pumpkin to dry thoroughly before completing the finishing details.

Finishing

Furrows

1. With a double strand of CC, wrap the yarn tightly around the pumpkin from bottom to top four times, creating eight evenly spaced sections. Secure the yarn at center bottom of pumpkin. Darn in yarn ends.

Stem (make 1)

1. With CC, leaving a length of 8"/20cm at beginning and with double-pointed needles, cast on 5 sts. Work I-Cord as follows; *Knit all sts. Do not turn work but slide stitches to the right end of needle. Rep from * until 10 rows completed. Bind off, leaving an 8"/20cm length of yarn. Darn bind off length of the yarn back through stem. Position stem at center top of pumpkin and join. Darn in yarn ends.
- 2.

Halloween Crochet Pumpkin

By: Alicia Kachmar for Eternal Sunshine

This Halloween crochet pumpkin is too cute for words! Using worsted weight yarn and amigurumi crochet technique, this easy crochet pattern will get you ready for Halloween in no time. Make a little guy too for a cute pumpkin family!



Materials:

- G hook
- orange worsted weight yarn
- green worsted weight yarn
- 2 black beads - about 3/4 inch in diameter
- black embroidery thread
- polyester fiberfill
- Tapestry and Embroidery needles

Steps:

1. With G hook and orange yarn, leaving a long (12-inch) tail, ch 25.
2. Sc across. (24 sc)
3. *Ch 1 and sc into the back loop only, all the way across.*

4. Repeat between * * for 40 more rows. Finish off, leaving a long (12-inch) tail.
5. With tapestry needle, weave one tail back and forth along the long side of the rectangle and pull tightly in order to gather it. (This is either the top or bottom of pumpkin). Weave into the opposite end where you started, secure, and snip. Do this with the other tail along the other long side of the rectangle, but do not snip off tail this time.
6. With embroidery needle and thread, adorn with eyes and mouth using the picture as guide and stuff with polyester fiberfill. With the other long tail, sew together the two sides of the pumpkin to close up. (You could also put the orange yarn back on the hook and sc down the back).
7. With G hook and green yarn, ch 2 and make 7sc in the 2nd ch from hook. Join. Sc around for 4 rounds or until stem reaches approximately 1.5 inches (3cm). Finish off leaving a 6-inch tail. Sew the stem to the top of the pumpkin and secure in place.

Ta-da! Now make a whole bunch so that you can have the cutest pumpkin PATCH out there!

Note: these pumpkins like to stay inside where it's warm or safe. They really don't like front porches, back porches, stoops, but mantles, credenzas, buffets and desks are a-okay!



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