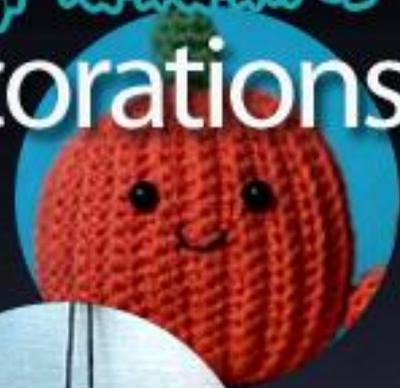


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Letter from the Editors

Dear Reader,

Halloween is the perfect excuse to get crafty and decorate your home in DIY style. With this collection of **7 homemade Halloween decorations**, anyone can create a festive home without spending a bundle on store-bought Halloween decorations. Find ghosts, pumpkins, decorated candy dishes and more Halloween craft projects in *Homemade Halloween Decorations: Blogger Edition 2010*.

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Colorful Pumpkin Ornaments

By: Linda Walsh of [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.

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-fill (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).

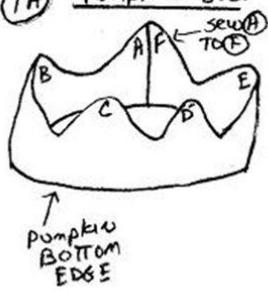
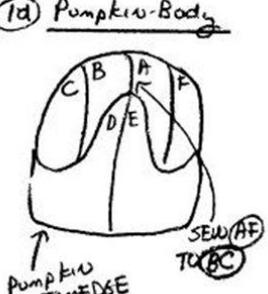
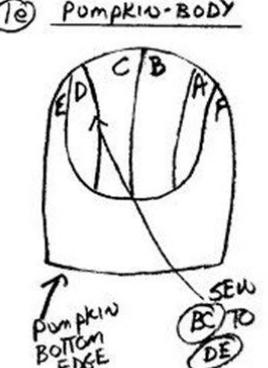
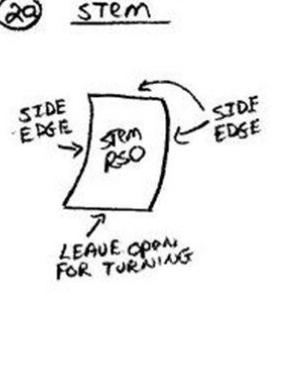
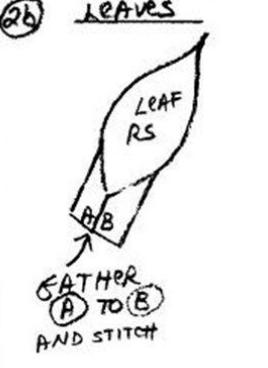
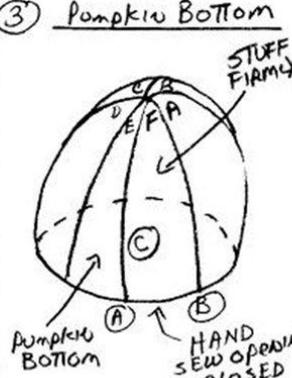
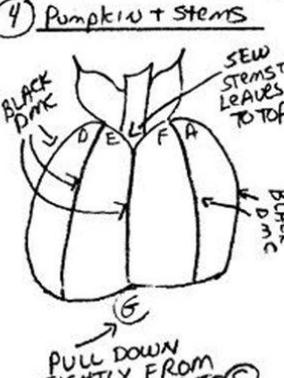
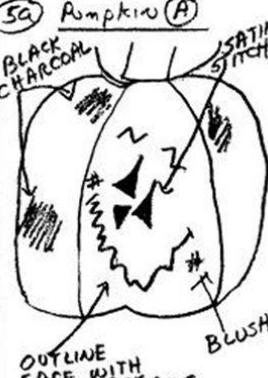
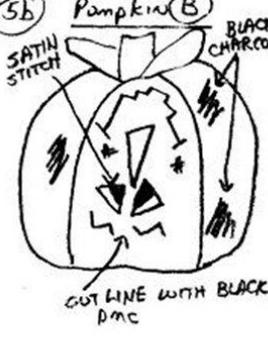
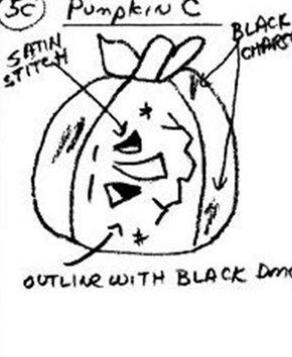
For each of the pumpkin faces backstitch the eyebrows, outline of the eyes, and nose with the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #5a). Straight stitch the mouth with the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #5a, 5b and 5c). Satin stitch the pupils with the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #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:

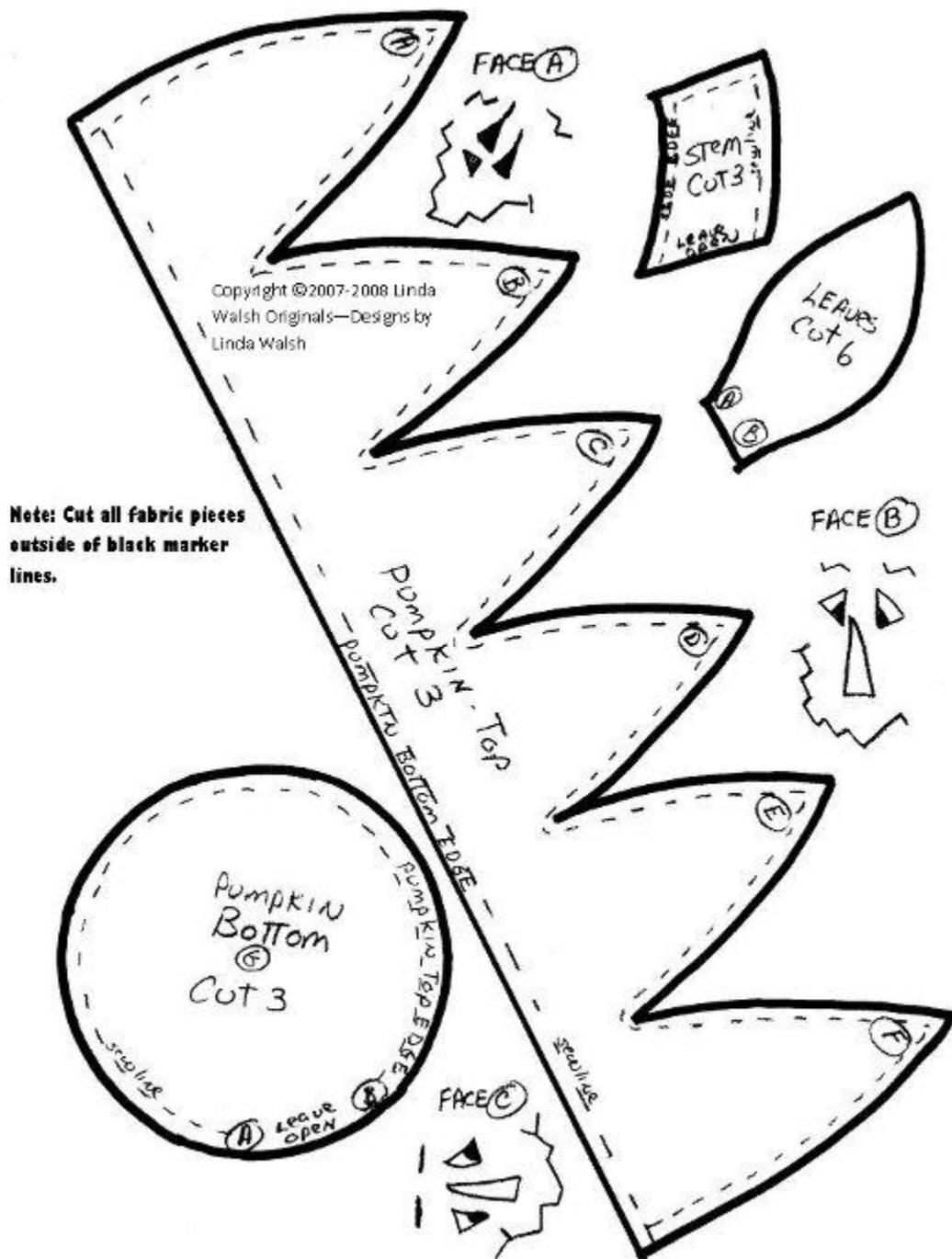
You are going to provide a hanger for hanging your pumpkins using the black DMC Embroidery floss (See Diagram #6). Cut a piece of the black DMC Embroidery floss 14" long. Knot one end of the black DMC Embroidery floss and insert your needle on the right hand side of the top of the pumpkin at the leaves 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.

<p>1A Pumpkin-Body</p>  <p>Pumpkin Bottom Edge</p>	<p>1B Pumpkin-Body</p>  <p>Pumpkin Bottom Edge</p>	<p>1C Pumpkin-Body</p>  <p>Pumpkin Bottom Edge</p>	<p>1D Pumpkin-Body</p>  <p>Pumpkin Bottom Edge</p>
<p>1E Pumpkin-Body</p>  <p>Pumpkin Bottom Edge</p>	<p>1F Pumpkin-Body</p>  <p>Pumpkin Bottom Edge</p>	<p>2A Stem</p>  <p>LEAVE OPEN FOR TURNING</p>	<p>2B LEAVES</p>  <p>GATHER (A) TO (B) AND STITCH</p>
<p>2C Stem + Leaves</p>  <p>STITCH LEAVES TO STEM TOGETHER</p>	<p>3 Pumpkin Bottom</p>  <p>STUFF FIRMLY</p> <p>Pumpkin Bottom (A)</p> <p>HAND SEW OPENING CLOSED (B)</p>	<p>4 Pumpkin + stems</p>  <p>PULL DOWN TIGHTLY FROM TOP TO (C)</p>	<p>5A Pumpkin (A)</p>  <p>BLACK CHARCOAL</p> <p>SATIN STITCH</p> <p>SEW STEM + LEAVES TO TOP</p> <p>BLACK DMC</p> <p>BLUSH</p>
<p>5B Pumpkin (B)</p>  <p>SATIN STITCH</p> <p>BLACK CHARCOAL</p> <p>OUTLINE WITH BLACK DMC</p>	<p>5C Pumpkin C</p>  <p>SATIN STITCH</p> <p>BLACK CHARCOAL</p> <p>OUTLINE WITH BLACK DMC</p>	<p>6 HANGERS</p>  <p>DMC HANGER</p> <p>START HERE</p> <p>KNOT HERE</p>	<p>7 FINISH</p> <p>COFFEE STAIN WHOLE PUMPKIN</p>

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Halloween Crochet Pumpkin

By: Alicia Kachmar of [Alicia Kachmar](#)

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

Finished Size: 14 inches around and 6 inches high

Instructions:

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!

Haunted Ghost Globes

By: Cristin Frank of [The Eve of Reduction](#)

Use inexpensive materials from around the house to create Haunted Ghost Globes featuring floating ghosts and glitter. This clever Halloween craft project by [Cristin Frank](#) up cycles glass jars and white plastic bags to create homemade Halloween decorations.



Materials:

- Clean jar with twist on lid
- White plastic bag
- Glycerin
- Glitter
- Halloween themed stickers
- Scissors
- Glue Gun
- Water
- Sharpie Marker (optional)



Instructions:

1. Cut out a ghost from a white plastic bag. If you want, add eyes and a mouth with a Sharpie marker. (See picture next page.)
2. Heat up your glue gun. Put a strip of hot glue on the inside of your lid and quickly tack down the bottom of the plastic ghost. (See picture next page.)
3. Fill the jar almost to the top with water. Add a dash (about 2-3 drops) of glycerin and a pinch of glitter.

4. Securely twist on the lid, making sure the ghost doesn't get caught in the closure. Add decorative stickers to the outside of your jar.



Cut out ghost from white plastic bag.



Glue bottom of ghost to jar lid.

Trick or Treat Candy Pot

By: Phyllis Dobbs of [Phyllis Dobbs](#)

Paint your own terra cotta flower pot with pumpkins and spiders to serve candy to trick-or-treaters this Halloween. This colorful Halloween craft project will delight your visitors.



Materials:

- terra cotta flower pot the size of your choice (I used an 8" wide pot)
- 3" piece of card stock
- paint brushes
- 4 colors of DecoArt Patio paints: Wrought Iron Black, Citrus Green, Petunia Purple, and Tiger Lily Orange

Instructions:

1. Paint the inside of your pot and the outside rim with the green. Draw a black line around the inside bottom edge of the rim, then paint purple dots spaced on the inside rim.
2. Paint the the remainder of the outside pot black. Paint spiders as shown spaced around the rim with black paint.
3. On card stock, draw a 2" wide pumpkin and cut out to create a pumpkin shaped hole in the card stock. Use the pumpkin opening as a stencil and paint the pumpkins on the pot with orange. Paint the mouth, nose and eyes with black paint and a stem with green paint. Paint purple dots randomly between the pumpkins.
4. Fill with candy or fruit and have a fun, spooky Halloween.

Round Felted Pumpkins

By: Maddy Cranley for [Maddycraft](#)

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
- 1 pair knitting needles size 4mm (US6/CAN8)
- 1 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 labeled “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.

Instructions:

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.
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

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)

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.

Orange Halloween Candy Dish

By: Donna Collinsworth of 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 oz. Red Heart Super Saver yarn in Pumpkin
- Black size 10 crochet thread
- H & 7 crochet hooks
- Needle to take crochet thread
- 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.

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 each 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 each ch across, ch-1, turn. (10 sts)

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

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

ROW 5-6: Rep row 2.

ROW 7-8: 2 hdc 1st st, hdc each 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 each side of basket, pin and sew trim. Sew two bats into each 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.

Bloody Pillar Candle and Bowl

By: Vicki O'Dell of [The Creative Goddess](#)

Make a pair of homemade Halloween decorations with this easy and thrifty Halloween craft project from [Vicki O'Dell](#). Use candle wax and hot glue to create the appearance of spooky, dripping blood.



Materials:

- White Pillar Candle
- Red Taper Candle
- Black Candle Holder
- Matches or Lighter
- Glass Bowl/Vase
- Glue Gun
- Design Master Spray Paint- Carnation Red and Flat Black



Instructions for Candle:

This is a super easy idea that looks like it takes a lot more work than it actually does. All I did was put a white pillar candle on a black candle holder, light a red candle and let it drip down onto the top and sides of the white candle. Easy!

Please don't let children do this craft and make sure to not leave burning candles unattended.

Instructions for Bloody Bowl:

First I washed a small fish bowl shaped vase inside and out. Then I went for my trusty glue gun AGAIN! And just like with the Spooky Drippy Candles I dripped hot glue all around the rim. (Give me a glue gun or glue pot and spray paint and I'm a wild woman!!) Let it dry or set and then go back in and add a layer on top of the first. Do this a few times until you get the look you want.



Then I used Flat Black Design Master spray paint and painted only the bottom of the bowl. Let the paint lighten and thin out as you go toward the top of the bowl. You want it to blend into the red so that there isn't a straight line around the bowl.



Finally, use the Carnation Design Master and paint the top of the bowl fading down into the black color. It gives your bloody cauldron a little dimension. That's it! You can use this to hold Halloween candy, a candle or even a small arrangement of flowers.

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