

## Crochet Pumpkin Pattern

**Row 1:** Ch 31. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, and working in dbl for all stitches, make 3 sl st, 6 sc, 12 hdc, 6 sc, 3 sl st. Turn. (30)

**Row 2:** Ch 1. Working in dbl, 3 sl st, 6 sc, 12 hdc, 6 sc, 3 sl st. Turn. (30)



**Repeat Row 2** until the piece measures 12 in long. (Measured across the center at the widest point.) I crocheted 40 rows.

**Last Row:** You can make the last row and seam the short sides in the same step. To do this, fold the short sides together, right sides facing out. Insert the hook through both the starting chain stitches and the back loops of the working stitches as you crochet the last row - all slip stitches.



### Finishing

If you didn't join the sides as you worked the last row of crochet (as described in the previous section, join the sides with a mattress stitch.

Then, turn the pumpkin so that the raised "V" shapes point down. With a matching piece of yarn and blunt yarn needle (I used the long yarn tail) sew a running stitch along the top edge.

Pull the ends of the yarn to gather the top edge. Tie a knot, cut the excess yarn, and weave in the ends.





**Next, stuff the pumpkin** with fiberfill through the bottom opening.

In the same way as before, sew a running stitch along the bottom edge. Pull the ends of the yarn to gather the bottom edge. Tie a knot, cut the excess yarn, and weave in the ends.



You can stop here, or you can make some additional stitches to create a sculpted, "squashed" pumpkin shape.

To do this, make some long stitches that run vertically between the stem end and the base of the pumpkin. I made four stitches down through the center of the pumpkin, overlapping them in an X shape (almost like sewing on a button.) Pull these stitches with slight tension to give the pumpkin a more realistic shape.

Knot the yarn to secure, and weave in the ends.



## How to Crochet a Pumpkin Stem

First, make a magic ring.

Round 1: Make 6 dc into the magic ring, sl st to the first dc to join round. (6) Round 2:

Ch 2. Fpdc in each sl around, sl st to first fpdc to join round.(6)

Repeat round 2 until your stem is as long as you'd like. I made 5 rounds.

Using a darning needle and the yarn tail, whipstitch top of the stem to the top of the pumpkin. Fasten off and weave in end.



OR

For a simple stem, you can use hot glue to attach a short twig or a cinnamon stick to the top of the pumpkin.

## Small Pumpkin Variation

Here's how I've adapted the pattern to create a smaller size version.

**Row 1:** Ch 22. Starting in the 2nd ch from the hook, and working in dbl for all stitches, make 2 sl st, 4 sc, 9 hdc, 4 sc, 2 sl st. Turn. (21)

**Row 2:** Ch 1. Working in dbl, 2 sl st, 4sc, 9 hdc, 4 sc, 2 sl st. Turn. (21)

**Repeat** until you have made 30 total rows. Continue the seaming and stuffing steps as described above.

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