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Pumpkin Spice

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Pattern Introduction

Make a quick patch of pumpkins with this simple pattern using chunky yarn and a cinnamon stick! Crochet with multiple strands of yarn to make varying sizes of pumpkins. Add a curly cew vine to top off the freshly picked pumpkin. A little bit of spice and everything nice!



What you need

Chunky Yarn (or 3 strands of Worsted held together)
Size J hook for pumpkin; Size G hook for Curly Cew; (or size needed to obtain tight stitches)
Cotton Classic Yarn (or other DK weight cotton)
*color for curly cew
*color for outside ridges
Cinnamon Stick
Yarn Needle
Polyfil Stuffing

Stitches you need to know

Chain
Slip Stitch
Single Crochet
Double Crochet
Half Double Crochet

Techniques you need to know

Crochet in rounds

Gauge Varies with size of yarn. Not important for making pumpkins.:)

Measurements

Approximately 3"-5" high and 4"-6.5" wide.

Abbreviations you need to know

Beg = beginning

Ch = chain

Dc = double crochet

Hdc = half double crochet

Lps = loops

Rem = remaining

Rep = repeat

Rnd = round

Sc = single crochet

Sl st = slip stitch

Sp = space

St = stitch

Sts = stitches

Memory Refreshers – These are just some things I like to include in my patterns especially for new crocheters, as well as making it clear what I'm instructing you to do.

1. "Fasten off" means to draw your yarn through the loop you have on your hook, then cut or break your yarn 3-4 inches away from loop. Now pull the yarn out of the securing loop you made. Give the end on your work a tug for good measure.
2. "Continue working in this manner" means to keep on crocheting with the pattern as it is established thus far. So, where it says "1 sc in next 3 sc...", you will then, on the next row, do this: "1 sc in next 4 sc..." Then on the next row, you will do this: "1 sc in next 5 sc..." This allows for the increases necessary to make a rounded circle (or half-circle in this case).
3. Working with hdc stitches presents a few things to watch for: first of all, the top of this stitch lies very much to the right of its post. This can throw you off when counting your stitches. Also, watch out when you have made your slip stitch to join. This causes the top of the next hdc to pull out of shape and you may be tempted to skip it and work into the next hdc. You will need to place your stitches into this wonky looking stitch.
4. What is the "turning chain"??? This refers to the ch-2 you made at the beginning of a round (**which almost always counts as a hdc!**). You will place the slip stitch indicated in a round into the top chain of these 2 chains.

Special Stitches

Half Double Crochet Two Together (Hdc2tog): Wrap yarn, insert hook into stitch indicated, wrap and pull up a loop. There are three loops on your hook. Wrap yarn again, insert hook into next stitch, wrap and pull up. There are five loops on your hook. Wrap and pull through all 5 loops on your hook.

Walkthrough

Pumpkin Pattern Overview:

You can make varying sizes of pumpkins by switching up the yarns you use. A chunky to light bulky weight yarn works great! A smaller pumpkin was crocheted with chunky weight yarn. But you can also combine yarns together to achieve the same chunky, light bulky or bulky gauge. I used 2 worsted weight yarns with 2 fingering weight yarns and got a large pumpkin, approximately 6.5” in circumference. For a medium size pumpkin, I used a worsted weight yarn and a ribbon yarn. For these two pumpkins I repeated Rnd 5 to make it taller as the pattern indicates. For all sizes I used the J hook. But you can certainly adjust the hook size as needed for the thickness of yarns you are using. You are starting at the TOP of the pumpkin and working your way down to the bottom.

Instructions

Step One: Make body of pumpkin, using desired yarn (or multiple strands of yarn) and J hook.

Rnd 1: Ch 3. Work 8 hdc into 1st ch made. Join w/sl st to top of beg ch-2 which counts as the first hdc throughout the pattern. (9 hdc)

Rnd 2: Ch 2, 1 hdc in same as sl st, 2 hdc in each hdc around; join w/sl st to top of ch-2. (18 hdc)

Rnd 3: Ch 2, 1 hdc in same as sl st, hdc in next, *2 hdc in next, 1 hdc in next, rep from * around; join. (27 hdc)

Rnd 4: Ch 2, 1 hdc in same as sl st, 1 hdc in next 2 hdc, *2 hdc in next, 1 hdc in next 2 hdc, rep from * around; join. (36 hdc)

Rnd 5: Ch 2, 1 hdc in next hdc and in each hdc around; join.

Rnd 6: Rep Rnd 5.

To make a taller pumpkin, **repeat Rnd 5** once or twice more.

Also note: Right here you have a cute little bowl! Keep going to complete your pumpkin, but then come back and make a few bowls for gift giving. ☺

Rnd 7: Ch 2, *1 hdc in next 3 hdc, hdc2tog, rep from * around; join. (29 hdc)

Rnd 8: Ch 2, *1 hdc in next 2 hdc, hdc2tog, rep from * around; join. (22 hdc)

STUFF pumpkin.

Rnd 9: Ch 2, hdc2tog around; ending with a hdc in final hdc; join. (11 hdc)

Rnd 10: Ch 1, sc2tog around; join. (5 sc)

Fasten Off, leaving long end for sewing.

Using yarn needle, weave long end through final sts and pull to close hole.

Note: Do not close the top hole as this is where the cinnamon stick goes.

Step Two: Insert Cinnamon Stick into Top Hole.

Step Three: Create Ridges of Pumpkin.

Using 2 ft. of Cotton Classic yarn and Yarn Needle, begin at the bottom of pumpkin and bring yarn up the outside of pumpkin and down through the middle to cinch 6 sections evenly around the outside of pumpkin, pulling tightly to create pumpkin ridges. I recommend you tie the long end with the short end left at the bottom of the pumpkin EACH TIME you make a ridge. This will secure the ridges. Fasten Off. Weave in ends.

Step Four: Make Vine Curly Cew.

With Cotton Classic and size G hook, make 14 chs.

In 4th ch from hook, and in each ch across, work 3 dc.

Fasten Off leaving long end for sewing curly cew to top of pumpkin at base of cinnamon stick.

Step Five: Make Another!:)

Variations on a Theme

**Make tiny pumpkins using Worsted, DK, or even fingering weight yarn if you are adventurous! Simply adjust hook size for fairly tight stitches so that your stuffing doesn't come through.

***Make this same pattern using red yarns for APPLES!! Also perfect for fall décor!:)