



Tunisian Crochet Pumpkin

SUPPLIES

- 3.5oz/100g, 190yds/174m yarn in any color
- I/5.5mm tunisian crochet hook
- scissors
- tapestry needle
- polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Optional: leather tag or stick for pumpkin stem

FINISHED SIZE

5" / 12.7cm in diameter, 2.5" / 6.3cm tall, not including stem

ABBREVIATIONS

- st(s) – stitch(es)
- sl st(s) – slip stitch(es)
- ch – chain stitch
- sc – single crochet
- yo – yarn over
- lp – loop
- Tks – tunisian knit stitch: insert hook from front to back between front and back vertical bars and under all strands of horizontal bar, yo, and pull up a loop.
- Tps – tunisian purl stitch: with working yarn in front, insert hook from right to left under vertical bar of stitch, yo, and pull up a loop.
- inc – (increase stitch) tunisian increase stitch: insert hook under 2 strands of horizontal bar between two stitches, yo and pull up a loop.
- Tss2tog – (decrease stitch) tunisian simple stitch 2 together: insert hook under the next 2 vertical bars, yo, and pull up a loop through both bars.

PATTERN

- This pattern can be used with any type of yarn.
- The stem of the pumpkin can be made with anything you have on hand – a cinnamon stick, a small stick from your yard, a leather tag sewn on, or a crochet i-cord sewn on. The possibilities are endless!
- Work all return passes as a basic return pass.

INSTRUCTIONS

Start with a 6-8" / 15-20cm tail, ch 14.

Foundation Row: Work basic foundation row (Tunisian simple stitch into each chain) and return pass.

Increase Section

Row 1: Work [2 Tks, inc 1] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (20sts)

Row 2: Work [3 Tks, inc 1] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (26)

Row 3: Work [4 Tks, inc 1] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (32)

Row 4: Work [5 Tks, inc 1] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (38)

Row 5: Work [6 Tks, inc 1] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (44)

Row 6: Work [7 Tks, inc 1] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (50)

Ribbed Section

Row 7: Work [5 Tks, 3 Tps] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (50)

Repeat Row 7 until work from Row 7 (total Ribbed Section) measures 4" / 10cm.

Decrease Section

Row 1: Work [6 Tks, 1 Tss2tog] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (44)

Row 2: Work [5 Tks, 1 Tss2tog] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (38)

Row 3: Work [4 Tks, 1 Tss2tog] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (32)

Row 4: Work [3 Tks, 1 Tss2tog] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (26)

Row 5: Work [2 Tks, 1 Tss2tog] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (20)

Row 6: Work [1 Tks, 1 Tss2tog] 6x, draw up lp in last bar. (14)

Row 7: Work sc in each st across. Cut a long tail (around 1 yd/1m) and fasten off.



Assembly

Thread the beginning tail onto a tapestry needle. Insert the needle from back to front in each stitch of the beginning edge. Pull to cinch tight, secure with a knot, and weave in ends.



Repeat with the other end: Thread the end tail onto a tapestry needle. Insert the needle from back to front in each single crochet st across the edge. Pull to cinch tight and secure with a knot.

At this point, choose which side you want to be the Right side of the pumpkin – the front or the back of the tunisian crochet fabric. If you want the back side of the tunisian crochet fabric to be the Right side, turn the piece inside out. Use a mattress stitch to seam the two side edges together, leaving a 1.5" / 3.8cm wide hole for stuffing. Before stuffing the pumpkin, choose which is the top of the pumpkin, and add your stem just to the side of the center point.



Add the stuffing, and complete the mattress stitch seam. Tie a knot to secure the seam. Use the rest of the tail to pull through the center of the pumpkin and wrap around the outside vertically to create 6 “cheeks”, pulling tightly to create each section. After creating 6 sections, secure the yarn with a knot. Weave in ends by sewing extra yarn through the pumpkin and cutting off the ends.

