# Chunky Crochet & Knit Pumpkins

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#### **Materials**

Lion Brand Hometown USA (super bulky yarn) P/11.50mm hook (for crochet) 9.0mm 16" circular needles (for knit) Poly-fil Stuffing Cinnamon Sticks and twine for stem Tapestry and Scissors

#### Pattern notes

The pumpkin will be made by working in the round then sewn and cinched up at the top and bottom to create the sphere. We will additionally add grooves to the side with yarn and needle.

Adjusting Pumpkin size: If you would like to make multiple pumpkins in different sizes, simply add or subtract the number of beginning stitches/cast on stitches as well as the number of rows. I suggest adding/subtracting in multiples of 10 for the beginning stitches and adding/subtracting in multiples of 2-3 for the number of rows.

Beginning Chain 2 does not count as a stitch. (crochet)

Special stitches: knit stitch/waistcoat stitch (crochet)

You may need to use the magic loop method as the stitches will be quite stretched around the circular needles. (knit)

Abbreviations (US terms):

Ch = chain, sc = single crochet, st = stitch(es), k1 = knit one

Dimensions:

Crochet pumpkin - 7" in diameter Knit pumpkin - 5" in diameter

### **Crochet Pattern**

Round 1: Ch 27, join to first ch

Round 2: Ch 1, sc around, join to first sc

Round 3-15: Ch 1, knit stitch in each st around, join to first st

Fasten off and leave long tail (~3ft, more if you are making a larger pumpkin). Follow assembly instructions.

Add cinnamon stick and twine for stem.

## **Knit Pattern**

Round 1: Cast on 30 st

Round 2-18: K1 in each st around

Bind off and leave long tail (~3ft, more if you are making a larger pumpkin). Follow assembly instructions.

Add cinnamon stick and twine for stem.



1. After crocheting/knitting, your piece will look something like this.



2. Use a separate piece of yarn to sew the bottom up. Weave in and out of the bottom stitches all the way around



3. Pull tight and tie yarn ends together. Hide them on the inside of the pumpkin.



4. Stuff with poly-fil.



5. Use the long tail to weave in and out of the top stitches of the pumpkin.



6. Pull tight to cinch together and add more polyfil as needed. Don't worry if there is a small hole you can't close, this will be covered by the stem.

Knot the yarn, do not cut off.



7. Take the yarn tail and insert into the bottom of the pumpkin with needle. We will now be making the grooves around the pumpkin.



8. Pull the needle up through the center to the top of the pumpkin. Pull tight (enough to make an indentation to form the grooves). Continue to make equal sectioned grooves by inserting the needle into the bottom and up through the top. Do this 4-5 times for a total of 5-6 sections/ bumps. Knot and weave in ends.