



Stuffed Pumpkin

Materials:

worsted weight orange, and a small amount of dark green

4" styrofoam ball

2 brown chenille stems

small scraps of black felt

Crochet hooks size H, F (I crochet a little tight, you may want to use a G hook)

Tapestry needle

Finished size: approx. 5" tall

Row 1: with orange yarn and H hook, ch 27, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 6 chs, hdc in next 14 chs, sc in next 5 chs, turn. (26 sc)

Row 2-36: Ch 1, working in back loops only, sc in next 7 sts, hdc in next 14 sts, sc in next 5 sts, turn. (26 sts)

At end of Row 36, fasten off, leaving a length of yarn to sew back seam of pumpkin closed.

Take your styrofoam ball and cut $\frac{1}{4}$ "- $\frac{1}{2}$ " off opposite sides. One will be the bottom, the other will be the top.. roll the top side on a table to "round" the edges into a pumpkin shape.

Wrap the crocheted pumpkin piece around the styrofoam ball, (rows will be vertical). Thread tapestry needle with the length of yarn you left and sew the back seam through front lps of last row and foundation ch. Then use two small scraps of yarn and weave one through the ends of rows at top, pull up and gather evenly to close. Repeat for the bottom.

Take your two brown chenille stems and fold together, half, then half again.. etc.. until you have a thick stem about 2-3" long.. you want enough to stick into the styrofoam ball and still leave about $1\frac{1}{2}$ " sticking up. Twist it slightly to give it some "texture" and it will hold together better =)

Push it down into the center top of your pumpkin.

Leaf and vine

With F hook and dark green yarn, ch 6, 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, *[dc, ch3, sl st in first ch of ch-3, dc] in next ch*, sc in next ch, rep from * to * once in next ch, [2 hdc, ch 3, sl st in first ch of ch-3, 2 hdc] in last ch, working on opposite side of foundation ch, rep from * to * once, sc in next ch, rep from * to * once, sc in next ch, sl st to join in beg sc, ch 16, 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 3 sc in each next 13 chs, sl st in next ch, fasten off.

Weave in loose ends. Find a "hole" in the center of the leaf and slide it down over the chenille stem in the top of the pumpkin.. you can glue this in place if you wish

Cut out a face from black felt and glue it on..

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