



Autumn Pumpkin – Emma Varnam

Size: Approx 5cm tall

You will need: Oddments of DK yarn in Orange (Rico Essential Cotton DK)
A small amount of green yarn
1x 3mm crochet hook
1 x Tapestry Needle
Some beads for weight
Fibrefill or stuffing of choice

Abbreviations:

dc=double crochet (sc-single crochet US)
R =round,
dc2tog=decrease 2 crochet stitches together, ch st=chain stitch

Tips:

Work in continuous rounds, do not join or turn unless otherwise instructed. At R20: place a small amount of beads in the base of the pumpkin and then stuff firmly with fibrefill. Carry on crocheting in round from the point.

Directions:

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Using orange yarn and a 3mm hook make amagic adjustable ring.

R1: Work 8 dc into the ring and pull to tighten.

R2: 2 dc into each of dc around (16 sts)

R3: *dc 1, 2dc in next dc * rep 8 times (24 sts)

R4: *dc 2, 2dc in next dc * rep 8 times (32 sts)

R5: *dc 3, 2dc in next dc * rep 8 times (40 sts)

R6 – 8 dc 40sts.

R9: *dc 4, 2dc in next dc *rep 8 times (48sts)

R10 – 15 dc 48sts.

R16: *dc 4, dc2tog * rep 8 times (40sts)

R17 – 19 dc 40sts.

R20: *dc 3, dc2tog * rep 8 times (32sts)

R21: *dc 2, dc2tog * rep 8 times (24sts)

R22: *dc 3, dc2tog * rep 8 times (16sts)

R23: * dc2tog *rep 8 times (8sts)

Change to green yarn, leaving a long tail of orange yarn.

R24 – 27 dc 8 sts. Fasten off and weave tail of green yarn across the top of the 8

sts and gather the top of the green stalk together.

TO FINISH OFF

Using the long strand of orange yarn with a tapestry make a large loop from the base of the stalk down and round and then up through the base of the pumpkin, up through the stuffing to reappear again at the base of the stalk. Pull this loop tightly. Repeat this 5 times, evenly around the pumpkin to create 6 indentations. This will naturally make the crochet sphere into a squat oval shape.

Now use as a table decoration, or place setting.

