

Crochet Candy Corn Pumpkin

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Worsted Weight Yarn - I used I Love This Yarn in Yellow and White. For the orange, I used 2 strands held together of I Love This Yarn Sport Weight Orange because the worsted weight didn't have the color I wanted.

H/5mm crochet hook
Poly-fil
Yarn needle

Stitches used in US terms:

Foundation Single Crochet - fsc
Single Crochet - sc

Row 1: with Yellow, work 40 fsc, **leaving a long tail at the beginning** for a running stitch for gathering the bottom of the pumpkin. Turn. (40 stitches)

Rows 2-9: ch 1. sc in each stitch across. Turn. (40 stitches)

Change to Orange, leaving a long tail of yellow for sewing.

Rows 10-15: ch 1. sc in each stitch across. Turn. (40 stitches)

Change to White leaving a long tail of the White at the beginning and ALSO leaving a long tail of Orange for sewing.

Rows 16-21: ch 1. sc in each stitch across. Turn. (40 stitches)

Fasten off leaving a VERY LONG tail for a running stitch and to add shaping to pumpkin.

This is how your piece will look after Row 21. I wove in the shorter tails of orange before sewing the ends together.



Fold piece in half and whip stitch edges together, using the yarn tails of each color. Fasten off each color after sewing.

Turn piece so seam is on the inside. You will still have a long tail of yellow at the beginning and a very long tail of white at the end.



Using the long tail of Yellow from the beginning, run a gathering stitch around the bottom of the pumpkin. Pull tightly to close the pumpkin and run a few stitches back and forth across the opening to make sure it is completely closed. Fasten off and weave in end.



Stuff pumpkin with poly-fill and gather the top in the same manner, using the very long tail of White. **Do not cut the yarn.**



Shaping the Pumpkin:

Using your yarn needle, draw the white yarn through the center top of the pumpkin to center bottom of the pumpkin. You'll have to squish your pumpkin to get the needle through. Wrap the yarn around to the top of the pumpkin and pull it through again, pulling it tightly to form a "ridge". Do this 5 or 6 times to give the pumpkin "ridges" for the pumpkin shape. Tie it off tightly at the bottom after the last wrap around and weave in your end.

Glue a small stick to the center top of the pumpkin for the stem. Tie with twine or ribbon if you'd like.

The finished pumpkins measure about 4 inches across and 2.75 inches tall before adding the stem.

