

Crochet Jack-O-Lantern Potholder

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Worsted Weight Cotton Yarn – I used I Love This Cotton in Glowing and Black

100% cotton batting

H/5mm crochet hook

Stitches used in US terms:

Chain – ch

Single Crochet – sc

Magic Ring

Slip Stitch - ss

Potholder - Make 2

Chain 30 with Glowing

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook. *ch 1 skip next ch, sc in next ch * Repeat from * to * across. Turn. (29 stitches)

Row 2: ch 1. sc in 1st stitch, sc in ch 1 space. *ch 1, skip next stitch, sc in next ch 1 space.* Repeat from * to * across to last stitch. sc in last stitch. Turn. (29 stitches)

Row 3: ch 1. sc in 1st stitch, *ch 1, skip next stitch, sc in next ch 1 space.* Repeat from * to * across to last 2 stitches. ch 1, skip next stitch, sc in last stitch. Turn. (29 stitches)

Rows 4-31: Repeat Rows 2 and 3 (14) times.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

To make the face:

Eyes - Make 2

Chain 2 with Black.

Row 1: work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Turn. (2 stitches)

Row 2: ch 1. sc in first stitch, 2 sc in next stitch. Turn. (3 stitches)

Row 3: ch 1. sc in first 2 stitches. 2 sc in last stitch. Turn. (4 stitches)

Row 4: ch 1. sc in 3 stitches, 2 sc in last stitch. Turn. (5 stitches)

Row 5: ch 1. sc in 4 stitches, 2 sc in last stitch. Turn. (6 stitches)

Row 6: ch 1. sc in 5 stitches, 2 sc in last stitch. (7 stitches)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Nose - Make 1

Chain 2 with Black.

Row 1: work 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook. Turn. (2 stitches)

Row 2: ch 1. sc in first stitch, 2 sc in next stitch. Turn. (3 stitches)

Row 3: ch 1. sc in first 2 stitches. 2 sc in last stitch. Turn. (4 stitches)

Row 4: ch 1. sc in 3 stitches, 2 sc in last stitch. Turn. (5 stitches)

Row 5: ch 1. sc in 4 stitches, 2 sc in last stitch. Turn. (6 stitches)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Mouth - Make 1

Round 1: ch 6 with black. sc in 2nd ch from hook and next 3 ch. Work 3 sc in next stitch. Working in the opposite side of the chain, sc in next 4 stitches. Work 3 sc in next stitch. Join with ss to first sc. (14 stitches)

Round 2: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and next 4 stitches. Work 3 sc in next stitch. sc in next 6 stitches. Work 3 sc in next stitch. sc in last stitch. Join with ss to first sc. (18 stitches)

Round 3: ch 1. sc in same stitch as ss and next 6 stitches. Work 3 sc in next stitch. sc in next 8 stitches. Work 3 sc in next stitch. sc in next 2 stitches. (22 stitches)

Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing.

Sew eyes, nose, and mouth onto one of the potholders.

Cut a piece of batting slightly smaller than the potholder. Layer onto the bottom potholder and place the piece with the face on top. Pin to hold in place.

Using orange yarn, tack the corners and the center of each side together through all 3 layers. Using your crochet hook, pull the yarn ends through so they are hidden between the potholder and the batting.

Border: with right side facing you (face side), attach orange yarn in bottom right corner. sc around the potholder through both layers, working 3 sc in each corner.

If you want a hanging loop:

When you get to the top left corner, sc 2 in same stitch, ch 12, sc in same stitch to make the 3rd corner stitch. Continue the sc border around to first sc. Join with ss to first sc.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Finished Jack-O-Lantern Potholder measures about 7 by 8 inches.