

Crochet Mini Pumpkin

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Worsted Weight (4) yarn (approximately 1 ounce)- I used I Love This Yarn in Cinnamon Cedar

H/5mm hook

Gauge is not important

Stitches used:

Chain – ch

Single Crochet – sc

Slip Stitch – ss

Back Loop Only - blo

Ch 17, leaving a long tail.

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (16 stitches)

Row 2 - 37: sc in blo of each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (16 stitches)

Do not turn at the end of row .

Fold piece in half, matching short sides, ch 1 and ss together. Finish off leaving a very long tail. You will need this to shape the pumpkin.

Turn piece so seam is on the inside.

Using a yarn needle and your beginning tail, run a gathering stitch around the bottom of the pumpkin. Pull tight to close the opening, tie a knot, and weave in the end.

If the opening doesn't close completely, just run a few stitches back and forth across the hole. Fasten off and weave in the end.

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

Using your needle, draw the yarn through the center top of the pumpkin to center bottom of the pumpkin. 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". Tie it off tightly at the bottom after the last wrap around and weave in your end.

Glue a small stick or cinnamon stick to the center for the stem. Add twine, ribbon, or other embellishments as desired.

Finished pumpkin measures about 3.5 inches across by 2 inches high.