

Crochet Bobble Pumpkin

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Worsted weight (4) yarn, approximately 3 ounces - 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

Bobble Stitch - bobble

Special stitch: Bobble Stitch – Yarn over, insert hook into stitch, and pull up a loop. Yarn over, pull through two loops. Repeat 4 times – there will be 6 loops on the hook. Yarn over and pull through all 6 loops. **Sc in next stitch to complete the Bobble stitch.**

Ch 30, leaving a long tail for gathering the bottom of the pumpkin later.

Row 1: sc in 2nd ch from hook and each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

Rows 2 - 4: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

Row 5: sc in 1st stitch. Work bobble stitches across. Ch 1 and turn. (14 bobbles)

NOTE: be sure to work the sc to complete the Bobble stitch. See Special Stitch instructions above. This makes the bobbles really pop.

Rows 6 - 12: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

Row 13: sc in 1st stitch. Work bobble stitches across. Ch 1 and turn. (14 bobbles)

Rows 14 - 20: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

Row 21: sc in 1st stitch. Work bobble stitches across. Ch 1 and turn. (14 bobbles)

Rows 22 - 28: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

Row 29: sc in 1st stitch. Work bobble stitches across. Ch 1 and turn. (14 bobbles)

Rows 30 - 36: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

Row 37: sc in 1st stitch. Work bobble stitches across. Ch 1 and turn. (14 bobbles)

Rows 38 - 44: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

Row 45: sc in 1st stitch. Work bobble stitches across. Ch 1 and turn. (14 bobbles)

Rows 46 - 47: sc in each stitch across. Ch 1 and turn. (29 stitches)

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

Make sure your bobbles are on the outside. 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 to close it up.

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 shape the pumpkin. Do this between the bobble rows in the sc sections. 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 5 inches across by 4.5 inches high.