



Pumpkin Bear

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MEASUREMENTS

7 in. x 7.5 in.
[~18 cm x ~19 cm] if using the prescribed materials and if using the YUYO (yarn under, yarn over) method of crocheting.

ABBREVIATIONS

blo: back loops only

ch: chain

dec: (invisible) decrease

flo: front loops only

inc: increase

sc: single crochet

slst: slip stitch

st(s) stitch(es)

rnd(s): round(s)

[#]: stitch count

(...) x #: repeat the instructions

MATERIALS

- #6 super bulky yarn - Premier Basix Chenille
 - Note: Below are the yarn amounts needed for each part. Each color is less than one skein.
 - Bear: 59 g
 - Pumpkin: 66 g
 - Note: Select a color combo of your choice:
 - 2126-43 Curry (light brown) for the bear
 - 2126-07 Mustard (yellow) for the pumpkin
 - OR
 - 2126-15 Fog (light gray) for the bear
 - 2126-01 White for the pumpkin
 - OR
 - 2126-04 Sand (beige) for the bear
 - 2126-08 Sage (green) for the pumpkin
- #4 medium weight yarn - Anti-pilling Everyday Worsted
 - 100-86 Walnut (dark brown) - 2 g
- 7 mm and 2.75 mm Clover Amour hook
- Scissors
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle
- Sewing pins
- Fiber fill stuffing 12 oz [~340 g]
- Two 8 mm safety eyes and one 11 mm safety nose
- (Optional): Hot glue



INTERMEDIATE

NOTES

- Use stitch markers to keep track of the beginning of each round (especially important since this fuzzy chenille yarn can make it difficult to see).
- If available, use thin knitting needles (or chopsticks) when sewing with chunky yarn to position parts evenly
- Fluff up your stuffing by pulling it apart and inserting it little by little to make your amigurumi more even. Stuff it some more right before closing a piece using tweezers for a firmer shape.
- Note that my jumbo patterns do not translate to thinner yarn weights well due to gauge differences. The dimensions will be off!
- Experiencing some loose fibers when cutting chenille yarn is normal. A solution is to carefully singe the ends with a lighter to seal the tips of the yarn tails before sewing.
- For larger surface areas, you can sew with medium worsted yarn instead. This helps prevent the shedding/breakage of chenille yarn as well as save on the expensive stuff!
- This pattern uses the alternative magic circle method since this yarn snaps easily. Watch my tutorial [HERE](#).

CROCHET



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BEAR HEAD

Rnd 1: make a slipknot and ch 2, working into the second ch from the hook, (sc) x8 [8]

Rnd 2: (inc) x8 [16]

Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x8 [24]

Rnds 4-5 (2 rnds total): sc all around [24]

Rnd 6: (2 sc, inc) x8 [32]

Rnd 7: sc all around [32]

Rnd 8: (sc, dec, sc) x8 [24]

- Tip: Staggering the decreases creates a smoother Texture for the bear's face. The reason why we don't need to do this in round 6 is because the round Eight before and after it do not contain any increases.

Rnd 9: (sc, dec) x8 [16]

- Note: I prefer to glue in my eyes and nose after the eye indentations have been completed for exact placement, so skip to the next step if you want to follow this tutorial as written -
- If you prefer to insert the safety backings in, insert the nose between rnds 5-6. Then, insert the eyes 2 sts from the nose.
- It is important for the eyes and nose to be aligned between the same rounds! [cover img]
- Stuff well.

Rnd 10: (dec) x8 [8]

Fasten off and leave a long tail for sewing onto the pumpkin. Do not close up the piece yet. [img 1]



Next, we will create the eye indentations.

- Step 1: Use sewing pins and mark where the eyes will be between rnds 5-6, 7 sts apart. [img 2]



- Note: The ears have been sewn on in the process images to provide a better reference point. However, follow the instructions to make and sew them on later during assembly.



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BEAR HEAD (continued)

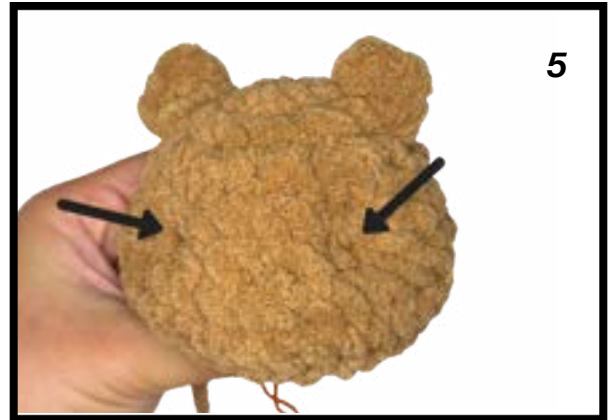
- Step 2: Cut 10 in. [~25 cm] of the medium worsted yarn.
- Step 3: Thread your needle and enter from the opening at the bottom of the head. Leave a 3 in. [~7.5 cm] tail.
- Step 4: Weave out to where the right eye will be and weave back into the head 1 stitch above. Come back out the opening of the head. [img 3]



- Step 5: Weave out to where the left eye will be and again, weave back into the head 1 stitch above. Come back out the opening of the head. [img 4]



- Step 6: Holding the two yarn tails, tug gently to create the eye indentations. [img 5]



- Step 7: Secure the yarn tails into a double knot to hold the indentations in place.
- Step 8: Weave in the remaining yarn tails.

Thread your needle with the head's yarn tail. Weave through the flo and pull the hole closed.

Lastly, use hot glue to secure the nose between rnds 5-6. Then, insert the eyes 2 sts away from each side of the nose. [img 6]



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BEAR EARS

(in color of your choice + 7 mm hook, make two)

Rnd 1: make a magic circle and (sc) x4, slst into the center of the circle [4]

- Tip: Why are we using the magic circle starting method here but not in the other parts of the pattern? The reason is because with this type of yarn, the greater the stitch count, the more difficult it is to pull the hole closed. With our ears only being 4 sts, yarn snagging won't be an issue and the magic circle allows us to create the rounded shape we want.

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. Then, pull the ring closed. [img 7]



(in color of your choice + 7 mm hook, make two)

Rnd 1: make a magic circle and (sc) x8 [8]

Rnds 2-6 (5 rnds total): sc all around [8]

Do not stuff or fasten off.

To crochet the piece closed, follow my tutorial [HERE](#).



- Step 1: Flatten the opening. [img 8]



- Step 2: Insert your hook through both layers and make 4 sc across. [img 9]



- Step 3: Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. [img 10]



CROCHET



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BEAR FEET

(in color of your choice + 7 mm hook, make two)

Rnd 1: ch 2, work into the second ch from the hook and (sc) x8 [8]

Rnd 2: (inc) x8 [16]

Rnd 3: sc all around [16]

Rnd 4: (2 sc, dec) x4 [12]

Rnd 5: 3 dec, 6 sc [9]

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing.

Lightly stuff. [img 11]



PUMPKIN

(in color of your choice + 7 mm hook)

Rnd 1: ch 2, work into the second ch from the hook and (sc) x8 [8]

Rnd 2: (inc) x8 [16]

Rnd 3: (sc, inc) x8 [24]

Rnd 4: (sc, inc, sc) x8 [32]

Rnd 5: (3 sc, inc) x8 [40]

Rnds 6-13 (8 rnds total): sc all around [40]

Rnd 14: (3 sc, dec) x8 [32]

Rnd 15: (sc, dec, sc) x8 [24]

Rnd 16: (sc, dec) x8 [16]

Stuff but be careful not to overstuff because we will need some flexibility for shaping!

Rnd 17: (dec) x8 [8]

Fasten off and leave a 4 ft [~122 cm] yarn tail for the pumpkin shaping. Using your needle, weave through the flo and pull the hole closed.

PUMPKIN SHAPING

Note: At this point, your pumpkin may look like a ball! Before you begin the next few steps, it's important to understand the construction of the pumpkin segments. We will be using the yarn tail

left at the end of the pumpkin to create symmetrical lines on the pumpkin. Cinching each segment evenly will help create the beautiful segments. There will be 6 in total.

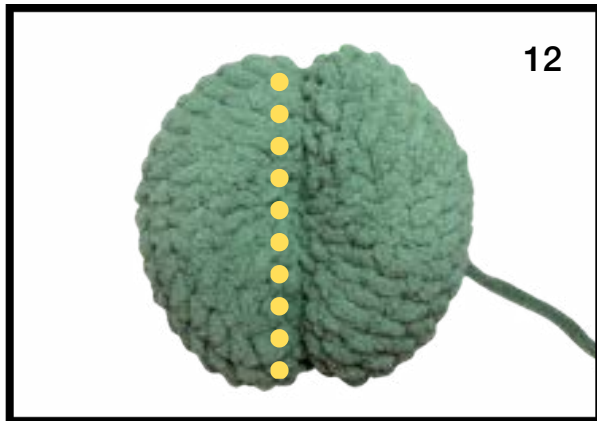
- Step 1: Use the needle to thread the yarn tail
- Step 2: Weave into the bottom center and out the top center of the pumpkin.
- Step 3: Weave around the pumpkin and into the same entry point at the bottom of the pumpkin again.



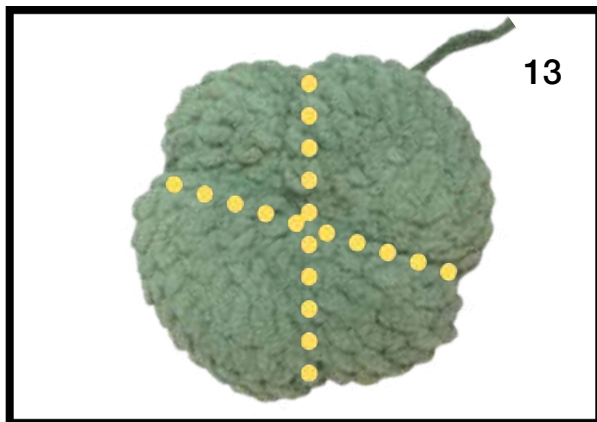
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PUMPKIN SHAPING (continued)

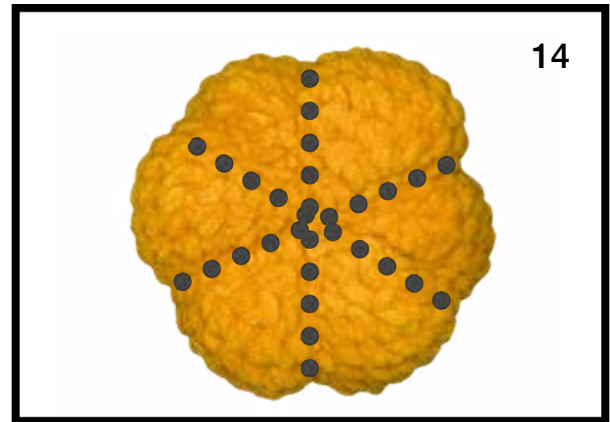
- Step 4: Weave back out the top center and weave around the opposite side of the pumpkin. You should now have a line of symmetry. [img 12]



- Step 5: Cinch tightly!
- Step 6: Repeat the same method to create a diagonal line and cinch tightly. [img 13]



- Step 7: Repeat the same method to create
- the opposite diagonal line and cinch tightly for a total of 6 segments.
- Step 8: Secure a double knot and weave in the remaining yarn tail. [img 14]



*Ignore the different color yarn here :)

PUMPKIN HAT

(in color of your choice super bulky yarn + 7 mm hook)

Rnd 1: ch 2, work into the second ch from the hook and (sc) x8 [8]



Use the invisible finish (video) and leave a tail for sewing.

STEM

(in dark brown acrylic yarn + 2.75 mm hook)

ch 7, working into the second ch from the hook, slst into the next 6 ch

Fasten off and leave a tail for sewing. [img 15]



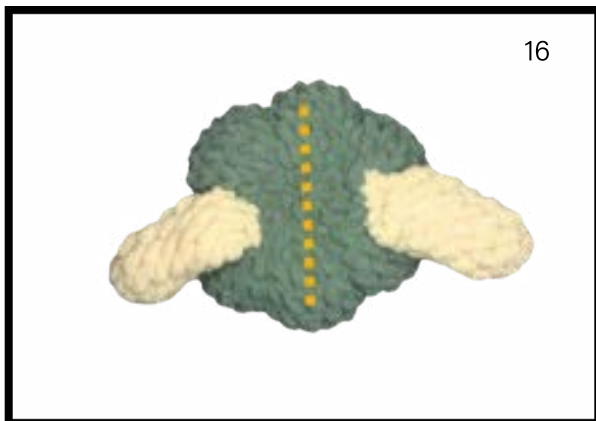
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ASSEMBLY

Ears: Sew the ears onto the head spanning rnds 2-3, 12 sts apart (when counting on rnd 3). [img 16]



Arms: Use sewing pins to position the arms onto the pumpkin so that they are symmetrical onto one of the segments. Then, sew the arms down against the pumpkin. [img 17]



- Tip: Be sure to center one whole segment in the center. Otherwise, you'll have a front butt!

Pumpkin Hat: Sew the stem onto the center of the hat and secure a double knot on the opposite side. Cut the yarn tails short. Then, sew the hat onto the center of the head, weaving through the "third loop" of each st.

- Tip: You may also sew through using the blo but it will not be as neat. Another option is to carefully use hot glue to secure it since sewing with bulky yarn may be more tricky.

Head: Sew the head onto the top of the pumpkin, centering the face with the arms.

Feet: Set the pumpkin onto a flat surface. Then, use sewing pins to position the feet onto the bottom of the pumpkin, aligning the inner sides of the feet with the eyes. Be sure to check that they sit flat on the table before sewing them on. [img 17]

- Tip: Do not skip this step or you'll have floating limbs!



You're finished!

