

Below you will find the pattern for Emmaus mini crochet pumpkins!

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You will need:

1. Your choice of yarn in pumpkin colour.
2. Yarn in a shade of green for the stalk.
3. Stuffing
4. A crochet hook size 3.5 or smaller

Here's how you do it:

Pumpkin

Row 1: In pumpkin colour, cast on 19 stitches,

Row 2: sc into the 2nd stitch from the end, sc 4 more times, then hdc for 8, then finally 5 sc to the end of the row. 18 stitches



Row 3: Ch1, 5 sc into the **back of the stitch** from previous row, 8 hdc, 5 sc. These should all have been into the back of the last row's stitches. 18 stitches.

Rows 4 – 24: carry on as row 3. Only stitching into the back of the last row of stitches. You will create a long rectangle of crochet which bulges around the middle.





Fold the piece in half and crochet the two ends together using sc into each of the 18 stitches. Pull the final stitch through and leave some yarn for finishing off.



With a needle, thread in and out of the edges to gather up the sides, pull tight to close the hole and stitch to fasten. Turn the pumpkin inside out and stuff. Take the needle through to the opposite end of the pumpkin and again, thread the yarn around the top to gather the sides and close the pumpkin.



Take your remaining yarn around the outside and back through the core to create some texture to the pumpkin and make it bulge out a bit. You normally need to do this around 3 or 4 times to get the shape right. Tighten them as much as you need to and try to space them a bit randomly. Fasten off.



The instructions for the stalk are as follows:

Row 1: Cast on 7 stitches

Row 2: sc into the 2nd stitch from the end. Sc into next 5 stitches. 6 stitches

Row 3-5: ch 1, 6 sc

Fold in half and stitch the two ends together.

Then chain 20 stitches and sc all the way back, this will create a natural twist, which is what pumpkin stalks do! End with a slip into the stalk.



For next bit you're going to stitch around the bottom of the stalk as if you are making a crochet flower. So dbl crochet into the spot that you've chained from and then dbl again into the same space, then slip stitch into the space as well, finally select your next space and begin with a slip into that space. You need to create 5 "petals" selecting different spaces to work into all around the bottom of the sort of tube you've just made. It's not easy to work out where to place them so use your judgement to space them out. Once you're back at the beginning it should look something like this.



Fasten off and sew top ends in but leave a tail of yarn which you can use to sew onto the top of the pumpkin. Once your stalk is attached, leave a last bit of yarn free and separate the threads out, twisting them around the crochet

hook a few times until they become what looks like curly tendrils for a lifelike effect!

