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# What you will need:

**RED HEART\* Super Saver\*:** 1 skein each 312 Black **A** and 254 Pumpkin **B** 

Susan Bates\* Crochet Hooks: 5.5mm [US I-9] and 6.5mm [US K-10½]

Yarn needle, 12-ounce clear soda bottle

**GAUGE:** Rounds 1–4 =  $2\frac{1}{2}$ " (6.5 cm) with smaller hook. CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.



RED HEART\* Super Saver\*, Art. E300 available in

solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins

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# Skull Halloween Bottle Cozy

Crochet this eerie skull bottle cozy for whatever brews you serve this Halloween season! It's easily created with skull motif on a meshy background.

Cozy fits 12-ounce bottle.

#### **Notes**

- After gauge is achieved with smaller hook, work with hook 2 sizes larger where indicated.
- To minimize weaving in ends, tuck beginning tail of motif between motif and base before sewing together.

### **Special Stitch**

sc2tog = [Insert hook in next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

### **Special Technique**

Adjustable-ring method = Wrap yarn into a ring, ensuring that the tail falls behind the working yarn. Grip ring and tail firmly between middle finger and thumb. Insert hook through center of ring, yarn over (with working yarn) and draw up a loop. Work stitches of first round in the ring, working over both strands (the tail and the ring). After the first round of stitches is worked, pull gently, but firmly, on tail to tighten ring.

## COZY

With smaller hook and **A**, make an adjustable ring, ch 1.

**Round 1:** Work 6 sc in ring; join with slip st in first sc—6 sc.

**Round 2:** Ch 1, 2 sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc—12 sc.

**Round 3:** Ch 1, sc in first st, 2 sc in next st, \*sc in next st, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in first sc—18 sc.

Round 4: Ch 1, sc in first 2 sts, 2 sc in next st, \*sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st; repeat from \* around; join with slip st in first sc—24 sc.

Round 5: Ch 1, sc in first st, \*ch 7, skip next 3 sts, sc in next st; repeat from \* 4 times, ch 3, dc in first sc (ch 3 and dc count as last ch-7 space here and throughout)—6 ch-7 spaces.

**Round 6:** Ch 1, sc around post of dc of last ch-7 space, \*ch 7, sc in 4th ch of next ch-7 space; repeat from \* 4 times, ch 3, dc in first sc—6 ch-7 spaces.

Rounds 7-10: Repeat Round 6.

**Round 11:** Ch 1, 3 sc around post of dc of last ch-7 space, 3 sc in 4th ch of each remaining ch-7 space; join with slip st in first sc—18 sc.

**Round 12:** Ch 1, sc in each st around; join with slip st in first sc. Fasten off.

# SKULL Motif

With smaller hook and A. ch 6.

**Row 1:** Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—5 sc.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Rows 3 and 4: Repeat Row 2.

**Row 5:** Ch 1, 3 sc in first st, sc in next 3 sts, 3 sc in last st, turn—9 sc.

Rows 6-8: Repeat Row 2.

**Row 9:** Ch 1, sc2tog, sc in each st across to last 2 sts, sc2tog, turn—7 sc.

Rows 10 and 11: Repeat Row 9—3 sc. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

#### Base

With larger hook and **B**, repeat Rows 1-11 of skull.

# **ASSEMBLY & FINISHING**

Referring to photograph as a guide, with straight stitches and **B**, embroider eyes and mouth on skull motif.

Center motif on its base and with long tail of motif, sew together.

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Slip cozy on bottle. Place motif on cozy and with long tail of base, sew in place. Weave in ends.

## **ABBREVIATIONS**

A, B = Color A, Color B; ch = chain(s); dc = double crochet; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); \* = repeat whatever follows the \* as indicated.

