

ORED HEART **BRAIDED CROCHET PUMPKINS** Designed by Michael Sellick from The Crochet Crowd

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MATERIALS

Small Sizes Large

Red Heart® Super Saver Ombre™ (10 oz/284 g; 482 yds/440 m)

Version 1

Hot Sauce (4927)

1 ball or 1 ball or Version 2 Anthracite (3694) 163.5 yds/ 149 m 293 yds/267.5 m

Red Heart® Super Saver ™ (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333m)

Version 3 1 ball or 1 ball or 176.5 yds/161.5 m 316 yds/289.5 m Carrot (0256)

Size U.S. H/8 (5 mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge. Small quantities of worsted weight acrylic yarn in brown and tan (approx 5 yds/4.5 m per pumpkin). For his samples, Mikey used Bernat[®] Super Value[™] in Taupe and Topaz. Polyfill stuffing.









CROCHET I SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE

ABBREVIATIONS

Alt = Alternate(ing)

Approx = Approximately

Beg = Beginning

Ch = Chain(s)

Dc = Double crochet

Dcbp = Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next stitch at back of work, inserting hook from right to left. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

Dcfp = Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next stitch at front of work, inserting hook from right to left. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) twice.

Dcfp2tog = (Yoh and draw up a loop around post of next stitch at front of work, inserting hook from right to left. Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) 2 times. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

Hdc = Half double crochet

Hdc2tog = Yoh and draw up a loop in each of next 2 stitches. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

Rep = Repeat

RS = Right side

Sc = Single crochet

Sc2tog = Draw up a loop in each of next 2 stitches. Yoh and draw through all loops on hook.

SI st = Slip stitch

Sp(s) = Space(s)

St(s) = Stitch(es)

Trfp = (Yoh) twice and draw up a loop around post of next stitch at front of work, inserting hook from right to left. (Yoh and draw through 2 loops on hook) 3 times.

WS = Wrong side

Yoh = Yarn over hook



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MEASUREMENTS

Large:

Approx 11" [28 cm] in diameter by 6" [15 cm] tall.

Small:

Approx 7" [18 cm] in diameter by 4½" [11.5 cm] tall.

GAUGE

15 sc and 15 rows = 4" [10 cm]

INSTRUCTIONS

Notes:

- All rnds are joined with a sl st to first st.
- Pumpkins are worked from the top down.

Large Pumpkin

(see diagram on page 5.) **Ch 2.

1st rnd: (WS.) 10 sc in 2nd ch from hook, Join, Turn, 10 sc.

2nd rnd: (RS) Ch 1. *(1 sc. 1 dc) in next st. (1 dc. 1 sc) in next st. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 20 sts.

3rd rnd: Ch 1. *(1 sc. 1 dc) in next st. 2 dc in next st. 1 dc in next st. (1 dc. 1 sc) in next st. Rep from * around. Join, **Turn**, 35 sts.

4th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st. 2 hdc in next st. Skip next st. 3 dcfp around next st. Skip next st. 2 hdc in next st. 1 sc in next st. Rep from * around. Join, Turn, 45 sts.

5th and alt rnds: Ch 1. 1 sc in each st around. Join. Turn.**

6th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 2 sts. 2 hdc in next st. Skip next st. 1 trfp around each of next 2 sts 2 rows below. 1 trfp around skipped st. 2 hdc in next st. 1 sc in each of next 2 sts. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 55 sts.

8th rnd: Ch 1. *2 sc in next st. Skip next st. 3 dcfp in next st 2 rows below. Skip next st. (1 dcfp around st 2 rows below) 3 times. Skip next st. 3 dcfp in next st 2 rows below. Skip next st. 2 sc in next st. Rep from * around. 14th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next Working into next 2 sts 2 rows below, Join. Turn. 65 sts.

in next st. (1 dc in sp before group of 3 dcfp 2 rows below. Skip next st, 1 trfp around next 2 sts 2 rows below, Working in front of two trfp just worked, 1 trfp in front around skipped st) 3 times. 1 dc in the sp after group of 3 dcfp sts 2 rows below, 2 hdc in next st, 1 sc in next st. Rep from * around. Join. **Turn.** 95 sts.

Mikey's Hints:

- The dcbp in the next round are worked around sts 2 rows below that were placed in the sps before and after the groups of 3 sts that make up the braids.
- · To achieve the effect shown in the Anthracite version, change the dcbp in 12th and 14th rnds to a dcfp. This will frame the braids differently.

12th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 3 sts. (1 dcbp around next st 2 rows below. 3 dcfp around each of next 3 sts 2 rows below) 3 times. 1 dcbp around next st 2 rows below. 1 sc in each of next 3 sts. Rep from * around. Join. Turn.

3 sts, (1 dcbp around next dcbp **10th rnd:** Ch 1.*1 sc in next st. 2 hdc 2 rows below. Skip next st. 1 trfp around each of next 2 sts rows below. Working in front of two trfp just worked, 1 trfp in front around skipped st) 3 times. 1 dcbp around next dcbp 2 rows below. 1 sc in next 3 sts. Rep from * around. Join. next 2 sts 2 rows below, dcfp2tog. Turn, 95 sts.

> **15th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in each st Join. **Turn.** 35 sts. around, Join.

16th to 31st rnds: Rep 12th to 15th rnds four times more.

32nd rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st. Hdc2tog. (Skip next st. 1 dcfp around each of next 3 sts 2 rows below) 3 times. Skip next st. Hdc2tog. 1 sc in next st. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 65 sts.

34th rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. (Skip next st. 1 trfp around each of next 2 sts 2 rows below. Working in front of two trfp just worked, 1 trfp around skipped st) 3 times. Sc2tog. Rep from * around, Join, Turn, 55 sts.

36th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st, 1 dcfp around next st 2 rows below. Working into next 2 sts 2 rows below, dcfp2tog. 1 dcfp around each of next 3 sts 2 rows below. dcfp2tog. 1 dcfp around next post 2 rows below. 1 sc in next st. Rep from * around, Join, Turn, 45 sts.

38th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st. dcfp2tog using next 2 posts 2 rows below, 1 dcfp around each of next 3 posts 2 rows belo., Working into 1 sc in next st. Rep from * around.

39th rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 3 sts. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 25 sts.



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Stuff pumpkin, being careful not to overtuff (stuffing should not be visible through sts.)

40th rnd: Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in next st. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. Join. Do not turn. 15 sts.

41st rnd: As 5th rnd, 15 sts.

(Sc2tog) 7 times. Join. Fasten off, leaving an approx 24" [61 cm] tail.

Place yarn on a tapestry needle and feed the yarn through all stitches in the last round and pull to close.

Proceed to Pumpkin Shaping and Finishing.

Small Pumpkin

(see diagram on page 6.) Work from ** to ** as given for large Pumpkin.

6th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st. 2 dcfp around first hdc 2 rows below. Skip next st. 1 sc in next st. Skip next st. 1 trfp around each of next 2 dcfp 2 rows below. Working in front of 2 dcfp just worked, 1 trfp around skipped dcfp below. Skip 3 sts behind trfp. 1 sc in next st. 2 dcfp around next hdc 2 rows

below. Skip next st. 1 sc in next st. Rep from * around. Join. **Turn**. 55 sts.

7th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in each of next 10 sts. 2 sc in next st. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 60 sts.

42nd rnd: Ch 1. 1 sc in next st. 1 dcfp around each of next 3 sts. Rep from * around. Join. Turn.

> **9th and alt rnds:** Ch 1.1 sc in each st around. Join. Turn.

10th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st. Skip next st. 1 trfp around each of next 2 sts 2 rows below. Working in front of 2 trfp just worked, 1 trfp around skipped st. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 60 sts.

12th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st. 3 dcfp around next 3 posts. Rep from * around. Join. **Turn.** 60 sts.

13th to 20th rnds: Repeat 9th to 12th rnds twice more.

21st rnd: As 9th rnd.

Mikey's Hint:

• All single crochet stitches in the next round are skipped, as only trfp sts are are worked.

22nd rnd: RS. Ch 1. *Skip next 2 sts 2 rows below. 1 trfp around each of next 2 sts 2 rows below. Working in front of 2 trfp just worked, 1 trfp around last skipped st. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 45 sts.

24th rnd: *Working all sts in current* rnd around sts worked in 22nd rnd. *1 dcfp around next st. Dcfp2tog. 8th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next st. 1 dcfp around each of next 3 sts. Pumpkin, and feed needle back Dcfp2tog. 1 dcfp around next st. Rep from * around. Join. **Turn.** 35 sts.

> **26th rnd:** Ch 1. Working all sts in current rnd around sts worked in 24th rnd, *Dcfp2tog. 1 dcfp around each of next 3 sts. Dcfp2tog. Rep from * around. Join. Turn. 25 sts. **28th rnd:** Ch 1. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in

next st. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. Join. **Do not** turn, 15 sts.

Stuff Pumpkin, being careful not to overstuff Pumpkin (stuffing should not be visible through sts.)

29th rnd: As 9th rnd.

(Sc2tog) 7 times. Join. Fasten off, Turn. 30 sts. leaving an approx 24" [61 cm] tail.

Place yarn on a tapestry needle and feed the yarn through all stitches in the last round and pull to close.

Both Versions:

Pumpkin Shaping and Finishing

With yarn on tapestry needle, feed needle through center of both top and bottom of Pumpkin.

Catch edge of hole at bottom of through center of top. Pull lightly on varn so indentation forms at top of Pumpkin as shown in photo. Secure tightly and weave in end.

Large Pumpkin Stem

With brown yarn, ch 31.

1st row: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook, 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 30 sts.

2nd row: Ch 2 (**does not** count as st). Working into back loops only across entire row, 1 hdc in each of next 10 sts. 1 sc in each of last 20 sts. Turn. 30 sts.

3rd row: Ch 1. Working into back loops only, 1 sc in each of next **30th rnd:** Ch 1. 1 sc in next st. 20 sts. 1 hdc in each of last 10 sts.

> Rep 2nd and 3rd rows twice more. Fasten off leaving a 24" [61 cm] tail.



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The thicker side of the panel is the attaching part to the Pumpkin.

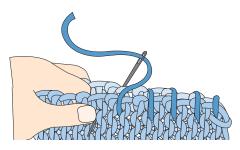
Proceed to stem finishing.

Small Pumpkin Stem

With brown yarn, ch 11.

1st row: 1 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 1 sc in each ch to end of chain. Turn. 10 sts.

2nd to 7th rows: Ch 1. Working in back loops only, 1 sc in each st to end of row. Turn. 10 sts.



Fasten off leaving a 24" [61 cm] tail.

Stem Finishing

Fold Stem with long edges touching.

whipstitch along edges to form a cylinder.

Once across, gather the side of the rows to pull closed. This is the top of the stem. Fasten off and weave • When fastening off, leave longer in ends.

For the large Pumpkin Stem, stuff • bottom 2/3 of stem (the section worked in hdc.)

For the small Pumpkin Stem, stuff entire length of Stem lightly. Place Stem on of Pumpkin, and sew in place.

Mikey's Hint:

• For the small Pumpkin, Mikey sewed the stem in place slightly offset from centre, to give the Stem a more naturallooking lean.

For the large pumpkin, once sewn around, do not fasten off. Curl the thinner part of the stem into a circle as shown in photo. Using a yarn needle, Run the strand up through the stem and come out where you believe the permanent Working in back loops only, "curl" should be. Whipstitch into place securely. Tie off and weave in ends.

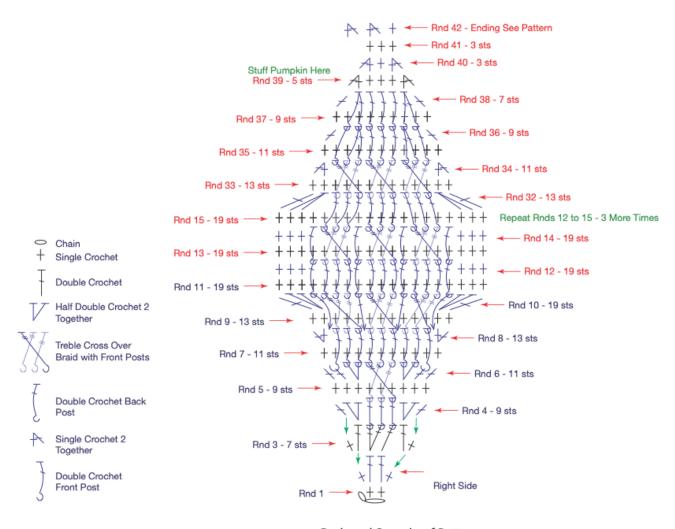
Curly Vines Mikey's Hints:

- tails to sew to base of the pumpkin stem.
- Large pumpkin uses all three vine sizes, while small pumpkin uses only two shorter lengths.

With tan yarn, ch 27 (21-15). 1st row: 3 sc in 2nd ch from hook. 3 sc in each ch to end of chain. Fasten off.

Sew each vine to the base of the stem where you think it looks the best!

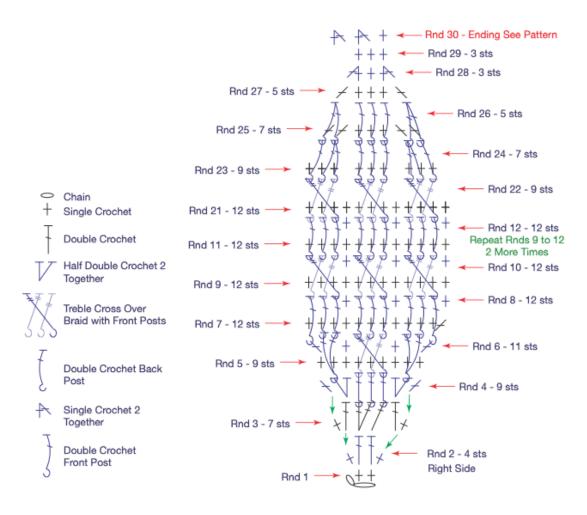
Large Pumpkin



Reduced Sample of Pattern (as illustrated, section is repeated 5 times in total)

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Small Pumpkin



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