



## Back Post Punkin

### SIZES

Small (Medium)

### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

**Width:** 5 (5½)"

**Height:** 2½ (3)"

### MATERIALS

**Premier® Yarns** *Stitch Please™ Superwash Extra Fine Merino* (100% Merino Wool); 1.75oz/50g, 126yds/115m

- 2117-07 Strawberry or 2117-17 Aubergine— 1 ball

**Hook:** US Size D/3 (3 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, polyester stuffing, cinnamon stick or nature stick for stem

### GAUGE

Rounds 1-6 = 2"

**Save time, check your gauge.**

### Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Foundation, single, double, and back-post half double crochet stitches.
- Invisible double crochet decrease.
- Working in joined rounds.

### STITCH GUIDE

**Bphdc (back-post half double crochet):** Yo, insert hk from back to front around the next st and pull up a lp, yo and pull through 3 rem lps on hk.

### PATTERN NOTES

Pumpkin is worked in joined rounds, using increases and back-post stitches to create the perfect shaping.

### PUMPKIN

#### Increase Section

**Rnd 1:** Fdc 14, join with sl st to beg fdc being careful not to twist – 14 sts.

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2 (counts as dc here and throughout this section and Even Section), dc in same st, **bphdc** in next st [2 dc in next st, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg dc – 7 sts inc'd, 21 sts.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 2, dc in same st, 2 dc in next st, **bphdc** in next st, [2 dc in each of next 2 sts, dc in next st, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg dc – 14 sts inc'd, 35 sts.

**Rnd 4:** Ch 2, dc in same st, dc in next 3 sts **bphdc** in next st, [2 dc in next st, dc in next 3 sts, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg dc – 7 sts inc'd, 42 sts.

#### Medium Size Only:

**Rnd 5:** Ch 2, dc in same st, 2 dc in each of next 4 sts, **bphdc** in next st, [2 dc in each of next 5 sts, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg dc – 35 sts inc'd, 77 sts.

#### Both Sizes:

#### Even Section

**Rnds 1-6 (10):** Ch 2, dc in next 4 (9) sts, **bphdc** in next st, [dc in next 5 (10) sts, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg dc – 42 (77) sts.

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## Decrease Section

### Medium Size Only:

**Rnd 1:** Ch 2 (does not count as a st here and throughout this section), [flo dc2tog 4 times, dc in next st, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg dc2tog – 35 sts dec'd, 42 sts rem.

### Both Sizes:

**Rnd 2:** Ch 2, [flo dc2tog, dc in each of next 3 sts, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg dc2tog – 7 sts dec'd, 35 sts rem.

Continue stuffing as you go.

**Rnd 3:** Ch 2, [flo dc2tog 2 times, **bphdc** in next st] around, join with sl st to beg flo dc2tog – 14 sts dec'd, 21 sts rem.

**Rnd 4:** Ch 2, [flo dc2tog, **bphdc**] around, join with sl st to beg dc2tog – 7 sts dec'd, 14 sts rem.

**Rnd 5:** Ch 1, sc in eacj st around, join with sl st to beg sc.

Fasten off.

## FINISHING

Using tapestry needle, weave yarn in and out through beg foundation chain. Insert cinnamon stick for stem, cinch to close.

Weave starting yarn in and out through foundation chain, cinch to close.

Weave in ends.

## Abbreviations

<b>beg</b>	beginning
<b>ch</b>	chain
<b>dec('d)</b>	decrease(d)
<b>fdc</b>	foundation double crochet
<b>flo</b>	front loop only
<b>hdc</b>	half double crochet
<b>hk</b>	hook
<b>inc('d)</b>	increase(d)
<b>lp</b>	loop
<b>rem</b>	remain
<b>rep</b>	repeat(ing)
<b>rnd(s)</b>	round(s)
<b>RS</b>	right side
<b>sc</b>	single crochet
<b>sl st</b>	slip stitch
<b>st(s)</b>	stitch(es)
<b>yo</b>	yarnover