

Back Post Chunky Punkin

SIZES

Small (Medium)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Width: 6 (7)" Height: 3½ (3)"

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Stitch Please™ Superwash Chunky (100% Superwash Wool; 3.5oz/100g, 106yds/97m)

 2036-02 Citrus Kiss or 2036-04 Calypso – 1 ball

Hook: US Size 7 (4.5 mm) or size needed to obtain gauge

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

GAUGE

Rounds 1-8 = 4"

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 1-7 (5): 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

beg beginning ch chain dec('d) decrease(d)

fdc foundation double crochet

flo front loop only hdc half double crochet

hk hook

inc('d) increase(d)

lp loop rem remain repeat(ing) rep rnd(s) round(s) RS right side single crochet SC slip stitch sl st st(s) stitch(es) yarnover VO



