CROCHET
SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®:
1 skein each 334 Buff **A** and
624 Tea Leaf or 256 Carrot **B**

Susan Bates® crochet hook:
5 mm [US H-8]

Susan Bates® split lock stitch markers

Poly-Fil® Poly Pellets® Weighted Stuffing Beads, Poly-Fil® fiber filling, yarn needle

GAUGE: 6 (sc, ch 1, sc) groups = 4″ (10 cm); 14 rows = 4″ (10 cm). **CHECK YOUR GAUGE. Use any size needles/hook to obtain the gauge.**

[4] MEDIUM
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

Spicy Crochet Pumpkins

Add these creative ripple-stitch pumpkins to your fall décor and enjoy them on your mantel, on a shelf or enhancing your table setting. They are quick to crochet and you'll love having them all through the fall season.

Pumpkin measures 3½″ (9 cm) tall after stuffing & seaming.

SPECIAL STITCH
Sc2tog (single crochet 2 together) = [Pull up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

SPECIAL TECHNIQUE
Magic ring: Wrap yarn around your left middle finger twice, leaving a 6″ (15 cm) tail. Insert hook under both strands, and pull up a loop. Ch 1, and begin working directly into center of ring. This ring can be tightened later by pulling on the yarn tail.

PUMPKIN
With **A**, create a magic ring.
Round 1: Ch 1, 6 sc in ring, join with slip st in first sc.
Round 2: Ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in each sc around, join with slip st in first sc – 12 sc, 6 ch-1 spaces.
Pull the last loop large and leave it hanging in back of work. Tighten it again before starting a new color **A** round.
Round 3: Join **B** with slip st in first ch-1 space, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in same ch-1 space, * (sc, ch 1, sc) twice in next ch 1 space, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to last ch-1 space, (sc, ch 1, sc) twice in last ch-1 space, join with slip st in first sc – 18 sc, 9 ch 1 spaces.
Pull the last loop large and leave it hanging in back of work. Pick up color **A** loop and pull it to front through first ch-1 space.
Round 4: Ch 1, * (sc, ch 1, sc) in each space around, join with slip st in first sc
Pull last the loop large and leave it hanging in back of work. Pick up color **B** loop and pull it to front through first ch-1 space.
Continue to switch colors in this manner after every round.

Round 5: Ch 1, * (sc, ch 1, sc) in each of next 2 ch-1 spaces, (sc, ch 1, sc) twice in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end, join with slip st in first sc – 24 sc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 6: Repeat round 4.
Round 7: Ch 1, * (sc, ch 1, sc) in each of next 3 ch-1 spaces, (sc, ch 1, sc) twice in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end, join with slip st in first sc – 30 sc, 15 ch-1 spaces.
Rounds 8-19: Repeat round 4.
Round 20: Ch 1, * sc in first ch 1 space, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space, (sc, ch 1, sc) in each of next 3 ch-1 spaces; repeat from * to end; join with slip st in first sc – 24 sc, 12 ch-1 spaces.
Round 21: Repeat round 4.
Round 22: Ch 1 * sc in first ch-1 space, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space, (sc, ch 1, sc) in each of next 2 ch-1 spaces; repeat from * to end; join with slip st in first sc – 18 sc, 9 ch-1 spaces.
Round 23: Repeat round 4.
Round 24: Ch 1 * sc in first ch-1 space, ch 1, sc in next ch-1 space, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 space; repeat from * to end; join with slip st in first sc – 12 sc, 6 ch-1 spaces.

Pause here and stuff Pumpkin with pellets and fiber. Contain pellets in a thin bag (that a yarn needle can thread through) to keep them from leaking out when the pumpkin is squished.

Round 25: Ch 1, * sc2tog over next 2 sc; repeat from * to end, join with slip st in first sc – 6 sc.

Fasten off, leaving a tail of **B** at least 96" (244 cm) long for shaping Pumpkin.

Weave tail through all sts of final round and pull tightly to close top hole, stuffing a little extra at the end if needed, as the pumpkin should be very firm.

FINISHING
Wedges
Insert yarn needle through center top of Pumpkin, exiting at center bottom. Repeat this downward motion, making 5 lines of yarn around outside of Pumpkin. Be sure to pull yarn tightly to form the wedges.

Stem
With **A**, create a magic ring.
Round 1: 4 sc in ring. Do not join round; mark first st and move marker up as each round is completed.
Round 2: Sc twice in each sc around – 8 sc.
Rounds 3-7: Sc in each sc around.
Fasten off, leaving a long tail to sew stem to the top of the pumpkin. Stuff stem lightly, and sew to center top.

Weave in all loose ends to inside of Pumpkin.

ABBREVIATIONS
A, B = Color A, Color B; **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; *** or **** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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