

# Striped Pumpkins

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## About these pumpkins

With this pattern you can make attractive pumpkin ornaments featuring a contrast colour in their folds, giving them a striped appearance. These also resemble the Sweet Dumpling squash variety. Two versions of the pumpkin pattern are included so that if you are making a collection, they are not all the same. Version 1 is shorter, and Version 2 is taller (see page 3).

Together they make ideal seasonal decorations, and you can create hanging ornaments, a stunning table centerpiece, or sweet individual place markers, in a range of realistic pumpkin colours, or any colours you like.

## Materials

Using Double Knitting (DK, Category 3) weight yarn, you will need approximately the following quantities of yarn to make Version 1 of the pumpkin:

Main Colour (white in my pictures) ..... 21.5m  
Contrast Colour (orange in my pictures) ... 11.5m

and approximately the following quantities to make Version 2 of the pumpkin:

Main Colour (white in my pictures) ..... 25.5m  
Contrast Colour (orange in my pictures) .... 14m

You will also need approximately 1m50 of your chosen stalk colour for either pumpkin.

See 'Yarn Choice' for more detail about choosing your yarn.

You will also need some **stuffing** material for each pumpkin. See 'Stuffing Choice' for more details.

## Equipment

To complete the ornaments in Double Knitting (DK, Category 3) yarn, you will need a **3.5mm crochet hook**, or the size you prefer to create a nice, dense crochet fabric with your chosen yarn.

You will also need a **blunt yarn or tapestry needle**, a few **scraps of yarn for marking your rounds** and some **sharp scissors**.

## Size and Tension

Working with Double Knitting (DK, Category 3) yarn and a 3.5mm hook, this pattern makes pumpkins approximately 7cm in diameter.

However, working with different weight yarns and an appropriate hook, you can make larger or smaller pumpkins - the pattern remains the same.

The key to a successful project is working a dense, even crochet fabric, so that the stitches don't 'gape' and show the stuffing. If your tension tends to be on the loose side, this might mean using a hook a size or two smaller than you usually would for a given yarn.

I don't ask you to work a tension sample, but if after a few rounds you think your work looks looser and more gappy than the examples in the pictures, start your piece again with a smaller hook.



## About this Pattern

This pattern uses British crochet conventions and metric measurements and prints on A4: a version with US crochet conventions and imperial measurements which prints on US Letter paper is available.

If you have any difficulties with this pattern, please contact me so I can help you and improve the pattern for others.

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