CROCHET PATTERN

Five Rib Pumpkin

Easy / No sewn pieces / US crochet terms

Start with an integrated olive stem, widen into an orange pumpkin and use five tensioned strands to shape its ribs.

This squat pumpkin is built from its stem downward in multiples of five. The closing tail traces five grooves from the base to the stem. You can adjust their tension before securing the tail.

Materials

Smooth #4 worsted yarn in the listed colors, a 3.5 mm starting hook, stitch marker, tapestry needle, scissors and fiberfill.

Colors

olive, pumpkin orange

How To Read This Pattern

Use US terms. Work continuous rounds unless directed otherwise. Mark the first stitch and move the marker each round. Sc means single crochet. Inc means 2 sc in one stitch. Dec means single crochet two stitches together. For a color change, use the new yarn for the final pull-through of the previous stitch. Use single crochet throughout. Work the small stem lightly enough to keep its five stitches visible. Leave a long orange finishing tail, enough for five circuits from base to stem and back plus weaving in.

Stem And Five-Sector Fruit / Make 1

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 1**	With olive, work 5 sc into a magic ring. Pull the ring closed.	**0**	**5**
☐	**Rounds 2-4**	Sc in each stitch around. At the end of Round 4 only, change to pumpkin orange.	**5**	**5**
☐	**Round 5**	Inc in each stitch around.	**5**	**10**
☐	**Round 6**	Repeat (1 sc, inc) 5 times.	**10**	**15**
☐	**Round 7**	Repeat (2 sc, inc) 5 times.	**15**	**20**
☐	**Round 8**	Repeat (3 sc, inc) 5 times.	**20**	**25**
☐	**Round 9**	Repeat (4 sc, inc) 5 times.	**25**	**30**

Stem And Five-Sector Fruit (continued)

	ROUND / STEP	INSTRUCTION	START	END
☐	**Round 10**	Repeat (5 sc, inc) 5 times.	**30**	**35**
☐	**Rounds 11-13**	Sc in each stitch around.	**35**	**35**
☐	**Round 14**	Repeat (5 sc, dec) 5 times.	**35**	**30**
☐	**Round 15**	Repeat (4 sc, dec) 5 times.	**30**	**25**
☐	**Round 16**	Repeat (3 sc, dec) 5 times.	**25**	**20**
☐	**Round 17**	Repeat (2 sc, dec) 5 times.	**20**	**15**
☐	**Round 18**	Repeat (1 sc, dec) 5 times. Fill gently so the sides will indent under a strand.	**15**	**10**
☐	**Round 19**	Dec 5 times.	**10**	**5**

Finish Cut with a long orange tail. Draw through the front loops of the five remaining stitches and close the base. Keep the tail attached for shaping.

Assembly

1. Mark five sites around the 35-stitch middle, one every seven stitches on Round 12. These mark the groove centers, not the bulges.
2. Thread the bottom tail. From the closed base, lay it up the outside over the first mark. Insert beside the olive stem and bring the needle back through the center of the fruit to the base. Pull until the orange wall just indents. Repeat at the other four marks.
3. Look down from above. Adjust the strands until the five sections are similar in width, then secure the tail at the base and bury it. If a strand pulls the stem sideways, release tension on that strand before fastening.

Checkpoint

A 35-stitch middle gives exactly five spans of seven. All five shaping passes start and return at the base, so no separate stem or rib pieces are needed.