

Pumpkin stitch

This is a stitch for working on top-down items such as garments. It can give a lovely textured edging to sweaters and cardigans.

Suggested yarn: any yarn with any weight, though it is best to use a yarn with some cotton content for good stitch definition.

Note: this pattern is written for a flat piece, but it can easily be worked in the round without turning.



Chain a multiple of 3+4 stitches.

Row 1: Tr in every stitch (wrong side). Turn piece.

Row 2: (right side) join green yarn. Ch1, dc in first stitch, ch1, dc, [ch2, skip 2 stitches, dc] repeat until last 2 stitches. Ch1, dc in last stitch. Bind off green yarn, do not turn.

Row 3: (right side) pick up white yarn, ch1, dc 2, skip green dc, [dc, dc2 into two stitches of row 1 over chain space, skip green dc] repeat until last 2 stitches, dc 2. Bind off white yarn, do not turn.

Row 4: (right side) join orange yarn. Work standing treble or ch3. Ch1, work 5tr cluster into 3rd dc of row 3 (above green stem). [Ch2, skip 2 stitches, work 5tr cluster above green dc], repeat until last 2 stitches, ch1, tr. Bind off orange yarn, do not turn.

Row 5: (right side) rejoin white yarn. Dc, then htr into row 3 around 1 chsp, dc into top of 5tr cluster. [Htr 2 into row 3 around 2chsp, dc into top of 5tr cluster] repeat until last 2 stitches. Htr into row 3 around 1 chsp, dc into last stitch. Turn.

Row 6: (wrong side) tr into every stitch.

Repeat rows 2-6 to get rows of pumpkins.