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Utopia Neutral Pumpkin

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Meet the Utopia neutral pumpkin with its soft, understated tones and classic silhouette, this elegant piece complements any décor - from cosy cottage to chic contemporary.

A timeless classic, it's quick to crochet and beautifully refined - the Utopia Neutral Pumpkin will add a touch of sophistication to your seasonal displays.

Whether styled solo or grouped with other autumn accents, it's the perfect blend of simplicity and elegance for your handmade home.

Yarn Required:
Approx 100g / 175m

Yarn Used in photos: 1 ball of Utopia Crafts Country Wool Aran (Shade CW16)

Hook Size(s): 5 mm (closest US size H/8).
Pattern will work in other hooks and yarns though finished size may be different.

You will also need:

- toy stuffing
- a large eye yarn needle
- stitch markers
- scissors

Finished Dimensions
57 cm [22.4"] diameter x 11.5 cm [4.5"] high

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STITCH GUIDANCE: UK Terminology

Slip Stitch (sl st): Insert hook in st indicated, yarn over and draw through all loops.

Double Crochet (dc): Insert hook in st indicated and pull up a loop (two loops on hook), yarn over, pull through both loops on hook.

Double Crochet two together (dc2tog): Insert hook into stitch and draw up a loop. Insert hook into next stitch and draw up a loop. Yarn over, draw through all 3 loops on hook.

PATTERN NOTES:

Gauge: 5 dc = 3.5cm [1.4"]
Obtaining the correct gauge is not critical for this project.

Magic ring: is also known as a Drawstring Ring or Magic Loop and is often used as a start for working amigurumi. If you are not familiar with this technique you could substitute with a ch2 and then work in the second ch from the hook.

Working in the round: This pattern is worked in the amigurumi style, in a spiral without slip stitching or turning chains.

Working in the Back Loop Only (BLO): When holding your crochet with the stitch "V" on top, the loop closest to you is the front loop and the one farther away is the back loop. If a pattern says to work in the front or back loop only, insert your hook into that loop and continue as directed.

- **[…]** Repeat section in square brackets until specified

PATTERN

Pumpkin Body:

Rnd 1: With A; working into a magic ring, 6dc. 6sts

Rnd 2: [2dc in each st] 6 times. 12sts

Rnd 3: [1dc in next st, 2dc in next st in next st] 6 times. 18 sts

Rnd 4: [1dc in next 2sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 24sts

Rnd 5: [1dc in next 3sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 30sts

Rnd 6: [1dc in next 4sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 36sts

Rnd 7: [1dc in next 5sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 42sts

Rnd 8: [1dc in next 6sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 48sts

Rnd 9: [1dc in next 7sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 54sts

Rnd 10: [1dc in next 8sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 60sts

Rnd 11: [1dc in next 9sts, 2dc in next st] 6 times. 66sts

Rnd 12: 1dc in next 5sts, 2dc in next st, then [1dc in next 10sts, 2dc in next st] 5 times until the last 5sts, 1dc in each remaining sts. 72sts

Rnds 13-27: Dc around

Rnd 28: [1dc in next 10sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 66sts

Rnd 29: [1dc in next 9sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 60sts

Rnd 30: [1dc in next 8sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 54sts

Rnd 31: [1dc in next 7sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 48sts

Rnd 32: [1dc in next 6sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 42sts

Start to stuff; continuing to stuff as you go.

Rnd 33: [1dc in next 5sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 36sts

Rnd 34: [1dc in next 4sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 30sts

Rnd 35: [1dc in next 3sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 24sts

Rnd 36: [1dc in next 2sts, dc2tog] 6 times. 18sts. Sl st in the next st to fasten off, leaving a yarn tail about two arm lengths for assembly. Use it to sew up the remaining 6 sts, but don't fasten off completely - you'll need it to finish the pumpkin.

Large Pumpkin Stalk:

Rnds 1 - 2: With D; make as Pumpkin Body. 12sts

Rnd 3: Working BLO; Dc around

Rnds 4 - 6: Dc around. Fasten off but leave long yarn tail for sewing to the pumpkin.

- Stuff the stalk

Large Pumpkin Stalk bottom

Rnds 1 - 2: With D; make as Pumpkin Body. 12sts. Fasten off but leave long yarn tail for sewing to the pumpkin.

Making up your pumpkin:

- Take the length of yarn tail, and wrap your yarn around your pumpkin twice; taking it through the centre of the pumpkin and pulling it taught to shape your pumpkin into segments, tie in a secure knot at the top.
- Repeat step 1 twice more in equal segments (creating six segments in total).
- Sew the stalk bottom onto the bottom of your pumpkin using it to cover up where the yarn for your segments cross at the bottom.
- Sew the stem onto the top of your pumpkin using it to cover up where the yarn for your segments cross at the top.

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