PIP THE PUMPKIN BEAR

Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern

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A cozy bear dressed as a ribbed pumpkin, with a leafy collar, pumpkin cap, soft paw pads, and embroidered facial details.

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- Final size can vary with yarn, hook size, tension, stuffing density, and individual crochet technique.
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2. Finished Measurements

Overall height
24-27 cm / 9.5-10.5 in, including cap stem

Overall width
17-19 cm / 6.75-7.5 in across arms

Seated height
22-24 cm / 8.75-9.5 in, excluding stem

Body depth
12-14 cm / 4.75-5.5 in

Head
10-11 cm wide x 9.5-10.5 cm high

Pumpkin body
12-13.5 cm wide x 10-11.5 cm high

Arms
7-8 cm / 2.75-3.25 in long

Feet
5-5.5 cm / 2-2.25 in long

Outer ears
4-4.5 cm / 1.6-1.8 in diameter

Muzzle
Approx. 5 x 3.5 cm / 2 x 1.4 in

Pumpkin cap
11.5-12.5 cm / 4.5-5 in across

Stem
3.5-4 cm / 1.4-1.6 in long

These measurements assume the recommended yarn, hook, and a firm amigurumi tension. Treat them as practical targets rather than exact guarantees.

3. Materials and Tools

Recommended yarn: #4 worsted / aran weight cotton-acrylic or smooth acrylic yarn with good stitch definition.

Yarn A - Pumpkin orange 70-85 g	**Yarn B - Teddy brown** 55-70 g
Yarn C - Leaf green 20-25 g	**Yarn D - Cream** 12-15 g
Yarn E - Dark brown 2-3 g for nose/mouth	**Yarn F - Blush pink** Small scrap for cheeks

- 3.0 mm crochet hook, or size needed for a dense fabric
- Polyester fibre filling, approximately 90-120 g
- Two 14 mm black safety eyes
- Black or dark-brown embroidery yarn for embroidered-eye alternative
- Tapestry needle, stitch markers, pins, scissors, measuring tape
- Optional row counter

Small-part safety: safety eyes and other rigid or detachable components may not be suitable for children under 3 years old. For an alternative without detachable safety-eye components, embroider the eyes securely with yarn and follow local safety requirements.

4. Gauge and Tension

Target gauge: approximately 19 sc x 20 rounds = 10 cm / 4 in in single crochet worked in a continuous spiral with a 3.0 mm hook. Use firm, dense tension so stuffing does not show through. Exact gauge changes the finished size and yarn usage.

5. Crochet Method and Orientation

- US crochet terminology is used throughout.
- Unless stated otherwise, pieces are worked in continuous spiral rounds without joining or turning.
- Place a removable marker in the first stitch of every round and move it up after each completed round.
- The BOR marker is a stitch-count reference only; it is not treated as a fixed centre back. Establish physical centre front and centre back after stuffing before placement work.
- The finished/right side of the crochet fabric faces outward.
- Right and left are described from Pip's own point of view.

6. Abbreviations

MR	magic ring
ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch
sc	single crochet
hdc	half double crochet
dc	double crochet
inc	increase: 2 sc in the same stitch
dec	invisible decrease through the front loops of the next 2 stitches
BLO	back loop only
st / sts	stitch / stitches
rnd / rnds	round / rounds
FO	fasten off
BOR	beginning of round

7. Construction Overview

- Head: brown, worked separately, stuffed, safety eyes installed before final closure, then closed completely.
- Ears: two brown outer ears plus two cream inner ears; assembled before sewing to the head.
- Muzzle: cream oval sewn to the stuffed head; nose, mouth, and cheek details embroidered after placement is checked.
- Pumpkin body: orange sphere worked from the bottom upward; the final 30-st opening remains open for the head-to-body seam.
- Arms and legs: brown, lightly to moderately stuffed; cream paw pads added before final attachment.
- Tail: one small brown rounded tail, lightly stuffed and sewn at the lower physical centre back.
- Pumpkin texture: eight surface-crochet ribs on the body and eight on the cap. Optional gentle shaping thread can deepen the body channels.
- Leaf collar: six flat leaves placed around the head-to-body seam.
- Pumpkin cap: orange dome with flared brim, green stem, and two green leaves; left unstuffed.
- No craft wire or internal reinforcement is required.

8. Complete Written Pattern

A. Head - Yarn B (Teddy Brown)

Work in a continuous spiral. Stuff firmly without stretching the stitches.

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc 1, inc) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc 2, inc) 6 times.	24
5	(Sc 3, inc) 6 times.	30
6	(Sc 4, inc) 6 times.	36
7	(Sc 5, inc) 6 times.	42
8	(Sc 6, inc) 6 times.	48
9	(Sc 7, inc) 6 times.	54
10	(Sc 8, inc) 6 times.	60
11-18	Sc in each st around.	60
19	(Sc 8, dec) 6 times.	54
20	(Sc 7, dec) 6 times.	48
21	(Sc 6, dec) 6 times.	42
22	(Sc 5, dec) 6 times.	36

EYE ACCESS - Before Rnd 23, insert 14 mm safety eyes between Rnds 14 and 15. Centre them on the physical front of the head, about 10-12 sts apart. Do not secure until both eyes look level from the front and top. If embroidering the eyes, skip the hardware and add the embroidery after the head is stuffed.

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
23	(Sc 4, dec) 6 times.	30
24	(Sc 3, dec) 6 times.	24
25	(Sc 2, dec) 6 times.	18
26	(Sc 1, dec) 6 times.	12
27	Dec 6 times. FO, thread through front loops and close.	6

Stuff progressively from Rnd 20 onward. Keep the cheeks rounded and the underside firm enough to support the head-body seam.

B. Muzzle - Yarn D (Cream)

Work around both sides of the foundation chain to form an oval. Do not turn.

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	Ch 6. Starting in 2nd ch from hook: sc 4, 3 sc in last ch; working along underside, sc 3, 2 sc in the first ch.	12
2	Inc in next st, sc 3, inc in next 3 sts, sc 3, inc in next 2 sts. FO, leaving a long sewing tail.	18

Do not stuff. Pin the oval horizontally before sewing so the muzzle remains softly rounded rather than tall.

C. Outer Ears - Make 2, Yarn B

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc 1, inc) 6 times.	18
4	Sc in each st around. FO, leaving a long sewing tail.	18

D. Inner Ears - Make 2, Yarn D

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around. FO, leaving a sewing tail.	12

- Sew one cream inner ear to the front of each brown ear, centred slightly toward the upper half.
- Pinch the bottom 2-3 stitches of each outer ear together and tack once to create a shallow cup.
- Do not stuff the ears.

E. Facial Embroidery

- Nose: with Yarn E, embroider a small horizontal oval centred in the upper third of the cream muzzle.
- Mouth: take one short vertical stitch downward from the nose, then form two shallow curved smile arms.
- Cheeks: with Yarn F, add 2 short diagonal stitches on each cheek, one round below the eyes and just outside the muzzle edges.
- For embroidered eyes: use black or dark-brown yarn to make secure satin-stitch ovals at the same positions given for safety eyes.

F. Pumpkin Body - Yarn A (Pumpkin Orange)

Work from the bottom centre upward. The final 30-st neck opening stays open for assembly.

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc 1, inc) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc 2, inc) 6 times.	24
5	(Sc 3, inc) 6 times.	30
6	(Sc 4, inc) 6 times.	36
7	(Sc 5, inc) 6 times.	42
8	(Sc 6, inc) 6 times.	48
9	(Sc 7, inc) 6 times.	54
10	(Sc 8, inc) 6 times.	60
11-17	Sc in each st around.	60
18	(Sc 8, dec) 6 times.	54
19	(Sc 7, dec) 6 times.	48
20	Sc in each st around.	48
21	(Sc 6, dec) 6 times.	42
22	Sc in each st around.	42
23	(Sc 5, dec) 6 times.	36
24	Sc in each st around.	36
25	(Sc 4, dec) 6 times. FO, leaving a long sewing tail.	30

STUFFING - Begin firmly stuffing around Rnds 18-20. Keep the lower base broad and flat, and keep the final 2 rounds slightly softer so the 30-st neck edge can be shaped neatly against the head. Do not close the opening.

G. Arms - Make 2, Yarn B

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc 1, inc) 6 times.	18
4-8	Sc in each st around.	18
9	(Sc 4, dec) 3 times.	15
10-13	Sc in each st around.	15
14	(Sc 3, dec) 3 times.	12
15-16	Sc in each st around. FO, leaving a long sewing tail.	12

- Stuff the hand end moderately through about Rnd 10, then use less stuffing toward the open upper end.
- Keep the final 2 rounds lightly stuffed so the arm can angle naturally downward.
- Do not flatten the opening; sew around the full 12-st opening during attachment.

H. Hand Pads - Make 2, Yarn D

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc. FO, leaving a sewing tail.	6

Sew one pad centrally over the distal tip of each hand, centred around Arm Rnds 1-3 with the pad centred over the Arm Rnd-1 magic-ring centre. With Yarn D, embroider 4 tiny toe-bean stitches in a shallow arc around the upper half of each pad when viewed from the hand tip.

Visual check: when Pip is viewed from underneath, both hand pads should be clearly visible at the ends of the hands without twisting the arms.

I. Legs / Feet - Make 2, Yarn B

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc 1, inc) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc 2, inc) 6 times.	24
5	Sc in BLO around.	24
6-7	Sc in each st around.	24
8	(Sc 2, dec) 6 times.	18
9-10	Sc in each st around.	18
11	(Sc 1, dec) 6 times.	12
12	Sc in each st around. FO, leaving a long sewing tail.	12

- The BLO round forms the edge between the sole and the upper foot.
- Stuff firmly at the rounded foot end, then moderately toward the 12-st opening.
- Keep each foot broad rather than pointed; shape the sole flat with your fingers before attachment.

J. Foot Pads - Make 2, Yarn D

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around. FO, leaving a sewing tail.	12

Sew one pad to each sole, centred inside the BLO edge from Leg Rnd 5. With Yarn D, embroider 4 tiny toe-bean stitches in a shallow arc above the main pad.

Before sewing the legs to the body, set both feet on a flat surface. The pads should face forward and slightly downward, with a small visible gap between the feet at centre front.

K. Bear Tail - Make 1, Yarn B (Teddy Brown)

Work in a continuous spiral.

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc 1, inc) 6 times.	18
4	Sc in each st around.	18
5	(Sc 1, dec) 6 times. FO, leaving a long sewing tail.	12

Lightly stuff the tail, keeping it softly rounded rather than firm. Do not close the 12-st opening.

After the eight body ribs are complete, pin the tail at physical centre back, with the 12-st opening centred approximately across Body Rnds 6-9. Keep the tail level and round when viewed from the back and visible as a small projecting nub in the side view. Sew around the full opening with small whip stitches.

L. Leaf Collar - Make 6, Yarn C (Leaf Green)

Each leaf is worked around both sides of a foundation chain. Do not turn.

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	Ch 7. Starting in 2nd ch from hook: sc 1, hdc 1, dc 1, dc 1, hdc 1, 3 sc in last ch; working along underside, hdc 1, dc 1, dc 1, hdc 1, 2 sc in the first chain. Sl st to first sc and FO, leaving a sewing tail.	14

- Block each leaf lightly with your fingers; no starch is needed.
- Place 3 leaves across the front half of the neck seam, 1 at each side, and 1 centred at the back.
- Overlap leaf bases slightly so the collar hides the head-to-body seam while the tips remain separate.
- Keep all leaves unstuffed.

Leaf Collar Placement

Leaf 1	Leaf 2	Leaf 3	Leaf 4	Leaf 5	Leaf 6
CF-left	CF-centre	CF-right	Right side	CB	Left side

CF = centre front; CB = centre back. The leaf order may be rotated slightly after pinning to best match the stuffed shape.

M. Pumpkin Cap - Yarn A

Work as a shallow dome. Leave the cap unstuffed.

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc 1, inc) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc 2, inc) 6 times.	24
5	(Sc 3, inc) 6 times.	30
6	(Sc 4, inc) 6 times.	36
7	(Sc 5, inc) 6 times.	42
8	(Sc 6, inc) 6 times.	48
9	(Sc 7, inc) 6 times.	54
10	(Sc 8, inc) 6 times.	60
11-13	Sc in each st around.	60
14	(Sc 9, inc) 6 times. Sl st in next st to smooth the edge (not counted as a stitch), then FO.	66

- Pin the cap over the crown with the lower edge sitting around Head Rnds 7-10 and just above the eye line.
- Both ears remain fully visible outside the cap; do not trap the ears under the brim.
- The brim should sit slightly lower at centre front than at the sides, matching the pumpkin-bonnet look.
- Attach later with small hidden stitches around the crown rather than sewing the entire brim tightly to the head.

N. Cap Stem - Yarn C

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	MR 6 sc.	6
2-3	Sc in each st around.	6
4	(Sc 1, inc) 3 times.	9
5	Sc in each st around. FO, leaving a sewing tail.	9

Add only a tiny pinch of stuffing to the base. Leave the upper half soft so the stem can lean gently.

O. Cap Leaves - Make 2, Yarn C

Rnd / Row	Instruction	Count
1	Ch 7. Starting in 2nd ch from hook: sc 1, hdc 1, dc 1, dc 1, hdc 1, 3 sc in last ch; working along underside, hdc 1, dc 1, dc 1, hdc 1, 2 sc in the first chain. Sl st to first sc and FO, leaving a sewing tail.	14

Sew both leaves at the base of the stem, angled in opposite directions so they sit flat against the cap.

P. Pumpkin Surface Ribs

Use surface slip stitch with Yarn A to create raised vertical ribs. Keep the working yarn inside the piece when practical, and keep the loops even so the fabric does not pucker.

Body - 8 ribs

- After the body is fully stuffed but before arms and legs are attached, mark centre front and centre back physically.
- Mark 8 evenly spaced channels from the neck edge to the bottom centre: 1 at CF, 1 at CB, and 3 intermediate channels on each side.
- Starting near the neck edge, surface sl st downward along each marked channel to the bottom. FO and bury each tail inside the body.
- The lines should be straight when viewed from the front and should converge naturally toward the bottom centre.

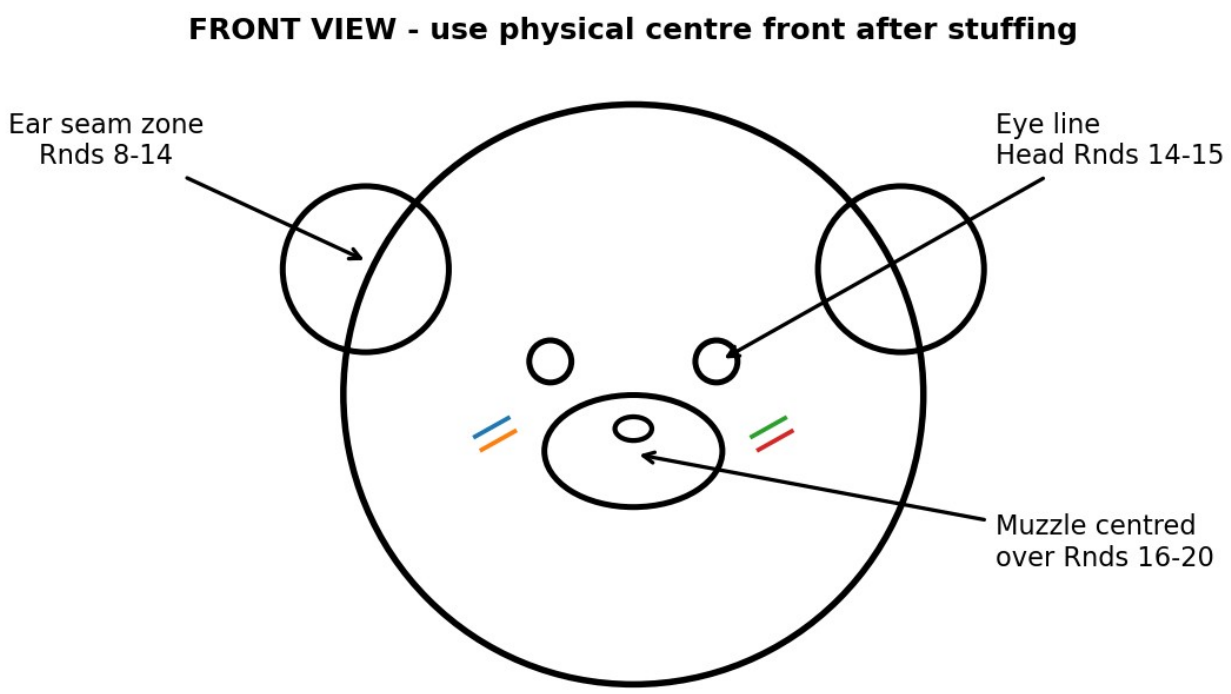
Cap - 8 ribs

- Mark 8 evenly spaced paths from the crown to the brim.
- Surface sl st along each path from crown to brim, stopping before the flared edge so the brim remains soft.
- Keep the front rib centred above the muzzle when the cap is worn.

Optional deeper body channels: with a long strand of Yarn A, take one gentle shaping pass from the neck edge to the bottom centre along each groove. Pull only enough to define the pumpkin lobe, then secure and bury the yarn. Do not compress the body into a hard shape.

9. Placement Maps

Face and Ears



Eye centres: about 10-12 sts apart. Check symmetry before securing.

Eyes
Between Head Rnds 14-15; centres about 10-12 sts apart across physical centre front.

Muzzle
Horizontal; top edge just below the eyes; spans about Head Rnds 16-20.

Nose
Centred in upper third of muzzle.

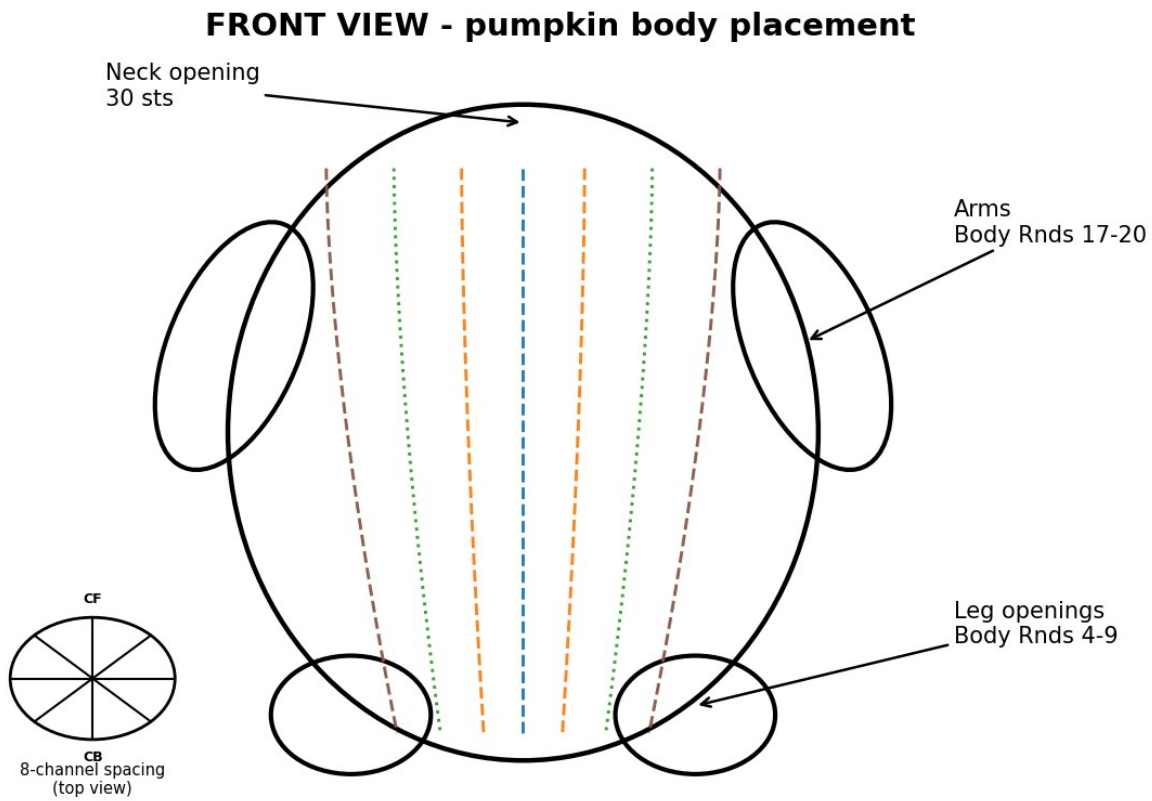
Mouth
Centred beneath nose, short vertical line plus shallow smile.

Cheeks
One round below eyes and just outside muzzle edges.

Ears
Side seam zones across Head Rnds 8-14, mirrored at 3 and 9 o'clock.

After stuffing, re-check the eye line, muzzle level, and ear height from the front, top, and both sides before sewing or securing permanently.

Body, Arms, Legs and Neck



Eight pumpkin channels: 1 CF, 1 CB, and 3 intermediate channels on each side.

Head-body seam
Body 30-st opening centred against underside of head around Head Rnds 23-25.

Legs
Body Rnds 4-9 on lower front quadrants; mirror each other with small centre-front gap.

Collar
Six leaves overlap the seam; 3 across front half, 1 each side, 1 back.

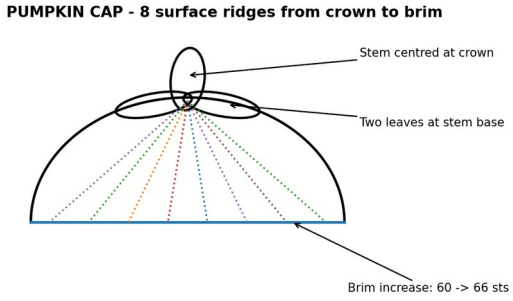
Balance
Feet contact the surface while the broad pumpkin base remains stable and visible.

Arms
Body Rnds 17-20 on upper side quadrants; angle down and slightly forward.

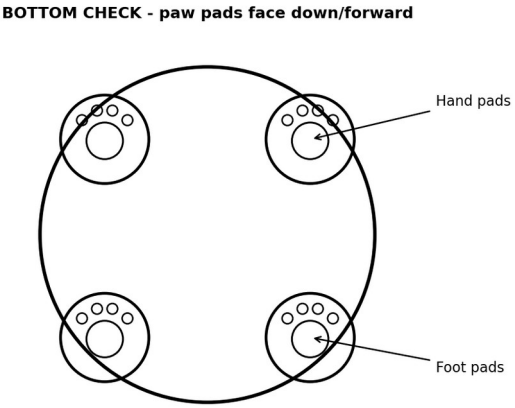
Tail
Physical CB, centred across Body Rnds 6-9; rounded face projects outward.

Body ribs
Eight equal channels: CF, CB, and 3 intermediate channels on each side.

Cap and Underside Checks



Pin edge above the eyes; keep both ears fully visible outside the cap.



From underneath, all four pads should be visible without twisting the limbs.

- Cap brim: centre front sits just above the eye line; side edges stay behind or above the ear bases so the ears remain fully visible.
- Cap stem: centred at crown; the two leaves spread in opposite directions.
- Hand pads: centred on the distal ends of the hands and oriented downward so they are clearly visible in the bottom view.
- Foot pads: face forward and slightly downward; both should be visible in a bottom view.
- Check the finished plush from front, back, sides, top, and bottom before burying the last yarn tails.

10. Assembly - Complete Sequence

1. Finish the head - Install safety eyes before Head Rnd 23, complete stuffing, close Rnd 27, then establish physical centre front and centre back.

2. Attach inner ears - Sew each cream inner ear to the front of one brown outer ear. Cup the lower edge lightly.

3. Attach outer ears - Pin the ears across Head Rnds 8-14. Match height from the front and top, then sew around the lower two-thirds of each ear using small whip stitches.

4. Attach muzzle - Pin the cream oval horizontally over Head Rnds 16-20. Sew around the edge with small whip stitches. Before the final 2 cm / 3/4 in of seam, add a very small pinch of stuffing, then finish the seam.

5. Add facial embroidery - Embroider nose, mouth, and cheeks. If using embroidered eyes, add them now at the eye positions given in the placement map.

6. Finish pumpkin body - Stuff Body through the 30-st neck opening. Shape a broad, stable base and keep the neck edge slightly softer.

7. Add body ribs - Mark eight equal channels and work the eight surface-slip-stitch ribs before limbs obstruct the surface.

8. Join head to body - Pin the 30-st body opening against the underside of the head around Head Rnds 23-25. Check front/back alignment. Sew every body-edge stitch securely to the head with mattress or whip stitch. Pause before the last 4-5 cm / 1.5-2 in to adjust upper-body stuffing, then close fully and bury the tail.

Assembly access rule: all eye hardware and head stuffing must be finished before the head is closed. All body stuffing adjustments must be finished before the head-to-body seam is fully closed.

Assembly - Limbs, Collar and Cap

9. Add paw pads - Sew each cream hand pad centrally over the distal hand tip around Arm Rnds 1-3, centred over the Rnd-1 magic-ring centre. Sew the foot pads inside the Leg Rnd-5 BLO sole edge. Embroider 4 small toe-bean stitches around the upper half of each hand pad and above each foot pad.

10. Attach legs - Pin the 12-st leg openings to Body Rnds 4-9 on the lower front quadrants. Sit Pip on a flat surface while pinning. The pads should face forward/down and the feet should mirror each other. Sew around each full opening; add one tiny pinch of stuffing before the final stitches only if the ankle looks hollow.

11. Attach arms - Pin the 12-st arm openings across Body Rnds 17-20 on the upper side quadrants. Angle both arms slightly downward and forward. Check symmetry from the front and back, then sew around each full opening.

12. Attach tail - Pin the lightly stuffed brown tail at physical centre back across Body Rnds 6-9. Check from the back and both sides, then sew around the full 12-st opening.

13. Add collar leaves - Pin six leaves around the neck seam, overlapping only at their bases. Sew each base securely while leaving the leaf tips free.

14. Finish cap - Work eight cap ribs, then sew the stem to the crown and two leaves at the stem base.

15. Fit cap - Pin the cap over Head Rnds 7-10, keeping ears fully outside and the front brim just above the eyes. Tack the cap to the head at 6-8 hidden points around the crown and sides. Do not pull the brim tight.

16. Final shaping - Adjust stuffing by hand, flatten the lower body, align the feet, straighten surface ribs, and gently curve the cap stem.

17. Secure and finish - Check every seam, knot securely on the hidden side, and bury all yarn tails inside the nearest stuffed piece. Remove every temporary marker and pin.

11. Sewing Methods

Whip stitch - appliqués and pads

Pass the needle under one edge stitch of the appliqué and through the nearest stitch/post of the base fabric. Keep stitches small and evenly spaced. Use for muzzle, inner ears, paw pads, collar leaves, and cap leaves.

Mattress stitch - head/body seam

Alternate under a horizontal bar at the body opening and a corresponding bar on the head surface. Tighten gradually every few stitches so the seam closes neatly without creating a hard ridge.

Full-opening limb attachment

Keep the arm or leg opening round. Take one stitch through each opening stitch and one nearby body stitch/post. Work all the way around rather than flattening the limb unless specifically instructed.

Surface slip stitch - pumpkin ribs

Insert the hook from the outside through the fabric, catch the working yarn held inside or behind the piece, and pull a loop to the surface. Slip stitch evenly along the marked guide. Keep tension loose enough to avoid puckering.

Securing and burying tails

After the final knot, pass the needle deep through the stuffed piece and exit 2-4 cm / 1-1.5 in away. Pull gently, trim close, and allow the cut end to retract inside.

Do not overtighten seams. A secure seam should close gaps without denting the head, body, or limbs.

12. Stuffing and Shaping

Head
Firmly stuffed; maintain rounded cheeks and a smooth crown.

Pumpkin body
Firm through centre; slightly softer at neck edge; base kept broad and flat.

Muzzle
Very lightly stuffed only after most of the seam is sewn.

Arms
Moderate at hands, light toward upper openings.

Legs
Firm at feet, moderate toward upper openings.

Tail
Lightly stuffed; keep rounded with a soft attachment edge.

Ears / leaves / cap
Unstuffed.

Stem
Tiny pinch at base only; upper half stays flexible.

Final body channels
Surface ribs define lobes; optional gentle shaping pass only if extra depth is needed.

- Add stuffing in small pieces rather than one large clump.
- Rotate the piece while stuffing to avoid hard lumps.
- Do not stretch stitches until filling becomes visible.
- Keep the bottom centre of the pumpkin body flat enough for seated balance.
- After all limbs are attached, press the body gently between your hands to restore a rounded pumpkin silhouette.

13. Final Visual Checklist

- Face centred and balanced; eyes level and evenly spaced.
- Nose and mouth centred on the cream muzzle; muzzle remains horizontal.
- Ears mirror each other in height and angle.
- Cap sits above the eyes; ears are not trapped under the brim.
- Cap stem is centred and both green cap leaves are visible.
- Eight body ribs and eight cap ribs are evenly spaced and visually straight.
- Arms match in height and angle; hand pads are centred on the distal hand tips and clearly visible from the bottom view.
- Feet mirror each other and both foot pads face forward/down.
- Brown tail is centred on the lower back and visible correctly from the back and side views.
- Leaf collar hides the head-body seam without covering the muzzle or arms.
- Pip sits stably; no stuffing, loose seams, unsecured tails, or temporary markers remain.

14. Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Switch to a slightly smaller hook or use firmer tension. Remove excess stuffing if the stitches are being stretched apart.
Pip is too large or too small	Use a smaller or larger hook/yarn combination while keeping the same stitch counts. Final size changes with gauge.
Spiral rounds twist	Keep the BOR marker moving every round and count the completed stitches before starting the next round.
Eye line looks uneven	Before securing safety-eye washers, place both eyes loosely and compare from front, top, and both sides.
Muzzle is off-centre	Remove pins and re-centre it on the physical centre front. Align the nose with the vertical midpoint between the eyes.
One ear sits higher	Compare the upper and lower seam endpoints by head round, then repin before sewing.
Head leans	Check that the body neck opening is centred under the head and that upper-body stuffing is even before the last seam section is closed.
One arm or leg twists	Rotate the open limb before sewing so the paw pad faces the intended direction, then pin at four quarter-points.
Pumpkin ribs pucker	Undo the tight section and redo the surface slip stitches with looser tension.
Pumpkin shape looks too round	Add the optional gentle shaping passes in the eight grooves, tightening only enough to suggest lobes.
Cap looks too low	Move the front brim upward one round and re-tack. Keep both eyes completely unobstructed.
Gaps around sewn pieces	Use smaller, more frequent sewing stitches and catch stable stitch posts rather than only surface fibres.
Base becomes rounded	Massage stuffing away from the exact bottom centre and press the base flat against a table before final assembly.
Visible holes after decreases	Use invisible decreases through front loops only and avoid overstuffing the decrease area.

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Pattern Summary

Skill level
Intermediate

Terminology
US crochet terms

Method
Mostly continuous spiral rounds

Hook
3.0 mm target

Yarn
Worsted / aran #4

Main techniques
MR, sc, increases, invisible decreases, BLO, surface sl st, simple sewing, embroidery

Main pieces
Head, muzzle, 2 outer ears, 2 inner ears, body, 2 arms, 2 legs, 4 pads, 1 tail, 6 collar leaves, cap, stem, 2 cap leaves

Assembly focus
Symmetry, pumpkin ribs, visible paw pads, clean neck seam

Keep this PDF with your project so you can refer back to the placement maps during assembly.

16. Quick Reference - Piece Quantities and Placement

Piece	Qty	Colour	Stuffing	Placement / note
Head	1	Brown	Closed after stuffing	Eyes Rnds 14-15; muzzle Rnds 16-20
Muzzle	1	Cream	Flat oval	Horizontal at centre front
Outer ears	2	Brown	Unstuffed	Head Rnds 8-14
Inner ears	2	Cream	Flat	Centred on outer ears
Pumpkin body	1	Orange	Stuffed; 30-st neck open	Head-body seam at underside of head
Arms	2	Brown	Light/moderate	Body Rnds 17-20
Hand pads	2	Cream	Flat	Arm Rnds 1-3, distal hand tip
Legs / feet	2	Brown	Firm at foot	Body Rnds 4-9
Foot pads	2	Cream	Flat	Inside Leg Rnd-5 BLO sole edge
Bear tail	1	Brown	Light	Physical CB, Body Rnds 6-9
Collar leaves	6	Green	Flat	Around neck seam
Pumpkin cap	1	Orange	Unstuffed	Head Rnds 7-10
Cap stem	1	Green	Tiny pinch at base	Cap crown
Cap leaves	2	Green	Flat	At stem base
Body ribs	8	Orange	Surface sl st	Neck to bottom centre
Cap ribs	8	Orange	Surface sl st	Crown to brim

Final Assembly Order

Head and face -> ears -> muzzle/embroidery -> body and body ribs -> head/body seam -> paw pads -> legs -> arms -> tail -> collar leaves -> cap ribs -> stem and cap leaves -> fit cap -> final shaping and yarn-tail burial.

Final check from all views: front, left, right, back, top, and bottom. The goal is a rounded brown bear face framed by the pumpkin cap, an eight-lobed orange pumpkin body, green leaf collar, matching limbs, a centred brown rear tail, and visible cream paw pads underneath.