



Crocheted Carrots

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Size

Four sizes, about 8,5 - 20 cm (3 1/3 - 8"), with fingering weight cotton yarn and a 1,75 mm crochet hook.

Difficulty

1. Novice - great pattern for novice crocheters - simple shape and includes minimal sewing and shaping.

Skills required

Crocheting in spiral, chain and single crochet stitch, increasing and decreasing.

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Feel free to contact me over email or Skype with any questions. Photo tutorials and helpful tips are available on my website.

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Tip! You can use the same pattern to make larger or smaller toys by using finer or bulkier yarn. Pick a crochet hook at least a size smaller than suggested on yarn label and crochet tightly enough to achieve a tight gauge that will not allow the stuffing to show through the fabric.

Materials & Tools

- Yarn. I used fingering weight cotton yarn, 125 m = 50 g (137 yd = 50 g) / 1: super fine / 4 ply / 14 wpi. You will need about 10 - 25 g of orange and 6 - 12 g of green yarn for each carrot.
- 1,75 - 2,25 mm crochet hook (US thread hook size 5 - 1).
- Polyester fiberfill, wool, wadding etc. for stuffing.
- Cotton embroidery floss.
- Yarn needle, scissors, stitch marker.



Abbreviations

- **st(s)** = stitch(es).
- **mr, sc n** = magic ring – crochet *n* single crochet stitches into the adjustable loop (see page 7).
- **sc** = single crochet stitch (double crochet stitch in UK and Australia).
- **sc n** = make *n* single crochet stitches, one in each stitch.
- **inc** = increase – crochet two single crochet stitches in the same stitch.
- **dec** = decrease – crochet two stitches together using the invisible decrease method (see page 9).
- **(sc 4, inc) x n** = repeat the pattern between parentheses *n* times.
- (sc 4, inc) x 6 (**36**) = number of stitches in a round after finishing round.

Notes

- Do not join rounds, work in a continuous spiral.
- Use a stitch marker or a piece of yarn to mark the end or the beginning of a round. Move the marker up after completing each round.
- All stitches are worked into both loops, unless stated otherwise in the pattern.

Instructions for all leaves

Make a slip knot a few centimeters (about an inch) from the yarn end, crochet a chain one stitch longer than you want the leaf to be and then one **sc** in each chain, starting from the second chain from hook. Cut the yarn, leaving a short yarn tail for sewing, and draw the yarn end through the loop.

Tip! For a nicer result, work single crochet stitches into the bumps on the back of the starting chain.

LARGE ~ 20 cm (8")

Leaves

Make 10-12 leaves, each 11-13 chains long. Leave long yarn tails on each leaf.

Carrot

1: mr, sc 6	(6)
2: inc x 6	(12)
3: (sc, inc) x 6	(18)
4: (inc, sc 2) x 6	(24)
5: (sc 3, inc) x 6	(30)
6: sc, inc, (sc 4, inc) x 5, sc 3	(36)

Sew leaves to the top of the carrot (see page 5).

7-10: sc in each st	(36)
11: dec, sc 34	(35)
12: sc in each st	(35)
13: sc 17, dec, sc 16	(34)
14-15: sc in each st	(34)

Start stuffing. Keep adding a bit of fiberfill after every few rounds, stuffing the carrot firmly.

16: sc 8, dec, sc 24	(33)
17-18: sc in each st	(33)
19: sc 25, dec, sc 6	(32)
20-21: sc in each st	(32)
22: sc 3, dec, sc 27	(31)
23-24: sc in each st	(31)
25: sc 18, dec, sc 11	(30)
26-27: sc in each st	(30)
28: sc 25, dec, sc 3	(29)
29-30: sc in each st	(29)
31: sc 14, dec, sc 13	(28)
32-33: sc in each st	(28)
34: sc 6, dec, sc 20	(27)
35-36: sc in each st	(27)
37: sc 20, dec, sc 5	(26)
38: sc in each st	(26)
39: dec, sc 24	(25)
40: sc in each st	(25)
41: sc 15, dec, sc 8	(24)
42: sc in each st	(24)
43: sc 8, dec, sc 14	(23)
44: sc in each st	(23)
45: sc 19, dec, sc 2	(22)
46: sc in each st	(22)
47: sc 3, dec, sc 17	(21)
48: sc in each st	(21)
49: sc 10, dec, sc 9	(20)
50: sc in each st	(20)
51: sc 7, dec, sc 11	(19)

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52: sc 16, dec, sc	(18)
53: sc 3, dec, sc 7, dec, sc 4	(16)

Embroider the lines.

54: (sc 2, dec) x 4	(12)
55: (dec, sc) x 4	(8)
56: (sc 2, dec) x 2	(6)

Finish stuffing. Cut the yarn, leaving a long yarn tail, and fasten off. Pick up the front loops of all the remaining stitches and close the opening (see page 6).

MEDIUM ~ 16.5 cm (6 1/2")

Leaves

Make 9-10 leaves, each 10-11 chains long. Leave long yarn tails on each leaf.

Carrot

1: mr, sc 6	(6)
2: inc x 6	(12)
3: (sc, inc) x 6	(18)
4: (inc, sc 2) x 6	(24)
5: (sc 3, inc) x 6	(30)

Sew leaves to the top of the carrot (see page 5).

6-9: sc in each st	(30)
10: dec, sc 28	(29)
11: sc 14, dec, sc 13	(28)
12-13: sc in each st	(28)
14: sc 23, dec, sc 3	(27)

Start stuffing. Keep adding a bit of fiberfill after every few rounds, stuffing the carrot firmly.

15-16: sc in each st	(27)
17: sc 8, dec, sc 17	(26)
18-19: sc in each st	(26)
20: sc 16, dec, sc 8	(25)
21-22: sc in each st	(25)
23: sc 3, dec, sc 20	(24)
24-25: sc in each st	(24)
26: sc 22, dec	(23)
27-28: sc in each st	(23)
29: sc 10, dec, sc 11	(22)
30-31: sc in each st	(22)
32: sc 16, dec, sc 4	(21)
33: sc in each st	(21)
34: sc 6, dec, sc 13	(20)
35: sc in each st	(20)
36: sc 12, dec, sc 6	(19)

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- 37: sc in each st (19)
- 38: dec, sc 17 (18)
- 39: sc in each st (18)
- 40: sc 9, dec, sc 7 (17)
- 41: sc 3, dec, sc 12 (16)
- 42: sc 11, dec, sc 3 (15)

Embroider the lines.

- 43: (sc 3, dec) x 3 (12)
- 44: (dec, sc) x 4 (8)
- 45: (sc 2, dec) x 2 (6)

Finish stuffing. Cut the yarn, leaving a long yarn tail, and fasten off. Pick up the front loops of all the remaining stitches and close the opening (see page 6).

SMALL ~ 12.5 cm (5")

Leaves

Make 7-9 leaves, each 9-10 chains long. Leave long yarn tails on each leaf.

Carrot

- 1: mr, sc 6 (6)
- 2: inc x 6 (12)
- 3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18)
- 4: (inc, sc 2) x 6 (24)

Sew leaves to the top of the carrot (see page 5).

- 5-8: sc in each st (24)
- 9: dec, sc 22 (23)
- 10: sc in each st (23)
- 11: sc 12, dec, 9 (22)
- 12-13: sc in each st (22)
- 14: sc 3, dec, sc 17 (21)

Start stuffing. Keep adding a bit of fiberfill after every few rounds, stuffing the carrot firmly.

- 15-16: sc in each st (21)
- 17: sc 13, dec, sc 6 (20)
- 18-19: sc in each st (20)
- 20: sc 6, dec, sc 12 (19)
- 21-22: sc in each st (19)
- 23: sc 15, dec, sc 2 (18)
- 24-25: sc in each st (18)
- 26: sc 9, dec, sc 7 (17)
- 27-28: sc in each st (17)
- 29: dec, sc 15 (16)
- 30: sc in each st (16)
- 31: sc 11, dec, sc 3 (15)

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- 32: sc in each st (15)
- 33: sc 3, dec, sc 10 (14)
- 34: sc in each st (14)
- 35: sc 7, dec, sc 5 (13)

Embroider the lines.

- 36: dec, sc 11 (12)
- 37: (sc, dec) x 4 (8)
- 38: (sc 2, dec) x 2 (6)

Finish stuffing. Cut the yarn, leaving a long yarn tail, and fasten off. Pick up the front loops of all the remaining stitches and close the opening (see page 6).

TINY ~ 8.5 cm (3 1/3")

Leaves

Make 7 leaves, each 7-8 chains long. Leave long yarn tails on each leaf.

Carrot

- 1: mr, sc 6 (6)
- 2: inc x 6 (12)
- 3: (sc, inc) x 6 (18)

Sew leaves to the top of the carrot (see page 5).

- 4-7: sc in each st (18)
- 8: dec, sc 16 (17)
- 9-10: sc in each st (17)
- 11: sc 8, dec, sc 7 (16)

Start stuffing. Keep adding a bit of fiberfill after every few rounds, stuffing the carrot firmly.

- 12: sc in each st (16)
- 13: sc 3, dec, sc 11 (15)
- 14: sc in each st (15)
- 15: sc 10, dec, sc 3 (14)
- 16: sc in each st (14)
- 17: dec, sc 12 (13)
- 18: sc 6, dec, sc 5 (12)
- 19: sc, dec, sc 9 (11)

Embroider the lines.

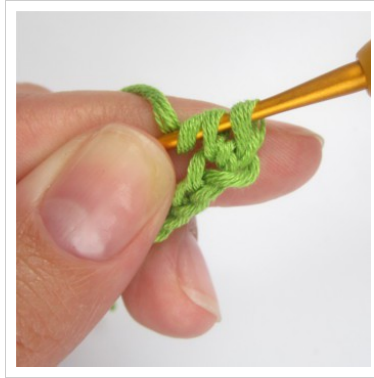
- 20: sc 5, dec, sc 4 (10)
- 21: (sc, dec) x 3, sc (7)
- 22: sc 2, dec, sc, dec (5)

Finish stuffing. Cut the yarn, leaving a long yarn tail, and fasten off. Pick up the front loops of all the remaining stitches and close the opening (see page 6).

Make the leaves and sew them to the top of the carrots.



1. Crochet a chain one stitch longer than you want the leaves to be.



2. Crochet the first single crochet stitch into the second chain from hook.



3. Crochet one **sc** in every chain. Cut the yarn and draw the end through the loop.



4. Bring the yarn tails to the wrong side.



5. Knot the two yarn tails together.



6. Make another stitch through the center of the leaf.



7. Fasten with a knot and cut off the extra yarn tails.



8. Sew all the leaves to the carrot, arranging them in a circle.



Stuff all the carrots firmly.

Keep adding stuffing as you work, after every few rounds. Loosen the stuffing between your hands and add a bit at a time until the carrot is firm and holds shape. Take your time - stuffing is what gives your finished amigurumi the right shape. If you start getting lumps, pull out all the stuffing, loosen it and start over.

Embroider the lines before closing the seam.



1. Stop before the last few rows. Insert the needle from the bottom.



2. Embroider the lines. Go up one side and back down the other.



3. Come back out to the bottom and knot the yarn ends together.

Close the opening and hide the yarn tail inside the carrot.



1. Finish the last sc. Cut the yarn, leaving a long tail, and fasten off. Thread it onto a yarn needle.



2. Insert the needle from the center and under the front loop only. Draw the yarn through.



3. Pick up all the stitches. Grab the yarn and pull the center tightly closed.



4. Insert the needle into the center and bring the yarn to the side of the carrot.



5. Fasten with a double knot and hide the yarn tail inside the carrot (see page 8).



6. Use a needle to push some of the stuffing to the tip of the carrot.

Squeeze and squash the carrot to redistribute the stuffing and coax it back in to a perfect shape.

Tip! Use a large yarn needle or a fine knitting needle to help redistribute the stuffing. Be careful not to stretch a hole into the fabric.

Amigurumi Essentials

Magic Ring

A magic ring is a way to begin crocheting in round by crocheting the first round in to an adjustable loop and then pulling the loop tight. Alternatively you can chain 2, crochet n single crochet stitches into the second chain from hook.



1. Make a loop an inch from the yarn end. Grab the join with your thumb and forefinger.



2. Insert the hook through the loop from front to back, yarn over and draw up a loop.



3. Yarn over and draw through the loop.



4. Pull the yarn tight. This does not count as the first single crochet stitch.



5. Start the first sc. Insert the hook through the starting loop from front to back.



6. Draw up a loop. Yarn over and draw through both loops.



7. Continue crocheting over the loop and the yarn tail until you have the required number of sc for the first round, usually six.



8. Grab hold of the yarn tail and pull until the center is tightly closed.

Fastening with a knot and hiding the yarn tail

This tutorial will show how to knot the yarn tail and hide it inside a piece. This method can be used when the yarn tail and the main piece are the same color.



1. Bring the yarn up through the fabric after you have finished sewing.



2. Insert the needle under one loop of a stitch right next to the hole.



3. Pull until you have a small loop.



4. Make a double knot. Do not push the first knot close to the fabric.



5. Cut off the loop end.



6. Insert the needle into the same hole, going up and through the piece.



7. Pull lightly until the knot disappears into the fabric.



8. Pull lightly on the yarn tail and cut it off close to the fabric.



9. Yarn tail will completely disappear into the fabric

Invisible single crochet decrease

Pick up the front loops of both stitches and crochet one single crochet stitch into the loops.



1. Insert the hook under the front loop of the first single crochet stitch. Do not yarn over.



2. Bend the tip of the crochet hook down ...



3. ... and insert the hook under the front loop of the second stitch and pick it up onto the hook.



4. Yarn over and draw through the first two loops. Yarn over and draw through all loops.