



Pumpkin Patch Pincushion

Skill level – Beginner/Easy

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Technique:	Hand Sewing
Designed by:	Cheryl fall
Brand:	Dual Duty XP
Crafting time:	An Evening

Create a pincushion or make several pretty pumpkins in fall prints for an interesting fall accent to your decor.

Finished size: approx 8" (20 cm)

Note: Instructions are for one pumpkin

Supplies

Dual Duty XP General Purpose in orange to match fabric
Anchor Pearl Cotton— green, color 230 (May also use Red Heart Classic Crochet cotton)
Orange fabric, 16" (40.5c m) square for pumpkin, 5" (12.7 cm) fabric square for base
Green fabric, 5" (12.7 cm) square - 2 for leaf
Brown fabric, 3" x 5" (7.6 cm x 12.7 cm) piece for stem
Cardboard, 3" (7.6 cm) square piece for base
Baby Rick Rack, green, 12" (30 cm)

Additional Requirements

Sewing machine
Polyester fiberfill
Hand sewing needle
Double-side sheet adhesive (Peel & Stick for Fabric)
Glue gun or quick-drying glue

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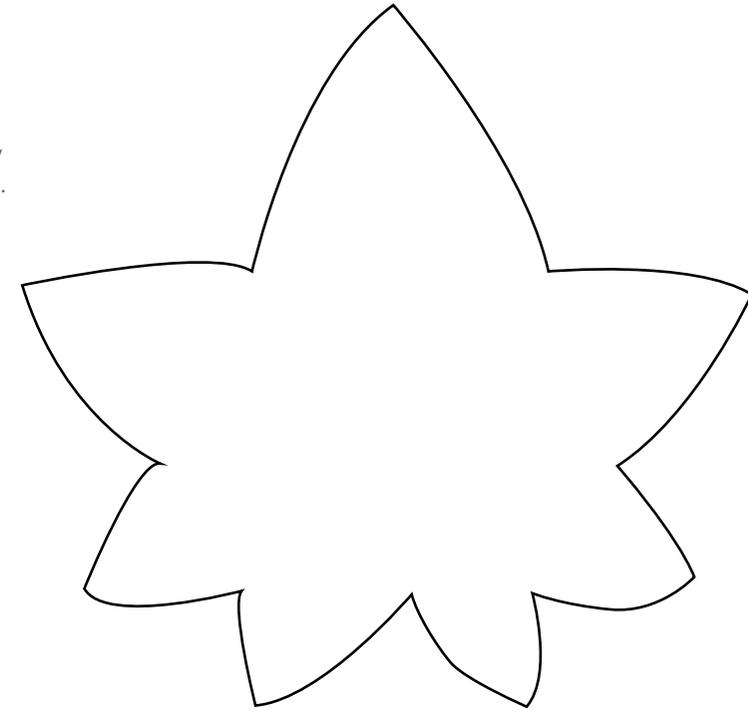
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Steps

From the larger square of orange fabric cut a 12 inch (30 cm) diameter circle. Cut a 5 inch (12.7 cm) diameter circle from the smaller square.

1. Fold under $\frac{1}{4}$ inch (.23 cm) around the edges of the large circle and sew a row of gathering stitches by machine or hand sew a running stitch around the edge. (For hand stitching use a double thread.) Pull thread so that the pumpkin body has about a 6-inch opening, do **NOT** secure the thread yet. Stuff the pumpkin body firmly. Pull the thread as far as possible to close the pumpkin.
2. Cut a 2" (5.1 cm) diameter circle from cardboard for base. Cut a 4" (10.7 cm) diameter circle from small orange square. Gather the 4" (10.7 cm) circle around the piece of cardboard for the base. Glue the base over the gathered area of the pumpkin. This will hide the gathers as well as provide a flat base so it won't roll.
3. Fold the strip of brown fabric in half, right sides together and stitch to make the stem. Turn the stem right side out and stuff. Gather the open end and close it.
4. To make the leaf, trace the leaf pattern onto the paper side of the Peel & Stick. Peel away the plain side and place the sticky side on the wrong side of a green square. Cut out the leaf shape and remove the other paper backing. Stick to the wrong side of the second green square and cut out again.
5. Using a single length of pearl cotton and a long needle, place a knot at one end of the length of pearl cotton. Starting at the pumpkin bottom, near but not through the base, pull the needle through the body of the pumpkin coming out at the center top, and back through the bottom again, pulling tightly as you do this so the pumpkin develops soft-sculptured ridges. Repeat for 6 sections. Secure the thread at the base of the pumpkin.
6. Hot glue the stem, gathered side down to the top of the pumpkin. Glue the leaf near the stem.
7. Glue the rick rack in place on the pumpkin so it resembles a vine tendril.



Leaf Pattern