

# Someone's Mum

## Crochet Christmas Bauble

Start with 'Magic Ring' in colour of choice. Crochet 8 dc into ring.

Continue to crochet in the round, through the back of the loop only.

Rnd 1: \*2 dc in st\* 8 times (=16 sts.)

Rnd 2: \*2 dc in st, dc in next st\* 8 times (= 24 sts)

Rnd 3: \*2 dc in st, dc in 2 next sts\* 8 times (= 32 sts)

Rnd 4: \*2 dc in st, dc in 3 next sts\* 8 times (= 40 sts)

Rnd 5: \*2 dc in st, dc in 4 next sts\* 8 times (= 48 sts)

Rnd 6: \*2 dc in st, dc in 5 next sts\* 8 times (= 56 sts)

Rnd 7: \*2 dc in st, dc in 6 next sts\* 8 times (= 64 sts)

Skip rounds 8 and 9 for a smaller bauble.

Rnd 8: \*2 dc in st, dc in 7 next sts\* 8 times (= 72 sts)

Rnd 9 \*2dc in st, dc in 8 next sts\* 8 times (= 80 sts)

**Rnd 10-20: dc around (=80 sts for large, 64 for small)**

Getting the hook into the two back loops in order to start reducing the size from round 21 can be really tricky. I use a large stitch marker or pin to help get the hook through. **Skip to round 22 for smaller bauble.**



Rnd 21 (\*dc2tog, dc in the next 8 sts 8 times for large bauble = 72 sts)

Rnd 22: \*dc2tog, dc in next 7 sts\* 8 times (= 64 sts)

Rnd 23: (\*dc2tog, dc in next 6 sts\* 8 times (= 56 sts)

Rnd 24: \*dc2tog, dc in next 5 sts\* 8 times (= 48 sts)

Rnd 25: \*dc2tog, dc in next 4 sts\* 8 times(= 40 sts)

Rnd 26: \*dc2tog, dc in next 3 sts\* 8 times (= 32 sts)

Rnd 27: \*dc2tog, dc in next 2 sts\* 8 times (= 24 sts)

Rnd 28: \*dc2tog, dc in next st\* 8 times (= 16 sts)

**STUFF the bauble at this point.**

Rnd 28: \*dc2tog\* 8 times (= 8 sts) Cut yarn, leaving around 10cm. Thread yarn needle with the end and weave through remaining stitches, draw up firmly. Fasten securely. Tuck the end back through into the stuffing.



## For the gold or silver lines:

Thread a tapestry needle with a long length of gold or silver thread. You will likely need around 50cm, depending on the size of your bauble.

If you run out of thread you can repeat the process with more thread.

Insert the needle in the top centre of the bauble and pull out from the bottom centre. Pass the needle with thread under the loops keeping the thread in tension.



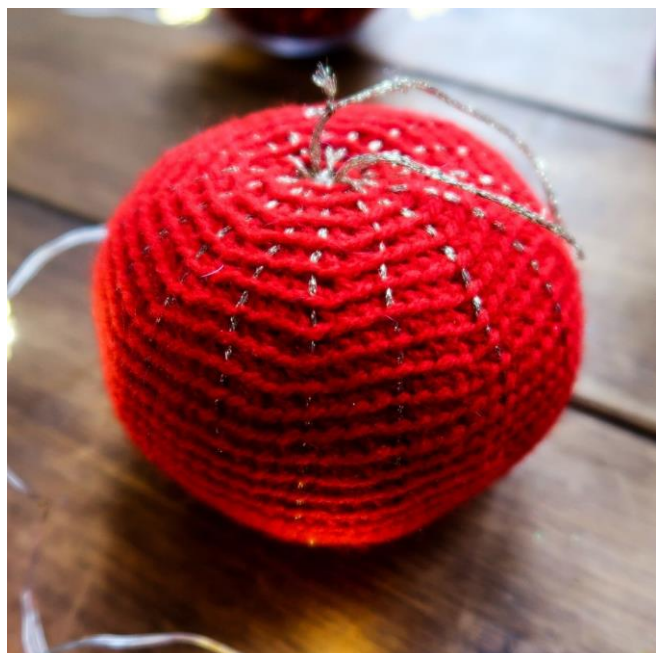
Move toward the top centre. Insert the needle again in the top centre of pumpkin and pull out from the bottom centre. Repeat the above steps to obtain the necessary quantity of spokes coming up the sides of the bauble. I used 16 equal lines, creating a kind of spiderweb effect.



Once you have enough lines of thread, cut off remaining yarn and poke all the loose ends back through the holes.

Finally, thread a smaller piece of silver or gold yarn to create a loop for hanging. Thread under several of the strands and then tie off to create a loop.

And there you have it – a crochet Christmas bauble.



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