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## Pumpkin

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This pumpkin is not difficult to make, using the self closing mock ring and lock join for effect. You can if you like use a series of split rings for the centre instead. The pattern is very quick to make and will be ideal for a simple decoration during the Halloween weekend.

## MATERIALS

- Two tatting shuttles
- Fine crochet hook for joining as some of the spaces are very tight
- No. 30 crochet cotton - I used DMC Cordonnet Special No. 30 but the shade of gold I used is no longer available - Manuela, Flora, or any of the

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standard crochet cottons in a similar colour would be perfectly acceptable.

## SIZE

- 4 cm wide and 3.5 cm high

1. Wind the two shuttles without cutting the thread between them.
2. Fold the thread between the shuttles in half and run your fingers up until there is a loop about two inches long - leave that loop and start tatting a chain as normal for the SCMR start.
3. **SH1**  
C 6 DS, do not RW.
4. **SH2**  
R 2 DS, 5 P sep by 2 DS, 2 DS, cl. R, do not RW.  
NOTE - there is an error in the original pumpkin here with an extra picot on one side - if you prefer that effect you can do six picots instead of five, it's up to you!
5. **SH1**  
C 6 DS, make sure the starting loop is not twisted and put SH1 UP through the loop (if you put the shuttle up through the loop it makes a better finish to the SCMR) and pull on the SH1 thread - the loop will start to close up. Continue pulling till it is completely closed and magically forms a ring. This ring can pull open quite easily unless you are careful so make sure you do not dangle your shuttles from your work at this point. RW.
6. **SH1**  
C 4 DS, 15 P sep by 2 DS (you can use a measuring gauge here if you like to make sure they are all the same size), 4 DS, RW. Be careful when adjusting the tension of these long chains, they can easily bend in the wrong direction. Don't work the stitches too tightly, just crisp so that they sit neatly on the thread without strangling it.
7. **SH1**  
R 6 DS, J to centre P of the R made with the second shuttle (on top of the SCMR), 6 DS, cl. R,

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8. **SH1**




C 4 DS, 15 P sep by 2 DS, 4 DS, lock join into the base of the SCMR. Do not RW.

9. **SH1**

C 4 DS, 27 P sep by 2 DS, 4 DS, lock J to base of the appropriate R, 4 DS, 27 P sep by 2 DS, 4 DS, lock join into the base of the appropriate R. RW by switching shuttles.

10. **SH2**

Work a C of 8 DS to make the stem of the pumpkin and work the ends in using the finishing method of your choice.

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