



CrochetRooms

Jack Skellington: Free Crochet Pattern

Finished Size & Skill Level

- **One size:** approximately 5.5 in (14 cm) tall
- **Skill level:** Easy to Intermediate - single crochet in rounds, plus embroidered face details
- **Time:** one relaxed weekend

Materials

- **DK-weight (#3) cotton yarn** - roughly 50 g of white and 50 g of black
- **2.5 mm crochet hook** - keeps the fabric dense so no stuffing shows through the white skull
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing, a yarn needle, scissors, and stitch markers
- White embroidery thread for the pinstripes

Abbreviations (US Terms)

- **ch** = chain | **st(s)** = stitch(es) | **sc** = single crochet (UK: double crochet)
- **sl st** = slip stitch | **inc** = increase (2 sc in one st) | **dec** = decrease (sc 2 sts together)
- **MR** = magic ring

Gauge

Gauge is not critical. Work tightly enough that the stuffing does not show through; with DK cotton and a 2.5 mm hook the head should measure about 2.5 in (6.5 cm) across at its widest.

Pattern Notes

- This is an original CrochetRooms pattern. Work in continuous spiral rounds and mark the first stitch of each round.
- Stuff the head very firmly and evenly: any lump shows on plain white.

Head (white)

Rounds 1-6: 6 sc in MR. (6) Inc to 12, 18, 24, 30, then 36.

Rounds 7-12: Sc in each st around. (36)

Rounds 13-17: (Sc 4, dec) to 30, (sc 3, dec) to 24 - stuff very firmly here - (sc 2, dec) to 18, (sc 1, dec) to 12, dec 6 times to 6. Fasten off and close.

Legs and Body (black)

Legs (make 2): 6 sc in MR. (6) Inc to 12. **Rounds 3-8:** Sc around. (12) Fasten off the first leg; do not fasten off the second.

Joining: On the second leg, ch 3, then sc into any st of the first leg and sc around it (12 sts), ch 3 back, and sc around the second leg (12 sts). (30) You now have one round of 30 sts forming the hips.

Rounds 9-14: Sc in each st around. (30)

Round 15: (Sc 3, dec) 6 times. (24) **Round 16:** (Sc 2, dec) 6 times. (18) Stuff firmly. **Round 17:** (Sc 1, dec) 6 times. (12) Fasten off, leaving a long tail, and sew the head to the top of the body.

Arms (make 2: white hands, black sleeves)

With white: 6 sc in MR. (6) **Round 2:** Sc around. Switch to black. **Rounds 3-8:** Sc around. (6) Stuff lightly, fasten off, and sew to the sides of the body at shoulder height.

Pinstripes, Bow Tie, and Face

Pinstripes: With white embroidery thread, work straight surface slip stitches in thin vertical lines down the front of the body, both arms, and both legs. Keep the lines thin and evenly spaced.

Bow tie (black): Ch 8. Work 3 rows of sc. (7) Pinch the middle with a few wraps of yarn to form a bow and sew it under the head.

Face: With black yarn, embroider two large oval eyes. For the smile, stitch one long curved line across the lower face, then add short vertical stitches crossing it at even intervals, like a sewn-shut grin. Check symmetry often.

Finishing

Weave in all ends. Stand Jack upright and adjust the pinstripes so they run straight. Your Pumpkin King is ready for Halloween, Christmas, or year-round display.