

Carrot Bookmark

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Difficulty level: * Very easy...a great beginner's project!

Materials: Size 10 crochet thread OR 4 strands of embroidery floss held together (colors orange and green), steel crochet hook size 4 (or a size 5 if you crochet loosely)

Finished size: About 11" from root to leaves

Pattern note: The "ch 2" at the end of the rows does NOT count as a dc. To work a dc dec (dc decrease): yo, insert hook in the first indicated st and pull up a loop, yo and pull through two loops on hook, yo, insert hook in next indicated st and pull up a loop, yo and pull through 2 loops on hook, yo and pull through all 3 remaining loops on hook



With orange, leaving a 2" yarn tail, ch 10

Row 1: Work 3 dc in the 3rd ch from hook (leave the remaining chains unworked to form the tap root); ch 2 turn. (3 dc)

Rows 2-4: Dc in each dc across; ch 2, turn. (3 dc)

Row 5: Work 2 dc in the first dc, dc in the next dc, 2 dc in the last dc; ch 2, turn. (5 dc)

Rows 6-8: Dc in each dc across; ch 2, turn. (5 dc)

Row 9: Work 2 dc in the first dc, dc in each of the next 3 dc, 2 dc in the last dc; ch 2, turn. (7 dc)

Rows 10-12: Dc in each dc across; ch 2, turn. (7 dc)

Row 13: Work 2 dc in the first dc, dc in each of the next 5 dc, 2 dc in the last dc; ch 2, turn. (9 dc)

Rows 14-16: Dc in each dc across; ch 2, turn. (9 dc)

Row 17: Work 2 dc in the first dc, dc in each of the next 7 dc, 2 dc in the last dc; ch 2, turn. (11 dc)

Rows 18-26: Dc in each dc across; ch 2, turn. (11 dc)

Row 27: Dc dec over first 2 dc, dc dec over next 2 dc, sc in each of the next 3 dc, dc dec over the next 2 dc, dc dec over the last 2 dc; ch 2, turn.

Row 28: Dc dec over first 2 sts, sc in each of the next 3 sc, dc dec over the last 2 sts.

Fasten off orange. Turn.

Stem: Attach green with a sc in the first sc of row 28, sc in each of the next 2 sc; do not fasten off.

Leaves: Turn. Ch 11, sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 9 ch's, sc in the first sc on the stem, ch 11, sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 9 ch's, sc in the same sc on the stem, (ch 11, sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 9 ch's,

sc in the next sc on the stem, ch 11, sc in the 2nd ch from hook and in each of the next 9 ch's, sc in the same sc on the stem) 2 times. Fasten off.

Finishing: Separate strands of the beginning thread tail and cut each strand to a different length to simulate feeder roots. Weave in ends at the top of the carrot. Spray lightly with spray starch and iron to block.