

October – Jack O' Lanterns

Carving pumpkins in October was one of our favorite family traditions when my children were small. The kids would draw their designs, then we'd vote on which to use. This bookmark with three Jack O' Lantern faces is a fun reminder of those times.

Pumpkin

Thread: Flora size 20 #231 Burnt Orange Dark

Round 1

R: (4ds p) 3 times,
4ds, close, turn

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Ch: 4ds p 4ds turn

R: 4ds j to last p of
prev R, (4ds p) twice,
4ds, close, turn

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Repeat between * twice more for a total of 4 rings

Ch: (4ds p) 3 times, 4ds lj to cp of last R

Ch: 4ds p 4ds lj to cp of next R

Repeat last Ch to end

Ch: (4ds p) 3 times, 4ds

Cut and tie.



Round 2

R: 3ds p 3ds j to 1st p on one of the end Chs of prev rnd, 3ds p 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 4ds p 4ds turn

R: 4ds j to last p of prev R, (4ds p) twice, 4ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) twice, 3ds, turn

R: 5ds j to last p of prev R, 5ds j to cp of next Ch of prev rnd, 5ds p 5ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) 4 times, 3ds, turn

R: 5ds p 5ds j to last p of prev R, 5ds j to cp of next Ch of prev rnd, (5ds p) twice, 5ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) 4 times, 3ds, turn

R: 5ds j to 4th p of prev R, 5ds j to cp of next Ch on prev rnd, 5ds p 5ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) twice, 3ds, turn

R: 4ds j to last p of prev R, 4ds j to closes p on next Ch of prev rnd, 4ds p 4ds, close, turn

Ch: 5ds p 5ds lj to cp of same Ch of prev rnd, 5ds p 5ds, turn

R: 4ds p 4ds j to final p of same Ch of prev rnd, 4ds p 4ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) twice, 3ds, turn

R: 5ds j to last p of prev R, 5ds j to cp of next Ch on prev rnd, 5ds p 5ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) 4 times, 3ds, turn

R: 5ds p 5ds j to last p of prev R, 5ds j to cp of next Ch on prev rnd, (5ds p) twice, 5ds, close, turn

Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) 4 times, 3ds, turn

R: 5ds j to 4th p of prev R, 5ds j to cp of next Ch of prev rnd, 5ds p 5ds, close, turn
 Ch: 3ds p (2ds p) twice, 3ds, turn
 R: 4ds j to last p of prev R, (4ds p) twice, 4ds, close, turn
 Ch: 4ds p 4ds, turn
 R: 3ds j to last p of prev R, 3ds j to closes p of next Ch on prev rnd, 3ds p 3ds, close
 Cut and tie.

Stem

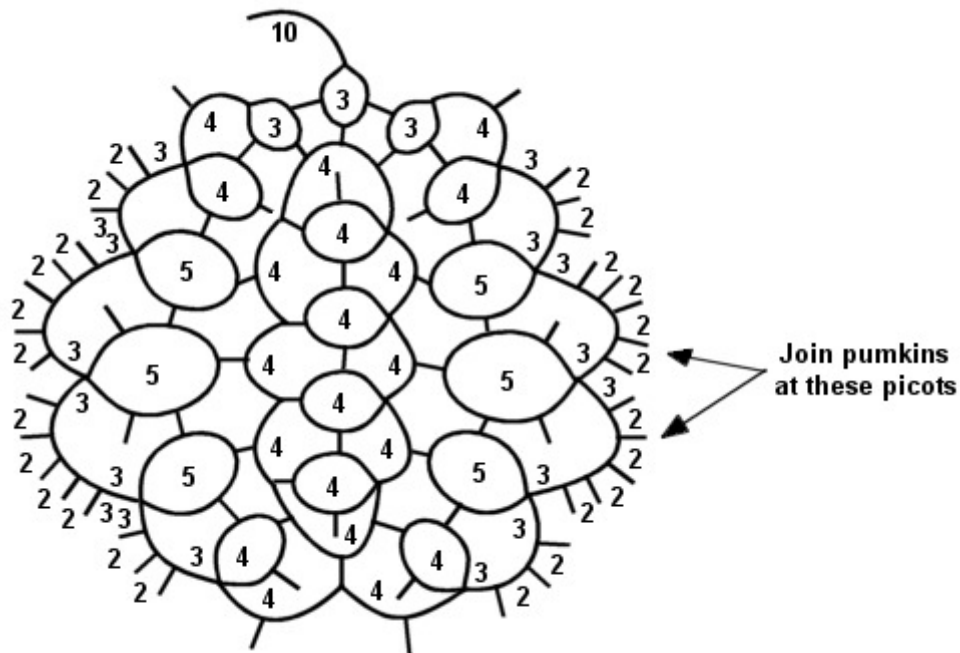
Unwrap about 18" of thread from your shuttle.

R: 3ds j to last p of last R on prev rnd, 3ds, j to cp of Ch on first rnd, 3ds, j to 1st p of 1st R on prev rnd, 3ds, close, turn

Ch: 10ds

Push stitches snug so the stem curls. Cut and tie.

Each pumpkin is the same. Join each pumpkin at the picots indicated in the visual pattern below.



Pumpkin faces

To join the thread to the starting picot without tying a knot when stitching a chain:

Lay the thread over the top of the tatting, then in the space next to the starting picot, run it to the back. Bring it back up through the picot, then tie it to your shuttle. Stitch your first double-stitch right up against the picot, and continue the chain from there.

Surprised pumpkin

Thread: Flora size 20 #245 Black

Left eye:

R: 3ds j (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds j (1ds p) twice, 3ds, close, cut and tie.

Right eye:

R: 3ds p 1ds p 1ds j (1ds p) 3 times, 1ds j 3ds, close, cut and tie.

Mouth:

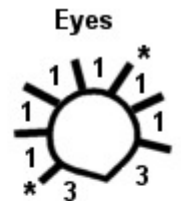
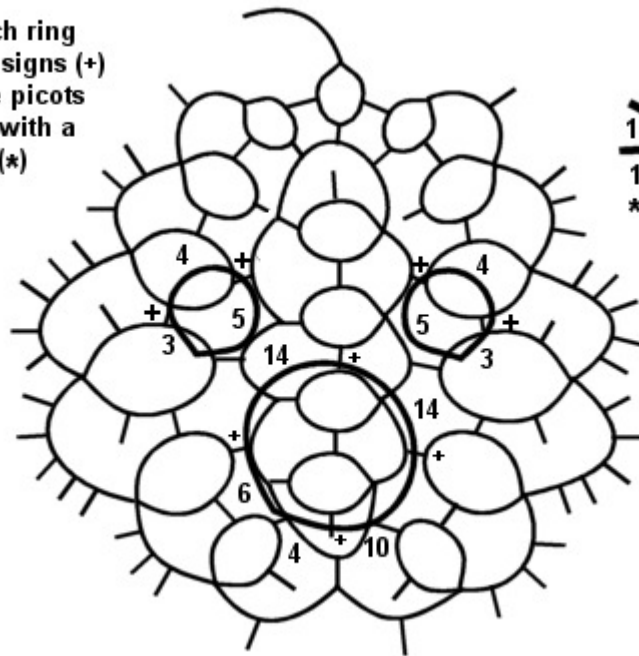
R: 6ds j 14ds j 14ds j 10ds j 4ds, close, cut and tie.

Optional:

Instead of joining as you stitch the eyes and mouth, tat each piece separately then glue or sew to the bookmark. The eye is R: 3ds p (1ds p) 6 times, 3ds, close. The mouth is R: 48ds, close.



Join each ring
at the plus signs (+)
using the picots
marked with a
star (*)



Sleepy pumpkin

Thread: Flora size 20 #245 Black

Eye:

Start each eye at the *. Ch: (2ds p) 5 times, 2ds, cut and tie.

Mouth:

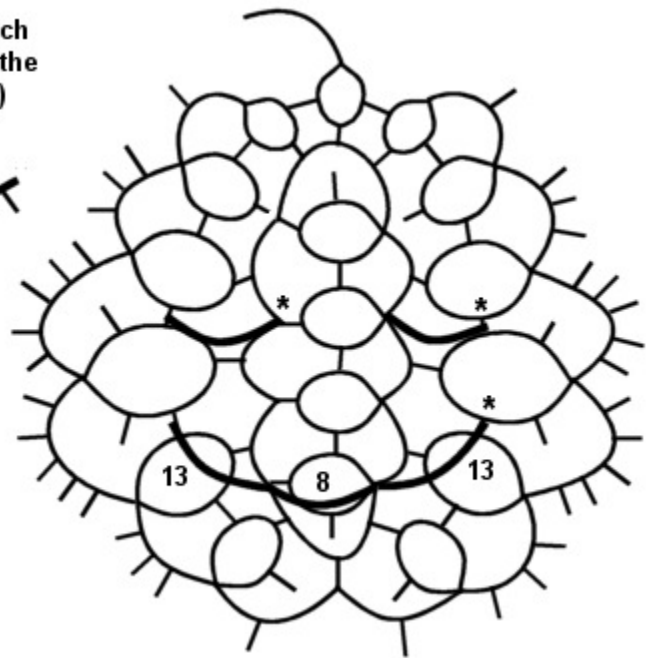
Start at the *. Ch: 13ds lj to base of R, 8ds lj 13ds, cut and tie.

Optional:

Instead of joining as you stitch the eyes and mouth, tat each piece separately then glue or sew to the bookmark. The eye is Ch: (2ds p) 5 times, 2ds, close. The mouth is Ch: 34ds.



Start each
chain at the
star (*)



Angry pumpkin

Thread: Flora size 20 #245 Black

Left eye:

R: 3ds j 4ds j 5ds, close, cut and tie.

Right eye:

R: 5ds j 4ds, j 3ds, close, cut and tie.

Eyebrows:

Start each eyebrow at the *. Ch: 14ds, cut and tie.

Mouth:

Start at the *. Ch: 10ds p 3ds lj to base of R, 8ds lj 10ds p 3ds, cut and tie.

Optional:

Instead of joining as you stitch the eyes, eyebrows, and mouth, tat each piece separately then glue or sew to the bookmark. The eye is R: 12ds, close. The eyebrow is Ch: 14ds. The mouth is Ch: 10ds p 14ds p 10ds.



Start each
chain at the
star (*)

Join each
ring at the
plus signs (+)

