Crocheted Carrot with Twinkie Chan

Chapter 1 - Crocheted Carrot

Overview

(gentle music) - Hi it's Twinkie. I'm gonna show you how to crochet this classic carrot. It's an iconic vegetable that no crocheted fruit and veggie collection can go without. To make our carrot we're gonna go over some basic crochet techniques such as magic circle and single crochet stitch. I'm gonna show you how to increase and decrease, and also how to use simple slip stitches to create these fun carrot fronds. (gentle music)

Materials

- For the carrot you'll need a small amount of polyester stuffing, about 24 yards of an orange, worsted weight yarn, and about five yards of a green, worsted weight yarn. These are both Red Heart Super Saver in pumpkin and spring green. You'll need about two yards of a dark brown yarn in worsted weight. This is Lion Brand, Vanna's Choice, in chocolate. You'll also need a small pair of scissors, a small wooden stick or a pencil to help with stuffing, a G-hook, an H-hook, a tapestry needle, stitch markers, or a small piece of yarn in a contrasting color, and don't forget to print out your PDF pattern.

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- We're going to start at the top of the carrot and work our way to the ending point. And the shape is created by slowly decreasing our stitch count. To begin, we're gonna grab our orange yarn, and work a magic circle, which I'm gonna show you how to do. To begin the magic circle, place the yarn tail toward the bottom of your hand like this. You're gonna grab the working end of the yarn and wrap it around the top of your first two fingers, bring it all the way up and cross over that first piece of yarn. I'm gonna take my H hook and pick up the back of this yarn here at the back of my hand. Then you're gonna grab the working yarn and pull it through like this. Where your two fingers are, this is where the magic circle is and you wanna preserve this circle while you slowly remove your fingers and grab the working yarn as if you're about to crochet. Then hold the twist in this yarn with your thumb and your third finger. You're gonna yarn over and chain one to begin round one. For round one, we're going to work six single crochet into this magic ring. To work a single crochet, insert your hook into the desired stitch, yarn over and pull through one, yarn over and pull through two. I'll show you that again. Insert your hook into the desired stitch, yarn over, pull through one, yarn over, and pull through two. Going to work four more single crochet here for a total of six. To close up the magic circle, just take the yarn tail and give it a tug. We're not going to join our rounds here but before I begin round two, I'm going to grab my stitch marker or my scrap yarn and lay it in front of the stitch I just completed, to help save my place. For round two, we're gonna start increasing, which simply means we're going to work two single crochets into one stitch. Insert your hook into the first stitch from round one and work your first single crochet. And then you're going to work another single crochet into the same space. Repeat that six times total all the way around, and at the end of round two, you should have 12 stitches. Before I begin round three, I'm gonna flip up my stitch marker to keep my place. For round three, you're going to work one increase, and then one single crochet. You're going to repeat that six times all the way around, for a total of 18 stitches. So it's one increase and then one single crochet. For round four, you're going to work one increase

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and then eight single crochet evenly, two times, for a total of 20 stitches all the way around. Then for rounds five through nine, you're just going to work in single crochet evenly, which means one single crochet for each stitch around. At that point, we're going to start decreasing, and I'm gonna show you how to invisible decrease. Before we begin round 10, I'm going to flip up my stitch marker to keep my place. In round 10, we're gonna start with an invisible decrease. To work an invisible decrease, insert your hook into the front loop only of the next stitch and then insert your hook into the front loop only of the following stitch, yarn over and pull through two loops, yarn over and pull through two loops. So you took two stitches from the previous round to create one stitch in the current round to make your decrease. Then you're just gonna work eight single crochet evenly. Five, oops. Six, seven, eight and then you're going to repeat that same thing. One invisible decrease and then eight single crochet evenly. Your stitch count at the end of round 10 will be 18. For rounds 11 through 12, you're simply going to work in single crochet evenly around, which I've already done here and then we're gonna start stuffing the carrot. You're going to keep firmly stuffing the carrot as you continue. I'm gonna remove my hook, so just pull on that a little bit so your yarn doesn't pull out so easily. Then grab some stuffing and then just put it right in there. I just find that if you start stuffing from the beginning, it's less likely that your carrot will look lumpy, if you decide to stuff at the very, very end. I'm gonna put my hook back in, stitch marker is flipped up and we're going to start round 13, which is another decrease round. We're going to work our invisible decrease and then seven single crochets evenly. We're gonna repeat that motif two times for a total of 16 stitches all the way around. For rounds 14 through 19, you're simply going to work single crochet evenly around, so that's 16 stitches all the way around. Then for round 20, you're going to start decreasing again. That's one invisible decrease and six single crochets two times around for a total of 14 stitches. Then rounds 21 through 24 are again working single crochet evenly around and don't forget to keep stuffing as you go. For the remaining rounds, you're just going to work one invisible decrease and three single crochets for a total of eight times until you only have six stitches left. So you're going to stop counting rounds at this point and just keep track of how many decreases you're actually making. So it's one invisible decrease and then three single crochet evenly, around and around and around, until six remain. And here's my last one. It's the invisible decrease and then three single crochet. Then work a slip stitch in the next stitch to join. To work a slip stitch, insert your hook into the desired stitch, yarn over and pull through both loops. You're gonna break off, giving yourself about eight inches of yarn to work with. Then you're gonna yarn over one more time and pull this yarn tail all the way through. You can also remove your stitch marker at this point, just by giving it a tug. I wanna put a little more stuffing here at the end and since our opening is so small, I'm going to use my pencil to help. Just gonna grab a little bit of stuffing, kind of roll it around in your hand a bit to start compacting it and then you're going to use the pencil to help guide the stuffing in. I'll usually keep stuffing until there's a little bit more resistance against my pencil. So you wanna get your tapestry needle and string your yarn tail on it. We're going to weave through the remaining six stitches. Since this is coming to a point, I like to take my needle in the front loops only, from outside to inside. Give that a tug and tie a knot to secure. I'm going to weave through a couple stitches just to make sure my yarn tail isn't going to go anywhere. Then to hide a yarn tail in a three dimensional object, all you have to do is pop the needle back through where the yarn came out and bring the needle out anywhere on your project. Give the yarn tail a tug, snip it close, and the tail disappears inside your project. Now we're going to work on your carrot stems.

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- To begin our carrot stems or carrot fronds, we're actually going to start crocheting right to the carrot we just completed. So you wanna grab your G hook and insert it into this center hole from round one and bring it out through any space that's between the stitches of round one. You're going to be working in and out of these spaces. Grab your green yarn. And join it. How I join it is I put a slip knot on my crochet hook and then I just bring it through. To start the stem, chain 16. One, two, three, four, five, six, seven, eight, nine, 10, oops, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16. You're going to skip the first chain and work a slip stitch into the next six chains. So there's one slip stitch. The second. The third. The fourth. The fifth and the sixth. You're going to start chaining again seven times. One, two, three, four, five, six and seven and again, skip the first chain and work six slip stitches evenly in the remaining six here. So that's two three four five and six. And then you're going to slip stitch in the remaining nine chains from your original chain. So that's one, two, three, four, five, oops, five, six, seven, eight, and nine. And we're going to slip stitch to join. It's gonna look a little funny since we're working into the top of this carrot. But the slip stitch will look like this. Insert your hook into the center of the carrot again. And come out in the next space from round one. Like this, yarn over and pull through both loops. You're gonna do that one more time. Another slip stitch into the center and out of the next space from round one. And then you're going to make two more stems in the exact same way. I finished my stems and now I'm going to break off my yarn. Give yourself about eight inches of yarn to work with. Then yarn over and pull your yarn tail through. Then we're just gonna go ahead and weave in our yarn ends. The same way as before. Just weave through a couple of stitches to secure the tail and then to hide it, just pop it back through the carrot. Just give it a tug and snip it. And do the exact same thing with the second tail. Our carrot is almost finished but we're going to add some embroidered stitch details to make it a little more realistic. I strung about a yard of brown yarn on my tapestry needle and we're gonna start at the top. Just insert your tapestry needle any place and come out where you want to start your first line. Pull this out until you have enough yarn tail to tie off later. And you can use your own artistic eye for this. Keep your yarn lines horizontal. Count off maybe four stitches and you can create your stitch this way. I like to stagger them, so I'm gonna come out a little lower here. So that yarn line is straight but I came out a little bit lower. Keep this yarn line straight again. Insert it, maybe three or four stitches away. And I'm gonna come out on this side. Maybe here. So you can see how these guys are starting to look. One, two, three, here. And I'm gonna come out down here. You're going to keep working these horizontal lines staggered all the way around your carrot until you get to the very bottom. I'm feeling pretty good about how my carrot looks. I'm gonna tie off my yarn. What I'm gonna do is bring my needle up next to one of my stitches. And just tie a knot. I'm gonna tie it to this stitch. And then weave it in through a couple of these orange stitches to secure it. You can kind of give it a tug so that the knot starts disappearing into the carrot and then to hide this yarn tail, just pop it through like we did before and snip it. I'm going to tie off our beginning yarn tail in the same way. If you wanna work one stitch with this you can but if not just weave it back in toward this beginning stitch. And tie a knot. Weave it through a couple of orange stitches. Give it a tug. And then hide the yarn end. And that's all, folks.

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