

Rainbow Carrot

crochet pattern



These colorful crochet rainbow carrots hit the mark between charming and realistic. These will make the perfect, colorful addition to your little one's toy food collection or to your crochet fruit and veg centerpiece.



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General Notes & Tips

- 01 Artistry & Craftsmanship:** Crochet is an art and a science. Obviously certain rules must be followed to make the item look and work as it should, but YOU get to decide what makes it look and work as it should! I write my patterns just how I designed them to give you a clear direction, but at any time, I encourage you to follow your heart and ideas and let your inner artist be realized! We crochet because we love it, right? So, have fun!
- 02 Yarn:** Take your choice of yarn! Choose colors that bring you joy and fibers that feel good between your fingers. I use 100% organic cotton yarn because I make these toys for my kids and need them to be functional. Cotton is natural, washable, soft, and relatively inflexible so the toys don't stretch and sag – even after being thrown across the house, down the stairs and adventured through every part of the garden!
- It's very important for me to use only sustainable and eco-friendly yarn so I feel good about the impact I'm making on the environment with my craft. This is why I choose organic cotton versus conventional cotton.
- 03 Stuffing:** Stuff more than you think you should. Not enough for the stitches to stretch and show holes, but enough to make the toy stiff and able to withstand the rough trials of toy life. The filling will compress a bit over time. I encourage you to use an alternative to poly-fill (unless it's recycled!). Try using leftover yarn scraps and snippets or old non-donate-able clothes and materials that you've cut into strips.
- 04 Resources:** I have created a robust library of resources on my website: www.offthebeatenhook.com. These resources include video tutorials, quick reference cards (abbreviations, size conversion chart, etc), ultimate guides (to yarn, to hooks, etc). Any stitch you will use in this pattern is demonstrated in a stitch tutorial video on my website. Check out my resource library for lots of help and instruction!
- 05 Don't miss a free pattern!** Sign up on my website to be the first to know about new free patterns and printable resources - www.offthebeatenhook.com. Another great way to find out about fresh patterns and crochet goodness is to follow @offthebeatenhook on Instagram.

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Pattern Specific Notes & Tips

- 01** **Yarn & Tools:**
- Stylecraft Naturals Organic Cotton | 100% Organic Cotton | Weight: 3/DK/Light Worsted
 - Colors & Number of balls:
 - Stems: JADE (large carrot) & SEAGREEN (small carrot) - x1
 - Carrots: BUTTERMILK - x1, BLUE DUSK x1, & CARROT - x1
 - Lateral Root Scars: BONE - x1, or any off white/cream colored leftovers you have
 - Hook: 3.00 mm
 - Tapestry Needle
 - Stitch Markers
 - Scissors
 - Stuffing

- 02** **Size & Gauge:**
- Size:** This pattern includes the method for crocheting the carrots in two sizes - large & small. The method is the same, but the number of rounds (on the carrot) and chains (on the stem/leaves) is different. Therefore for clarity, I have written the instructions for both separately.

The large carrot measures 12", give or take depending on how the stem/leaves are arranged. The small carrot measures 10", give or take depending on how the stem/leaves are arranged.

Gauge: 4"x4" of single crochet = 28 stitches x 30 rows. Ultimately with toys, gauge doesn't matter. It won't have to fit someone's body or a specific space. My patterns will include the size of the finished toy based on the yarn and hook I use. But if you want it smaller or bigger, just use a bigger yarn and hook! Just remember, when crocheting toys, crochet tightly and choose a hook one size smaller than the yarn size recommends in order to avoid holes between each stitch where the stuffing will show through.

- 03** **Special Stitches:** The vast majority of this project is made using single crochet but there are a couple special stitches or techniques you may not be familiar with - all stitches used are indicated immediately below. You can find a video tutorial of exactly how to make all the stitches in this pattern in the Resource Library on my website: www.offthebeatenhook.com.

- 04** **Abbreviations used in this pattern:**

ch - chain
st - stitch
hk - hook
sl st - slip stitch
sc - single crochet
inc - increase
dec - decrease
(...) x - repeat instructions indicated number of times
[...] - number of stitches in row/round

The Pattern

stem & leaves - large

- The stem and leaves are worked by making a long chain and working your way back down the chain
- I recommend crocheting into the back bump of the chain as it's look and feel are more tight and clean

Use the green yarn and leave a starting tail of 4 inches

Row 1: ch 35, sc in the 2nd ch from the hk, and in the next 9 ch, sl st in next 2 ch, (ch 11, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 9 ch, sl st in the next 2 ch along the stem) x4 for a total of 5 leaves. Sl st all the way back down the stem to the start of your chain. **PHOTO 02**

Row 2: repeat row 1, except make a ch of 30 (rather than 35) **PH. 03**

Row 3: repeat row 1, except make a ch of 25 (rather than 35) **PHOTO 04 & 05**

Fasten off, leaving a tail of 4 inches **PHOTO 06 complete**

carrot - large

- The carrot is worked in continuous rounds - do not join at the end of each round
- Use your choice of mixed colors (purple, orange or yellow) for the carrots

Rnd 1: st 6 in a magic circle - when you close the circle, don't pull it all the way tight yet because you'll want a bit of a hole to pull the yarn tails for the stem through [6]

Rnd 2: inc in each st around [12]

Rnd 3: (sc in next st, inc in next st) x6 [18] **PHOTO 07**

Pull the stem yarn tails through the hole of the magic circle. Tighten the magic circle firmly. Grasping the magic circle tail and both of the tails of the stem, tie a knot as closely to the magic circle as possible. Knot it again. **PHOTO 08 & 09**

Rnd 4-11: sc in each st around [18]

Rnd 12: (sc in next 4 st, dec in next st) x3 [15]

Rnd 13-19: sc in each st around [15] **STUFF CARROT | PHOTO 10**

Rnd 20: (sc in next 3 st, dec in next st) x3 [12]

Rnd 21-27: sc in each st around [12] **STUFF AGAIN | PHOTO 11**

Rnd 28: (sc in next 2 st, dec in next st) x3 [9]

Rnd 29-35: sc in each st around [9] **STUFF YET AGAIN**

Rnd 36: (sc in next st, dec in next st) x3 [6]

Rnd 37-41: sc in each st around [6] **STUFF ONE MORE TIME!**

Rnd 42: dec around [3]

Pull yarn through last two loops and snip, leaving a 4 inch tail. Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 3 stitches. Fasten off. Snip, leaving 2 inches. Fray yarn end for root.



stem & leaves - small

Use the green yarn and leave a starting tail of 4 inches

Row 1: ch 30, sc in the 2nd ch from the hk, and in the next 7 ch, sl st in next 2 ch, (ch 9, sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in the next 7 ch, sl st in the next 2 ch along the stem) x3 for a total of 4 leaves. Sl st all the way back down the stem to the start of your chain.

Row 2: repeat row 1, except make a ch of 25 (rather than 30)

Row 3: repeat row 1, except make a ch of 20 (rather than 30)

Fasten off, leaving a tail of 4 inches.

carrot - small

- The carrot is worked in continuous rounds - do not join at the end of each round
- Use your choice of mixed colors (purple, orange or yellow) for the carrots

Rnd 1: st 6 in a magic circle - when you close the circle, don't pull it all the way tight yet because you'll want a bit of a hole to pull the yarn tails for the stem through [6]

Rnd 2: inc in each st around [12]

Pull the stem yarn tails through the hole of the magic circle. Tighten the magic circle firmly. Grasping the magic circle tail and both of the tails of the stem, tie a knot as closely to the magic circle as possible. Knot it again.

Rnd 3-10: sc in each st around [12]

Rnd 11: (sc in next 2 st, dec in next st) x3 [9]

Rnd 12-19: sc in each st around [9] **STUFF CARROT**

Rnd 20: (sc in next st, dec in next st) x3 [6]

Rnd 21-28: sc in each st around [6] **STUFF AGAIN**

Rnd 29: dec around [3]

Pull yarn through last two loops and snip, leaving a 4 inch tail. Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn tail through the front loop of the remaining 3 stitches. Fasten off. Snip, leaving 2 inches. Fray yarn end for root.

ADD LATERAL ROOT SCARS: Using a tapestry needle and a length of embroidery thread or a DK weight yarn split into two (4 strands each), weave your need into the carrot, towards the top and out the opposite side, then thread the needle back into the carrot, 2 stitches to the right or left. Continue this randomly several times over the carrot (12-15 on large, 10 on small), adding little bits of realistic root scars all around the outer skin. Pull gently with each one, so the root scars create little dimples, causing the carrot to become a bit bumpy all around.



Finished Photos

