

# How to Crochet an Autumn Squirrel Wreath

By Natalie Beard

@sewing\_the\_seeds\_of\_love

## Materials

3.5mm hook

16" Rattan Grapevine Wreath

Glue gun and glue sticks

1x pair of Safety eyes

Mini Wooden Lolly Sticks

Kraft Brown Jute Twine

Toy Stuffing

KC Tiny Friends, DK, 1x of each of the following:

Red

Tangerine

Mustard

Yellow

Dark Brown

Rust

Beige

Mink

Lime

Bright Green

Dark Green

Dark Blue

Light Blue

Turquoise

Black

## **Pattern**

### **Squirrel**



#### **Head**

Using 3.5mm hook and black, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** Work 6dc into the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

**Change to Rust**

**Rnd 3.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (9dc)

**Rnd 4.** 1dc in each st around (9dc)

**Rnd 5.** [2dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (12dc)

**Rnd 6.** 1dc in each st around (12dc)

**Rnd 7.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (18dc)

**Rnd 8.** [2dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (24dc)

**Rnd 9.** [3dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (30dc)

Insert safety eyes between R8 and R9, 8sts apart.

**Rnd 10.** [4dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (36dc)

**Rnds 11-15.** 1dc in each st around (36dc)

**Rnd 16.** [4dc, dc2tog] 6 times (30dc)

Start to stuff with fibre filling.

**Rnd 17.** [3dc, dc2tog] 6times (24dc)

**Rnd 18.** [2dc, dc2tog] 6times (18dc)

**Rnd 19.** [1dc, dc2tog] 6times (12dc)

**Rnd 20.** [dc2tog] 6times (6dc)

Fasten off and sew shut, sew in your ends.

## **Body**

Using 3.5mm hook and Rust, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** Work 6dc into the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** [2dc into next st] 6 times (12dc)

**Rnd 3.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (18dc)

**Rnd 4.** [2dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (24dc)

**Rnds 5-7.** 1dc in each st around (24dc)

**Change to Turquoise**

**Rnds 8-9.** 1dc in each st around (24dc)

**Change to Light Blue**

**Rnds 10-11.** Repeat Rnd 8 (24dc)

**Change to Turquoise**

**Rnds 12-13.** Repeat Rnd 8 (24dc)

**Change to Light Blue**

**Rnds 14-15.** Repeat Rnd 8 (24dc)

**Change to Turquoise**

**Rnds 16-17.** Repeat Rnd 8 (24dc)

Start to stuff with fibre filling.

**Change to Light Blue**

**Rnd 18.** [2dc, dc2tog] 6 times (18dc)

**Rnd 19.** [1dc, dc2tog] 6 times (12dc)

**Rnd 20.** [dc2tog] 6 times (6dc)

Fasten off and sew in the ends.

### **Ear (make 2)**

Using 3.5mm hook and Rust, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** Work 6dc into the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

**Rnd 3.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (9dc)

**Rnd 4.** 1dc in each st around (9dc)

**Rnd 5.** [2dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (12dc)

**Rnd 6.** 1dc in each st around (12dc)

**Rnd 7.** [2dc, dc2tog] 3 times (9dc)

**Rnd 8.** 1dc in each st around (9dc)

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew to the head.

### **Leg (make 2)**

Using 3.5mm hook and Rust, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 6dc into the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (9dc)

**Rnds 3-4.** 1dc in each st around (9dc)

Start to lightly stuff with fibre filling.

**Rnd 5.** [1dc, dc2tog] 3 times (6dc)

**Rnds 6-7.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew to the bottom of the body.

### **Arm (make 2)**

Using 3.5mm hook and Rust, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 6dc into the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (9dc)

**Rnd 3.** 1dc in each st around (9dc)

Start to lightly stuff with fibre filling.

**Rnd 4.** [1dc, dc2tog] 3 times (6dc)

**Rnd 5.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

**Change to Turquoise**

**Rnds 6-7.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

**Change to Light Blue**

**Rnds 8-9.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

**Change to Turquoise**

**Rnds 10-11.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

**Change to Light Blue**

**Rnds 12-13.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew to either side of the body.

**Tail**

Using 3.5mm hook and Rust, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 6dc in mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (9dc)

**Rnd 3.** [2dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (12dc)

**Rnd 4.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (18dc)

**Rnd 5.** [2dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (24dc)

**Rnds 6-10.** 1dc in each st around (24dc)

**Rnd 11.** [3dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (30dc)

**Rnds 12-13.** 1dc in each st around (30dc)

**Rnd 14.** [4dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (36dc)

**Rnds 15-18.** 1dc in each st around (36dc)

**Rnd 19.** [10dc, dc2tog] 3 times (33dc)

**Rnd 20.** [9dc, dc2tog] 3 times (30dc)

**Rnd 21.** [8dc, dc2tog] 3 times (27dc)

**Rnd 22.** [7dc, dc2tog] 3 times (24dc)

**Rnd 23.** [6dc, dc2tog] 3 times (21dc)

**Rnds 24-26.** 1dc in each st around (21dc)

**Rnd 27.** [5dc, dc2tog] 3 times (18dc)

**Rnd 28.** [4dc, dc2tog] 3 times (15dc)

**Rnd 29.** [3dc, dc2tog] 3 times (12dc)

**Rnds 30-32.** 1dc in each st around (12dc)

**Rnd 33.** You will now crochet the tail closed, put both sides of the opening together, ch1 and 1dc through both sts, 6times (6dc)

**Bag**

Using 3.5mm hook and Dark Blue, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 6dc in to the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** [2dc into next st] 6 times (12dc)

**Rnd 3.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (18dc)

**Rnds 4-6.** 1dc in each st around (18dc)

Fasten off and sew in the ends.

### **Bag Strap**

Using 3.5mm hook and Dark Blue, ch20

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew to the main part of the bag.

### **Oak leaf (make 3 Tangerine, 3x Mustard and 2x Yellow)**

Using 3.5mm hook, ch20

**Rnd 1.** 1dc in the 2nd ch from the hook, 3dc, 4htr, 5tr, 5dtr, [8dtr] in the last ch, **now work along the other side of your foundation ch.** 5dtr, 5tr, 4htr, 4dc. **Stem** sl st in the same ch, ch5, 1dc in the 2nd ch from the hook, 1 sl st in the next 3 ch.

**Rnd 2.** 3htr, tr (3tr, ch3, slst), 2sl st, dc, htr, tr, (3dtr, ch4, sl st) in the next st, sl st, dc, htr, 3tr, (3dtr, ch4, sl st) in the next st, dc, htr, tr, (3tr, 2dtr, 3tr) tr, htr, dc, (sl st, ch4, 3dtr) in the next st, 3tr, htr, dc, sl st, (sl st, ch4, 3dtr) in the next st, tr, htr, dc, 2sl st, (sl st, ch3, 3tr) in the next st, tr, htr, dc, 2slst.

Fasten off and sew in the ends.

### **Acorn (make 9)**

#### **Acorn**

Using 3.5mm hook and Mink, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 6dc in to the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** [2dc into next st] 6 times (12dc)

**Rnds 3-8.** 1dc in each st around (12dc)

Start to stuff with fibre filling.

**Rnd 9.** [dc2tog] 6 times (6dc)

Fasten off and sew shut.

#### **Acorn cup**

Using 3.5mm hook and Dark Brown, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** Ch5, 1dc in the 2nd ch from the hook, sl st in the next 3 ch. Work 6dc in the mc.

**Rnd 2.** [2dc into next st] 6 times (12dc)

**Rnd 3.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 6 times (18dc)

**Rnds 4-5.** 1dc in each st around (18dc)

Fasten off and sew in the ends.

## **Pumpkin (make 3, 1x in each of the following colours)**

**Tangerine/ Mustard/Yellow**



Ch17

R1. 1htr in 3<sup>rd</sup> ch from hook, 1htr in each st. (15htr)

R2-20. Ch2, turn, 1htr in each st to the end (15htr)

Putting the 2 short ends together, work 1dc in each st to crochet shut.

Next, using a long piece of yarn, whip stitch around the bottom and pull shut, secure and sew in the ends. Repeat this process with the top, stuff with fibre filling, stitch through to the bottom and squash a little before stitching shut.

## **Stalk**

Using 3.5mm hook and Teal, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 1dc in each st to the end (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** Working in blo, 1dc in each st (6dc)

**Rnd 3.** 1dc in each st to the end (6dc)

Fasten off, leaving a tail to sew to the top of the pumpkin.

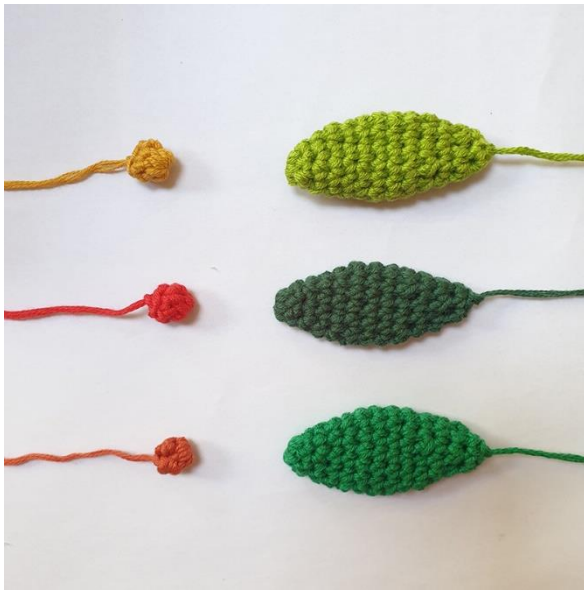
## **Curly stem**

Using 3.5mm hook and Teal, ch20

**Row 1.** Work 3dc into the 2nd ch from the hook, work 3dc in each ch to the end.

Fasten off leaving a long tail to sew to the pumpkin.

## **Leaves and Berries**



## **Leaf (make x4 Lime, x5 Light, x6 Dark Green)**

Using 3.5mm hook, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 6dc in to the mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

**Rnd 3.** [1dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (9dc)



**Rnd 4.** 1dc in each st around (9dc)

**Rnd 5.** [2dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (12dc)

**Rnd 6.** 1dc in each st around (12dc)

**Rnd 7.** [3dc, 2dc into next st] 3 times (15dc)

**Rnds 8-10.** 1dc in each st around (15dc)

**Rnd 11.** [3dc, dc2tog] 3 times (12dc)

**Rnd 12.** 1dc in each st around (12dc)

**Rnd 13.** [1dc, dc2tog] 3 times (9dc)

**Rnd 14.** 1dc in each st around (9dc)

**Rnd 15.** [dc2tog] 3 times (6dc)

**Rnd 16.** 1dc in each st around (6dc)

Fasten off and sew in the ends.

### **Berry (make x12 Red, x5 Rust, x7 Mustard)**

Using 3.5mm hook, make a magic circle

**Rnd 1.** 6dc in mc (6dc)

**Rnd 2.** 1dc in each st (6dc)

Fasten off and sew in the ends.

## Rope Ladder



Using the jute twine, cut 2x 1meter lengths and tie in place to the rattan wreath.

Use the glue gun to stick the lollipop sticks to the twine, use 2x lollipop sticks for each strut of the ladder.

Glue the squirrel in place around halfway up the ladder.

Now start to position all of the other components of the wreath and begin to glue in place, start at the bottom and work around to the top.

You have finished your squirrel wreath!