



STRING ART PUMPKIN

SUPPLIES & TOOLS

- Crochet Thread - Orange or White for pumpkin
- Crochet Thread - Green or white for leaves and vines
- 15" Latex Balloons
- Stiffy Fabric Stiffener or Mod Podge
- 1" foam brush to apply Stiffy or Mod Podge
- Cup to rest balloon on to dry
• Thin paint brush
- Scissors
- Orange and green paint* (if using white crochet thread)
- Scrap of brown cardstock to make a stem
- Low temp Glue Gun & Glue Sticks

Good to Have:

Plastic/vinyl disposable gloves

Extras:

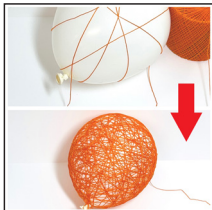
Glitter
Leaves, Firefly Lights, Garland or stringing material, etc.



INSTRUCTIONS

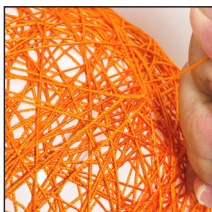


1. Take the balloon and blow it up to about 6". Tie a secure knot.



2. Leaving a short tail, start to wrap the crochet thread around the balloon. Have the thread crisscross over each other.

Turn the balloon every so often so that the thread goes in different directions. Make sure to cover the balloon evenly.



3. After the balloon is completely wrapped, tuck the end of the thread under a strand and tie off.

INSTRUCTIONS CONTINUED



4. Take the thread covered balloon and cover all the threads with Stiffy fabric stiffener. Make sure the coating goes through the threads completely. You can apply the Stiffy with a foam brush or with your hands.

TIP: Wear disposable gloves when applying the Stiffy.



5. Place the covered balloon on a cup or something similar to dry. It usually takes a few hours to completely dry.

Optional: You can sprinkle glitter on the wet piece before drying.



6. Since the Stiffy has also glued the threads to the balloon itself, it is important to separate them, or the final shape may get distorted when the balloon is deflated.

Loosen the threads from the balloon by pushing the rounded end of a paintbrush through the holes in the threading. This pushes the balloon inwards and separates the thread from the balloon.



7. Deflate the balloon by cutting off the knot.

Pull the balloon out with a pair of tweezers or scissors.

If an area was still stuck to the balloon, it may pull the threads out of shape. Stick a chopstick or scissors inside to reshape.



8. Finishing touches:

If you used white crochet thread, you can paint it with orange paint.

Decorate by adding leaves. Here I made a green balloon and cut out leaves from that. Or add a jack o' lantern face with felt or foam pieces.

Cluster together in a basket or tie up like a garland and add firefly lights.