Carrot Brooch

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Tools & Materials:

- Small amount of orange wool roving
- Felting needle & mat
- Bar of soap & towel
- Scissors
- Sewing needle
- White sewing thread
- Orange sewing thread
- Sock-weight yarn in bright green
- 1.75 mm crochet hook
- Tapestry needle
- Knitting markers X 2
- Pin back

Process

Fold in half a wisp of orange wool roving, then roll it up to create an elongated shape. One side will taper more — this is the carrot's root.

Using a felting needle and a mat, felt around the "carrot" to hold fibres together and roughly shape it up. Add any extra fibres to cover uneven areas.

Wet felt the carrot: apply a small amount of hot water and then soap to the carrot. Roll it between your palms, gently pressing on the carrot as you go along.
When the fibres have compacted and the shape looks carrot-y enough, run it under cold water to rinse off the soap, and pat dry with a towel.

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If the carrot's tail is too long, chop it off with scissors and wet-felt the remaining end to make it smooth.
Leave for a few hours (or however long you need) to fully dry.

When dry, cut away any sticking fibres to give it smooth and neat appearance.

Using white sewing thread, make small horizontal stitches on the carrot's body.

Using the diagram below crochet three carrot stems. You will need bright green sock-weight yarn and a 1.75 cm hook.

Make a slip knot.
CH8, insert a marker (8th chain)
CH8, SL ST in the chain with a marker
CH3, insert a marker (3rd chain)
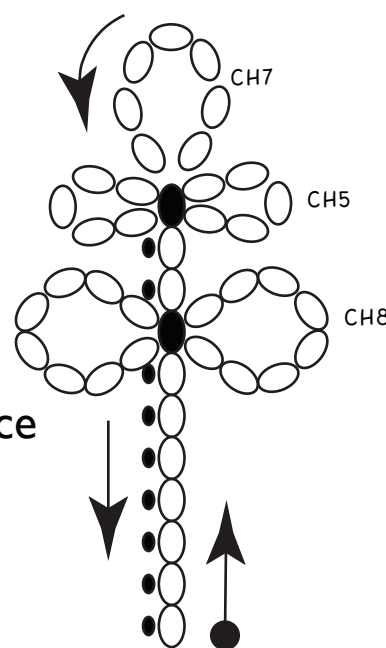CH5, SL ST in the chain with a marker
CH7, SL ST in the chain with a marker
CH5, SL ST in the chain with a marker
3 SL ST (the last will be in the same chain space as the first "leaf")
CH8, SL ST in the chain with a marker
7 SL ST in each chain space of the stem

Whip-stitch the sides of all stems together to make one bunch of greens.

Attach the bunch to the top of the carrot with small whip stitches.

Stitch a pin back to the carrot.

And it's ready!