

Knitted Pumpkin

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Each decorative pumpkin is knitted flat and seamed. The shaping is added after they are stuffed. You can make the stalks either by knitting flat and seaming or working an I-cord (both methods are included)

This pattern is for DK (worsted weight yarn) However, do feel free to try other yarns, to create your own personal pumpkin collection.

Pattern Information

Pumpkin sizes-

knitted with Stylecraft Special double Knit

Small- diameter 6cm/2.25" x height 4m/1.5"

Medium- diameter 8cm/3" x height 5cm/2"

Large- diameter 10cm/4" x height 6cm/2.5"

Needle size

4mm (UK 8 / USA 6)

Tension - 20sts x 24rows = 10cm (4") st.st. Square

Recommended yarn: - Stylecraft Special double Knit or

Paint box yarns Simply DK

You will need-

Large- 15g / 45m / 48yds

Medium- 8g / 24m / 26yds

Small- 4g / 12m / 13yds

Also

Toy stuffing

Large eye needle for sewing up

Abbreviations

k=knit

p=purl

kfb= increase 1 stitch by knitting into front and then back of the same stitch (1 stitch increased)

ssk= ssk= slip next st knit wise, slip following stitch purl wise, Insert the tip of the left needle, from left to right, into the fronts of the 2 slipped stitches and knit them together as one stitch. (1 stitch decreased)

(If you are new to knitting, k2tog may be easier. It

works just the same but leaves

a little "bump" on the front of the work.)

stst = stocking stitch

C&T= Cut and thread yarn

through remaining stitches



Pumpkin Patterns

Small Pumpkin

R1: CO9 *leave a long tail for sewing up*
R2: Kfb to last st, k1, (17)
R3: p
R4: Kfb to last st, k1, (33)
R5-21: stst 17 rows *starting with a p row*
R22: ssk to last st, k1 (17)
R23: p
R24: ssk to last st, k1 (9)
R25: C&T

Medium Pumpkin

R1:CO9 *leave a long tail for sewing up*
R2: Kfb to last st, k1, (17)
R3: p
R4: Kfb to last st, k1, (33)
R5: p
R6: (k1, kfb) repeat to last st, k1 (49)
R7-29: stst 23 rows *starting with a p row*
R30: (k1, ssk) repeat to last st, k1 (33)
R31: p
R32: ssk to last st, k1 (17)
R33: p
R34: ssk to last st, k1 (9)
R35: C&T

Large Pumpkin

R1:CO9 *leave a long tail for sewing up*
R2: Kfb to last st, k1, (17)
R3: p
R4: Kfb to last st, k1, (33)
R5: p
R6: (k1, kfb) repeat to last st, k1 (49)
R7: p
R8: (k2, kfb) repeat to last st, k1 (65)
R9-37: stst 29 rows *starting with a p row*
R38 : (k2, ssk) repeat to last st, k1 (49)
R39: p
R40: (k1, ssk) repeat to last st, k1 (33)
R41: p
R42: ssk to last st, k1 (17)
R43: p
R44: ssk to last st, k1 (9)
R45: C&T

Pumpkin stalk

Using Green yarn

Small pumpkin CO3sts, I-Cord or Stst 9 rows

Medium Pumpkin CO5sts, I-Cord or stst 12rows

Large pumpkin- CO5sts, I-Cord or stst 15 rows

Making up

With right side showing use the long tail at the cast on These sizes show the circumference of each pumpkin edge to gather the cast on stitches together, then use before you finish sewing up and shaping- simply measure mattress stitch to sew the side seam. Stop sewing a few around the fullest part of the pumpkin.

cm's before the end of the seam, this will allow you to

stuff the pumpkin easily. Small - 20cm 8"

Stuff each pumpkin lightly, if you overstuff the pumpkin Medium - 26cm /10.25"

you will find it difficult to shape later. Large - 34cm /13"

Sew the last section of the side seam and fasten off.
Pull the C&T yarn to close the top and fasten off. You will now have a knitted sphere or ball.



Take a length of matching yarn and secure it in the middle of the cast on gathers of your pumpkin, pass the needles through the middle of the pumpkin from bottom to top. Do not worry if you don't know which is the cast on edge- just pick a gathered end!) I have used a contrasting colour for the illustrations.



Next pass the yarn around the outside of the pumpkin and push the needle up again through the base to the top. You will now have a loop of yarn around your pumpkin. Position this first loop over the side seam (This will hide the seam in the fold of the pumpkin). Pull firmly on the yarn to create an indent in the pumpkin.



Place the next stitch opposite the first stitch to give you 2 equal halves of pumpkin.

Now make another pair of stitches to divide the pumpkin into quarters.



Make another pair of stitches to divide two opposite quarters into halves



The last pair of stitches are placed to divide the remaining quarters to create 8 sections in total
Securely fasten off the yarn.



Pumpkin Stalk

Knitted Flat-

Pull the C&T yarn to gather the top of the stalk then carefully sew the side seam to the Cast on edge.
Sew the stalk into the indent at the top of the pumpkin.

I-Cord-

Pull the C&T yarn to gather the top of the stalk, fasten off and weave the end.

Sew the stalk into the indent at the top of the pumpkin.

Gently curve the stalk, you may find a little hairspray will help hold it in shape.