

Knitted Pumpkin

Supplies needed:

Pattern

Orange and Brown Worsted Weight yarn and size 7 or 8 straight knitting needles

You'll also need some stuffing and a darning needle.

Cast On 32 stitches.

Row 1: *K3, P1* (repeat to end of row)

Row 2-5: Repeat 4 more times.

Row 6: *K3, P1, M1 (repeat to end of row)

Row 7: *K3, P2* (repeat to end of row)

Row 8-9: Repeat 2 more times.

Row 10: * K2, M1, K1, P2* (repeat to end of row)

Row 11: *K4, P2* (repeat to end of row)

Rows 12-26: Repeat 15 more times, depending on how tall or short you want your pumpkin)

Row 27: *K1, K2tog, K1, P2* (repeat to end of row)

Row 28: *K3, P2* (repeat to end of row)

Row 29-30: Repeat 2 more times

Row 31: *K3, P2tog* (repeat to end of row)

Row 32: *K3, P1* (repeat to end of row)

Rows 33-34: repeat 2 more times

Cast Off keeping an 12 inch tail of yarn to work with.

Pull top tail yarn through each remaining stitch on needles in the direction you would be knitting but do not gather yet. This is the opening you will use to put the stuffing in.

Thread bottom tail into the CO stitches, pull tight to gather together and close the opening. Then pull this same yarn up through the top opening. Stuff pumpkin with polyester fiberfill, keeping bottom tail pulled through center of stuffing. Pull tight enough to pucker the bottom and top of pumpkin into desired shape. Knot together with top tail and weave ends through top part of pumpkin and cut.

Stem: make an I-cord by using size 7 DPN's. CO 3 stitches and knit about 2.5 inches. Sew to top of pumpkin.

Optional Leaf: (suggest a medium green worsted weight and size 7- 8 needles) Cast on 5 stitches.

Row 1: K5

Row 2: K1, M1, K3, M1, K1

Row 3: K2, P3, K2

Row 4: K (you now have 7 stitches)

Row 5: K2tog, P3, K2tog

Row 6: K (you have 5 stitches)

Row 7: K2tog, P1, K2tog (you have 3 stitches)

Row 8: K

Row 9: Bind Off and attach leaf to top of pumpkin

Note you could also create a 3-stitch I-Cord if you wanted a curling vine to go with the leaf. Make it about 3 inches long.