

Knitables

Pumpkin



Measurements

Pumpkin height measures approximately 10cm (3.9in), width approximately 7cm (2.75in)

Equipment and Materials

One pair of 3.25mm knitting needles (UK10 / US3)

Double pointed needles (DPNs) optional

One wool sewing needle

Scissors

Good quality washable polyester toy filling

Yarn

The yarns listed may be substituted for any DK yarn. The yarn amounts are approximate.

Pumpkin: **Yarn A** Schachenmayr Merino Extrafine 120, Colour Orange (4571), 12g

Pumpkin: **Yarn B** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Black (003), oddment of yarn

Pumpkin, leaf and vine: **Yarn C** Debbie Bliss Rialto DK, Colour Moss (010), oddment of yarn

Pattern Notes

Tension

25sts and 34 rows to 10cm (4in) over st-st on 3.25mm needles.

When knitting toys personal knitting tension is not too much of a concern. However, if your knitting tension is generally on the looser side then you may want to move down a needle size.

Instructions in round brackets

These are to be repeated the number of times stated after the closing bracket.

Casting on/off

The cable cast on method is recommended. Cast off knit wise unless otherwise stated. When it states cast off *loosely* you may wish to cast off using a larger needle, for example a size 4½ or 5mm.

Casting off requires the use of an additional stitch. For example, if the pattern states cast off 10 sts, you will need to use 11 sts to do so. So please bear this in mind when counting stitches.

Working in stripes

When knitting different coloured stripes, carry yarns loosely up side of work.

Making up

To create a neat, invisible seam when joining pieces use a mattress stitch, with right side of work uppermost. When casting on leave a length of yarn that could be used to sew up the seam if required.

Working embroidered stitches

Thread sewing needle with required yarn and knot end of yarn. Take needle through the stuffed toy and bring it out at the position required. Pull yarn to draw the knotted end right inside the stuffing. Now work the embroidered stitches. Pass the needle back through the toy to come out in a new position between the knitted stitches. Pass the needle back through the toy again between the same knitted stitches to come out at a different position. Repeat until yarn is securely fastened off.

Abbreviations

K	Knit
P	Purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)
beg	Beginning
tog	Together
m1	Make one stitch by picking up the horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into the back of it
Inc 1	Increase one by knitting into the front and back of the stitch
K2 tog	Knit two stitches together
SSK	Slip, slip, knit (Decrease - slip the next stitch on the left needle knitwise, then slip the next stitch on the left needle purlwise. Take the left needle and knit through the front of the two slipped stitches on the right needle)
P2 tog	Purl two stitches together
SSP	Slip, slip, purl (Decrease - slip the next two stitches knitwise, one at a time, to right hand needle. Move these two stitches back to the left hand needle. Insert the right needle into these two stitches through their back loops and purl these two slipped stitches together)
sl1	Slip 1 stitch (stitch is passed from the left needle to the right needle without being knitted, slip purl-wise)
pssso	Pass slip stitch over (pass the slipped stitch over the knit stitch and off the needle)
st-st	Stocking stitch (1 row knit, 1 row purl)
g-st	Garter stitch (every row knit)
moss	Moss stitch (K1, P1)
rib	Ribbing (vertical columns of knit and purl stitches, side by side, as in K1, P1)
yrn	Yarn round needle (take strand of yarn under and over tip of right hand needle to make a stitch, then continue as given in instructions)
yb	Yarn back (take yarn to the back before working the next stitch)
yf	Yarn forward (bring yarn to the front before working the next stitch)
B & T	Break yarn, leaving a long end. Thread through remaining stitches on needle, draw up tightly and secure by threading yarn a second time through sts

Tutorials

For tips and advice on the various stitches and techniques used in this pattern, please refer to the video tutorials on www.knitable.com

Toy Safety

Please ensure that attached pieces are sewn on very securely and seams are tightly finished off.

Pumpkin

Beg at bottom of pumpkin and with yarn **A** cast on 10 sts

Row 1 (Inc 1) 9 times, K1 (19 sts)

Row 2 K1, (P1, K1) 9 times,

Row 3 P1, (m1, K1, P1) 9 times (28 sts)

Row 4 K1, (P2, K1) 9 times

Row 5 P1, (K1, m1, K1, P1) 9 times (37 sts)

Row 6 K1, (P3, K1) 9 times

Row 7 P1, (K3, P1) 9 times

Row 8 K1, (P3, K1) 9 times

Row 9 P1, (K2, m1, K1, P1) 9 times (46 sts)

Row 10 K1, (P4, K1) 9 times

Row 11 P1, (K4, P1) 9 times

Row 12 K1, (P4, K1) 9 times

Row 13 (P1, K4) 4 times, in yarn **B** K4, in **A** K1, in **B** K1, in **A** (K4, P1) 4 times

Row 14 (K1, P4) 3 times, K1, P3, in **B** P5, in **A** P1, in **B** P2, in **A** P3, K1, (P4, K1) 3 times

Row 15 (P1, K4) 3 times, P1, K2, in **B** K2, in **A** K6, in **B** K2, in **A** K2, P1, (K4, P1) 3 times

Row 16 (K1, P4) 3 times, K1, P1, in **B** P2, in **A** P1, K1, P4, K1, P1, in **B** P2, in **A** P1, K1, (P4, K1) 3 times

Row 17 (P1, K4) 3 times, P1, K1, in **B** K1, in **A** K2, P1, K4, P1, K2, in **B** K1, in **A** K1, P1, (K4, P1) 3 times

Row 18 K1, (P4, K1) 9 times

Row 19 (P1, K4) 4 times, P1, K1, in **B** K1, m1, K1, in **A** K1, P1, (K4, P1) 4 times

Row 20 (K1, P4) 4 times, K1, P1, in **B** P3, in **A** P1, K1, (P4, K1) 4 times

Row 21 (P1, K4) 3 times, P1, K1, m1, K3, P1, K1, sl1, K2tog, psso, m1, K1, P1, K3, m1, K1, P1, (K4, P1) 3 times

Row 22 (K1, P4) 3 times, K1, P1, in **B** P1, in **A** P1, in **B** P1, in **A** P1, K1, P4, K1, P1, in **B** P1, in **A** P1, in **B** P1, in **A** P1, K1, (P4, K1) 3 times

Row 23 (P1, K4) 3 times, P1, K1, m1, in **B** K3, in **A** K1, P1, K4, P1, K1, in **B** K3, in **A** m1, K1, P1, (K4, P1) 3 times

Row 24 (K1, P4) 3 times, K1, P2, in **B** P3, in **A** P1, K1, P4, K1, P1, in **B** P3, in **A** P2, K1, (P4, K1) 3 times

Row 25 (P1, K4) 3 times, P1, K2, sl1, K2tog, psso, K1, P1, K4, P1, K1, sl1, K2tog, psso, K2, P1, (K4, P1) 3 times

Row 26 K1, (P4, K1) 9 times

Row 27 P1, (K4, P1) 9 times

Row 28 K1, (P4, K1) 9 times

Row 29 P1, (K1, K2tog, K1, P1) 9 times (37 sts)

Row 30 K1, (P3, K1) 9 times

Row 31 P1, (K1, K2tog, P1) 9 times (28 sts)

Row 32 K1, (P2, K1) 9 times

Row 33 (In **A** P1, K2tog, P1, in **C** K2tog) 4 times, in **A** P1, K2tog, P1 (19 sts)

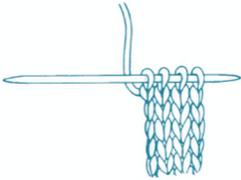
Row 34 (In **A** K1, P1, K1, in **C** K1) 4 times, in **A** K1, P1, K1

Row 35 In **C** (K2tog) 9 times, K1 (10 sts)

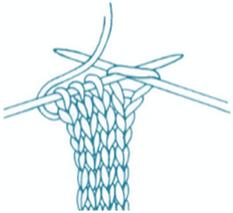
Row 36 P2, (P2tog, P2) 2 times (8 sts)

Row 37 (K2tog) 4 times (4 sts)

* **Rows 38 - 48** *Stem* You can knit these rows as you would normally on two needles; simply beg with a Purl row, st-st 11 rows, then cast off. OR you can change to double pointed needles (DPNs) and make an *l-cord*. This simple knitting technique creates a very narrow tube of knitting. To make the *l-cord*:



Row 38 Knit, do not turn the work
Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle



Row 39 Knit a second row by bringing the yarn behind the work and starting with the first stitch. Tug the work from the bottom after each first stitch to help it to take shape and to even out the tension. Continue knitting in this way for a further **9 Rows** (11 rows in total), then cast off.

Leaf

With yarn **C** cast on 3 sts

Rows 1 - 2 Beg with a Knit row, st-st 2 rows

Row 3 Cast on 3 sts by the cable cast on method,
Knit to last st, P1 (6 sts)

Row 4 Cast on 3 sts as before, Knit to end (9 sts)

Row 5 Inc 1, K1, SSK, yf, sl1 purlwise, yb, K2tog, Inc 1, K1

Row 6 *Next and every following alternate row:* Knit

Row 7 Inc 1, K1, SSK, yf, sl1 purlwise, yb, K2tog, Inc 1, K1

Row 9 K1, sl1, SSK, pssso, yf, sl1 purlwise, yb, sl1, K2tog,
pssso, K1 (5 sts)

Row 11 K1, slip 2 sts knitwise, K1, pass the 2 slipped sts over,
K1 (3 sts)

Row 13 Slip 2 sts knitwise, K1, pass the 2 slipped sts over (1 st)
B&T



Vine

With yarn **C** cast on 14 sts

Cast off

Work a gathering thread through the cast on stitches at the base, pull up tightly and join the seam from the bottom of the pumpkin to about a third of the way up. Then working down from the stem, join the seam, leaving an opening of approximately 2cm. Sew the leaf and the vine onto the pumpkin as illustrated. You can then choose to leave the seam open and fill the pumpkin with chocolates or sweets, so that it can be used as a trick or treat gift or party favour. Or you can fill the pumpkin with stuffing and make a spooktacular decoration!