

Knitted Pumpkin

Materials

Pumpkin colored yarn: knitting worsted weight or heavier

Green yarn: same weight as the pumpkin yarn

Needles

Double-pointed or circular needles for pumpkin body

Double-pointed needles for stem

This pattern is very easy. The size of the pumpkin will depend on the weight of the yarn you are using and the size of the needle. If using circular needles, be sure that you have enough stitches to go around the needle or learn the Magic Loop technique of knitting just a few stitches in the round on circular needles.

Pumpkin: Cast on the number of stitches that will give you the circumference you want. Be sure to cast on loosely. Knit around until the piece is about as tall you want the pumpkin to be. Remember to add a few rows for the top and bottom that fold in.

Do not bind off. Cut a length of yarn and run the yarn through the loops as you take them off the needle. (This is the bottom of the pumpkin.) Pull tightly. Pull the yarn up through the center of the pumpkin and stuff the pumpkin keeping the yarn in the center.

Thread the yarn through the cast on stitches and pull up tightly. Work the yarn tail that you brought up from the bottom through the center of the pumpkin into the top and trim. Fasten off the yarn tail from the top of the pumpkin.

Leaves (make 2 or 3): Cast on 3 stitches.

Row 1: K1, yo, K1, yo, K1.

Row 2, 4, 6 and 8: Purl

Row 3: K2, yo, K1, yo, K2.

Row 5: K3, yo, K1, yo, K3.

Row 7: SSK, K3, K2tog.

Row 9: SSK, K1, K2tog.

Row 10: S1, P2tog, PSSO.

End off.

Work in tail at tip of leaf. Sew leaves to the top of the pumpkin.

Stem: Using 2 double-pointed needles, cast on 5 stitches.

Knit across.

Slide the stitches to the other end of the needle and knit across. Repeat.

You will soon see a nice cord emerging from your needles.

Continue in this manner until the stem is the desired length.

Next Row: SSK, K1, K2 tog. Slide stitches to the other end of the needle.

Bind off 3 stitches.

Sew the stem to the pumpkin.

Using sticky felt, cut out the eyes, nose and mouth and stick to the pumpkin.

