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EASY

## MEASUREMENT

Pumpkin measures 3¾" (9.5 cm) tall after stuffing & seaming.

## GAUGE

16 sts and 22 rows = 4" [10 cm] in stocking st.

**Be sure to check your gauge.**

## MATERIALS

- **Red Heart® Super Saver®** (7 oz/198 g; 364 yds/333 m)
- **Contrast A** Aran A (0313) 1 ball
- **Contrast B** Gold (0321) **or** Carrot B (0256) 1 ball
- Susan Bates® U.S 7 (4.5mm) double-pointed knitting needles.
- Susan Bates® split lock-stitch markers
- Poly-Fil® Poly Pellets®
- Weighted Stuffing Beads
- Poly-Fil® fiber filling
- Susan Bates® yarn needle

## PUMPKIN

With A, cast on 36, leaving a long tail for seaming up bottom.

Divide sts evenly across double pointed needles, join round and mark first st.

### Increasing

**1st rnd:** Knit.

**2nd rnd:** \* K8, kfb; repeat from \* to end of round – 40 sts.

**3rd rnd:** Knit.

**4th rnd:** \* K9, kfb; repeat from \* to end of round – 44 sts.

**5th rnd:** Knit.

**6th rnd:** \* K10, kfb; repeat from \* to end of round – 48 sts.

**7th rnd:** Knit.

**8th rnd:** \* K11, kfb; repeat from \* to end of round – 52 sts.

**9th rnd:** Knit.

**10th rnd:** \* K16, kfb; repeat from \* to last st, k1 – 55 sts.

Proceed in Chevron pattern as follows:  
Change to B.

**1st, 3rd and 5th rnds:** \* K2tog, k2, kfb twice, k3, ssk; repeat from \* to end.

**2nd, 4th and 6th rnds:** Knit. Change to A.

**7th rnd:** Repeat 1st rnd.

**8th - 11th rnds:** Knit.

Repeat 1st - 8th rnds only once more.

### Decreasing

**1st rnd:** \* K16, k2tog; repeat from \* to last st, k1 – 52 sts.

**2nd rnd:** Knit.

**3rd rnd:** \* K11, k2tog; repeat from \* to end of round – 48 sts.

### Pause here to stuff Pumpkin as follows:

- Weave beginning yarn tail through cast on sts and pull tightly to close bottom hole.
- Stuff Pumpkin with pellets and fiber. Contain pellets in a thin bag (that a yarn needle can thread through) to keep them from leaking out when the pumpkin is squished.
- Continue stuffing as you work the final rounds.

Change to B.

**4th rnd:** Knit.

**5th rnd:** \* K10, k2tog; repeat from \* to end of round – 44 sts.

**6th rnd:** Knit.

**7th rnd:** \* K9, k2tog; repeat from \* to end of round – 40 sts.

**8th rnd:** Knit.

**9th rnd:** \* K8, k2tog; repeat from \* to end of round – 36 sts.

Cut B, leaving a tail at least 96" (244 cm) long for shaping Pumpkin.

## ABBREVIATIONS

k2tog = knit next 2 sts together

kfb (knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from left needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

st(s) = stitch(es)

Ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next two sts knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.

Weave tail through all remaining live sts and pull tightly to close top hole, stuffing a little extra at the end if needed, as the pumpkin should be very firm.

## FINISHING

### Wedges

Insert yarn needle through center top of Pumpkin, exiting at center bottom.

Repeat this downward motion, making 5 lines of yarn around outside of Pumpkin, and placing them between the k2tog and ssk sts to accentuate the chevrons. Be sure to pull yarn tightly to form the wedges.

## KNIT



### Stem

With A, cast on 4 sts onto a double pointed needle, and make an I-cord as follows: \* K4, slide all sts to other end of needle; repeat from \* until stem measures 1½" (4 cm). Tug firmly on the I-cord as you work to straighten the sts and see the real length.

Bind off loosely, leaving a long tail. Use tail to sew stem to top center of Pumpkin.

Weave in all loose ends to inside of Pumpkin.

**Top**



**Bottom**



**KNIT**

