

Knitting in the park

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PUMPKINS

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Pumpkin Knitting Pattern

You'll Need

TOOLS

Yarn:

Bernat Velvet Yarn

Yarn Weight: Bulky/#5

1 Skein or less per pumpkin

Needles:

4-5 DPNS US Size 10/6.0mm

1 US Size 10/6.0mm Circular Needles 16in

1 US Size 10/6.0mm Circular Needles 24in

1 Stitch Marker

Tapestry or Darning Needle

ABBREVIATIONS

BO: Bind Off

CO: Cast On

K: Knit

KFB: Knit front and back

PM: Place Marker

SM: Slip Marker

STS: Stitches

Additional Supplies:

Cinnamon stick or twig

Butcher's twine

Glue Gun

Pattern Notes

Yarn: There are quite a few yarn options for pumpkins out there. You definitely do not have to use a velvet or chennile yarn. Any chunky or bulky yarn will work very well! That makes this a great stash busting project! I've also used

Ultra Alpaca Chunky by Berroco at Webs online

Charisma by Loops and Thread at Michaels.

Wool Easy by Lion Brand at Michaels or Online.

Sizing: You can easily customize your pumpkins by adding more stitches or knitting in the round longer than as directed. It's actually really fun to see the results of switching things up.

Begin Pattern

Small:

Cast On 45 STS across 3 double pointed needles

Join in the round. Place stitch marker to denote beginning of round.

Round 1: Knit all stitches

Repeat Round one 7 inches.

Then bind your stitches off.

Medium:

Cast on 90 STS

Round 1: Knit all Stitches.

Repeat Round 1 for 10 inches.

Large:

Cast on 90 Stitches.

Round 1: *K1, KFB* Repeat until end of round.

Round 2: Knit all Stitches

Repeat Round 2 for 13 inches.

Bind Off Instructions:

Step One:

Knit one stitch.

Step 2:

Knit one stitch.

Step 3:

Lift the first stitch on your right hand needle up and over the next.

Repeat steps 2 and 3 until you have one stitch remaining.

Break Yarn.

Tie Knot. Leave a long yarn tail.

How to Form the Pumpkin:

Cut 2 lengths of your twine or thread.

For the medium and large pumpkins, use your arm span as a gauge. You will have extra that you can trim but its easier and better to have more than you need.

Take Darning/tapestry needle and thread yarn through every other stitch at the top of the pumpkin.

Pull tight and knot.

Take another length of yarn.

Thread through the stitches on the other side of the pumpkin but don't knot it, as you'll need to stuff it.

This will help hold the stuffing in as you work. Stuff the pumpkin until it looks just shy of full.

If you stuff it full, it will be harder to get it to keep its shape. Cinch the twine all the way and knot.

You might need to tie a few knots to get the pumpkin fully shut.

Next, Take a length of your yarn and thread your needle once more.

Insert the needle from bottom up through to the top. It's a little tricky at first. Draw the yarn almost all of the way through.

Wrap the yarn around the outside of the pumpkin, and thread it back through the center.

Holding the very end of your yarn, pull the rest of the yarn as tight as you need to create the first ridge of the pumpkin.

Knot this thread with your yarn tail.

Insert your needle back up through the pumpkin and wrap the yarn around the opposite side of your pumpkin. Pull tight. I like to knot each section individually so nothing slips.

Repeat this step again and again until you have as many lumps or puffy parts to your pumpkin as you'd like. For the smaller pumpkins this might be closer to three or four sections. For the medium and large pumpkins at least five sections looks nice.

Finishing Instructions:

Gather Up:

Glue Gun and extra glue sticks

Cinnamon sticks or twigs.

Scissors

Yarn tail or twine

Step 1:

Plug in your glue gun and let it heat up while you work on your stem.

Step 2:

Pick your perfect cinnamon stick or twig for your stem. Next use your scissors or other cutting tool to trim it to size. You may want to test it out as you trim it to make sure it's not too long or short.

Step 3:

Place some hot glue in the center of your pumpkin and press the stem into it. Hold it in place until the glue dries.

Step 4:

Add a little more glue around the base of the stem to make it sturdier. While the glue is drying use the spare yarn or twine to hide the glue.
