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Wee Pumpkin

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SKILL

Knitting

DIFFICULTY

Intermediate

SIZES

One Size

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height (Including Stem): approx. 7"

Width: approx. 8"

MATERIALS

[Rico Design Creative Mélange Chunky](#)
(53% virgin wool, 47% acrylic; 50g/93 yds)

- 075 Autumn - 2 balls

Needles: US Size 7 (4.5 mm) straight and set of DPNs (or your preferred needle for knitting small circumferences) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch marker, poly-fil stuffing

GAUGE

14 sts x 30 rows = 4" in garter stitch

Save time, check your gauge.

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PATTERN NOTES

Did you know there are over 150 different varieties of pumpkins? These beautiful crops come in a range of shapes, sizes, and colors, so it's no wonder that we were inspired to make a handknitted version. Knit up in self-shading Creative Mélange Chunky, the plush and plump Wee Pumpkin is a colorful addition to your Autumn home décor.

The body of the pumpkin is worked side to side in 8 equally sized wedges. The wedges are shaped using short rows. After binding off the body, the cast-on and bind-off rows are sewn together. The pumpkin is stuffed, then stitches are picked up from around the top opening and the stem is worked in the round. The curlicue and leaf are knit separately and attached to the pumpkin during finishing.

In this pattern, work all slipped stitch purlwise with yarn held in back.

W&T: Wrap and Turn. To wrap a stitch on RS rows, bring the yarn to the front of the work, slip the next st purlwise to the right ndl, take the yarn to the back of the work, slip the st back to the left ndl, turn. To wrap a stitch on WS rows, take the yarn to the back of the work, slip the next st purlwise to the right ndl, bring the yarn to the front of the work, slip the st back to the left ndl, bring the yarn to the front of the work, turn.

Working together wrapped stitches:

On the right side of the work, bring the wrap up onto the needle with the stitch it was wrapped around and knit the 2 stitches together. On the wrong side of the work, bring the wrap up onto the needle with the stitch it was wrapped around and work a ssp with the two stitches.

PATTERN BEGINS PUMPKIN

Pumpkin Body

With your preferred ndl for working flat, cast on 28 sts.

Wedge

Row 1 (RS): Sl 1, k17, W&T.

Row 2 (WS): K8, W&T.

Row 3: K8, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, W&T.

Row 4: K11, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, W&T.

Row 5: K14, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, W&T.

Row 6: K17, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, W&T.

Row 7: K20, knit next st tog with wrap, k1, W&T.

Row 8: K22, knit next st tog with wrap, k1, W&T.



Row 9: K24, knit next st tog with wrap, k1 (last st), turn.

Row 10: Sl 1, k25, knit next st tog with wrap, k1 (last st), turn.

Row 11: Sl 1, k25, W&T.

Row 12: K24, W&T.

Row 13: K22, W&T.

Row 14: K20, W&T.

Row 15: K17, W&T.

Row 16: K14, W&T.

Row 17: K11, W&T.

Row 18: K8, W&T.

Row 19: Knit to end of row, working wraps together with their corresponding sts.

Row 20: Sl 1, purl to end of row, working wraps together with their corresponding sts as ssp.

Rep Rows 1-20, 7 more times – 8 “wedges”.

Bind off all sts leaving 16” tail. Weave tail in and out of slipped stitches at side of piece to form the bottom, gather, and pull taut to close. Sew cast-on edge to bind-off edge, leaving the other slipped stitch side open for pumpkin top. Stuff Pumpkin Body with poly-fil.

Stem

With dpns or your preferred ndl for knitting small circumferences, working along top (open) edge of Pumpkin Body, beg at seam, pick up and knit 1, pick up and knit 2 along next garter stitch section, * pick up and knit 1 along St st ‘ridge’, pick up and

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knit 2 along garter stitch section; rep from * 6 more times – 24 sts. PM and join in the rnd.

Rnds 1-5: * K1, p2; rep from * to end.

Shape Stem with Short-Rows

Row 1: [K1, p2] 7 times, k1, W&T.

Row 2: P1, [k2, p1] 6 times, W&T.

Row 3: [K1, p2] 5 times, k1, W&T.

Row 4: P1, [k2, p1] 4 times, W&T.

Row 5: [K1, p2] 3 times, k1, W&T.

Row 6: P1, [k2, p1] 2 times, W&T.

Resume Working in the Round

Dec Rnd: [K1, p2] 5 times, [k1, p2tog] 3 times (no need to work wraps, they will be hidden) – 3 sts dec'd, 21 sts rem.

Dec Rnd 2: [K1, p2tog] 3 times, [k1, p2] 2 times, [k1, p1] 3 times – 3 sts dec'd, 18 sts rem.

Next rnd: [K1, p1] 3 times, [k1, p2] 2 times, [k1, p1] 3 times.

Rep last rnd, 2 more times.

Dec Rnd: [Ssk] 3 times, [sssk] 2 times, [ssk] 3 times – 10 sts dec'd, 8 sts rem.

Lightly stuff Stem. Break yarn leaving approx. 8" tail. Thread tail through rem live sts and pull taut to close. Secure tail inside of the Pumpkin Body.

Curlicue

Cast on 16 sts.

Row 1: * Kfbf; rep from * to end – 32 sts inc'd, 48 sts.

Bind off all sts.

Leaf

With your preferred ndl for working flat, cast on 3 sts.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: [Kfb] 2 times, k1 – 2 sts inc'd, 5 sts.

Row 3: Knit.

Row 4: Kfb, k2, kfb, k1 – 2 sts inc'd, 7 sts.

Rows 5-11: Knit.

Row 12: K1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 5 sts rem.

Row 13: Knit.

Row 14: K1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1 – 2 sts dec'd, 3 sts rem.

Row 15: K3tog – 2 sts dec'd. Fasten off rem st.

FINISHING

Using tails from cast-on edges, sew Curlicue and Leaf to top of Pumpkin at base of Stem. Weave in rem ends and secure inside of Pumpkin Body.

Abbreviations

*	indicates a repeat section
approx.	approximately
bef	before
beg	begin(ning)
circ	circular
cont	continue
dec('d)	decrease(d)
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)
est'd	established
garter st	knit every row
inc('d)	increase(d)
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
kfb	knit into front and back of next st (1 st inc'd)
kfbf	knit into front, then back, then front again of next st (2 sts inc'd)
m	marker
ndl	needle
p	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
psso	pass slipped stitch(es) over
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd(s)	round(s)
RS	right side
sl	slip
ssk	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
sssk	slip next 3 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (2 sts dec'd)
ssp	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, purl them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
St st	Stockinette stitch (knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows; in the rnd, knit every rnd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together
WS	wrong side

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