



Penelope's Pumpkin Hat

This cute pumpkin hat pattern knits up quickly in one evening. Complete with stem and tendrils, it is the perfect punctuation to any autumnal outfit!

Materials:

approximately 84 yds of Lichen and Lace 4ply Superwash Worsted in Pumpkin
approximately 10 yds of Lichen and Lace 4ply Superwash Worsted in Baby Leaves

5mm (size 8) 16" circular needle
5mm (size 8) set of double pointed needles

gauge: 4.5 stitches= 1"
3 sizes: baby, (toddler, child)

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Method:

1. Using the circular needle, cast on 56 (64, 72) stitches and join in the round.
2. Knit in the round until piece measures 1".
3. Now we will begin to purl the 1st and every 8th stitch to create the ridges of the pumpkin:
*purl 1, knit 7, repeat from * to end of round on this round and all subsequent rounds.
4. Continue in this manner until piece measures 5" (6", 7") from beginning.
5. Begin decreasing:

1st decrease round: *Work 6, Knit 2 together, repeat from * to end, maintaining purl ridges

Next round: Knit and purl as usual

2nd decrease round: *Work 5, Knit 2 together, repeat from * to end, maintaining purl ridges

Next round Knit and purl as usual

3rd decrease round: *Work 4, Knit 2 together, repeat from * to end, maintaining purl ridges

Next round Knit and purl as usual

4th decrease round: * Work 3, Knit 2 together, repeat from * to end, maintaining purl ridges

Next round Knit and purl as usual

5th decrease round: *Work 2, Knit 2 together, repeat from * to end, maintaining purl ridges

Next round Knit and purl as usual 6th decrease round: *Purl 1, Knit 2 together, repeat from * to end, maintaining purl ridges

6. Attach green yarn. *Knit 2 together, repeat from *to end (no more purl stitches)

7. Repeat last row, so that you now have 4 stitches total.

8. Work 4 stitch i-cord for 2 inches for pumpkin stem. At end of 2 ", knit 2 together twice and then knit the last two stitches together, so that one stitch remains. Cut yarn and fasten off.

9. Adding the tendrils: the crochet method is

Preferred:

Crochet method: using a crochet hook, pick up one stitch at base of stem with green yarn. chain 11 stitches. single crochet 2 times into 2nd chain from hook. *single crochet 2 times in next stitch, repeat from * to end, and fasten off. Make two tendrils in this fashion.

Knitted method: using green yarn, pick up one stitch at base of stem. Using backward loop method, loosely cast on ten stitches. Knit through the front and back, and then the front again of each stitch, this increases each stitch twice, for a total of 30 stitches. Bind off loosely purlwise, and twist tendril around your finger to form. Make two tendrils in this fashion.

Weave in all ends. You're done!