



Floral Pumpkins

SIZES

Small (Medium, Large)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 4 (6, 7)" (not including stem)

Circumference: 11¾ (17½, 23¾)"

Note: These measurements will vary slightly, depending on how firmly the Pumpkin is stuffed and how tight the running stitches are pulled when forming the ribs.

MATERIALS

Premier® Yarns Bloom® Chenille (100% Polyester; 3.5oz/100g, 87yds/80m)

- MC: 1 ball per pumpkin shown in 2099-03 Marigold, 2099-04 Lilac, and 2099-05 Forget-Me-Not

Premier® Yarns Parfait® Chunky (100% Polyester; 3.5oz/100g, 87yds/80m)

- CC: 1150-50 Cloudy Day – 1 ball

Needle: US Size 10.5 (6.5 mm) set of dpns (or desired needles for working small circumferences in the rnd) *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Tapestry needle, stitch marker, stuffing, optional: smooth waste yarn

GAUGE

11 sts x 15 rnds = 4" in St st

Save time, check your gauge.

Skills/techniques used in this pattern:

- Knit stitch.
- Working in the round.
- Decreases.
- Making an i-cord.
- Sewing.

PATTERN NOTES

Have fun watching the floral print work up as you create a beautiful pumpkin patch! Choose a neutral or complimentary color of *Parfait® Chunky* for the stems, there are so many options. The largest size will use almost an entire ball of *Bloom® Chenille* at the pattern gauge, so be prepared with additional yarn if your gauge varies from that given in the pattern.

PUMPKIN

With MC of choice cast on 8 (12, 16) sts leaving a long tail (8"), pm and join to work in the rnd careful not to twist sts.

Increases

Inc Rnd 1: *Kfb; rep from * to end – 8 (12, 16) sts inc'd, 16 (24, 32) sts total.

Next Rnd: Knit.

Inc Rnd 2: *Kfb; rep from * to end – 16 (24, 32) sts inc'd, 32 (48, 64) sts total.

Even Rnds

Work 24 (36, 42) rnds even in St st.

Decreases

Dec Rnd 1: *K2tog; rep from * to end – 16 (24, 32) sts dec'd, 16 (24, 32) sts rem.

Next Rnd: Knit, stuff Pumpkin approximately halfway at this point.

Dec Rnd 2: *K2tog; rep from * to end – 8 (12, 16) sts dec'd, 8 (12, 16) sts rem.

Cut yarn leaving a 48+" long tail, or use a smooth waste yarn for creating the ribs for easier sewing, leave live sts on needles.

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I-Cord Stem

Next Rnd: Join CC, knit.

Dec Rnd: Sizes S and M ONLY: K2 (0), k2tog; rep from * to end. Size L ONLY: K3tog, *k2tog; rep from * to last 3 sts, k3tog – 2 (6, 10) sts dec'd, 6 sts rem.

Make I-Cord as follows:

Next Rnd: Slide sts to other end of needle, pulling working yarn across the back, k6.

Rep last rnd 5 (6, 7) more times, or to desired length.

Add a small amount of stuffing to Stem.

Cut yarn leaving a long (8") tail. Thread tail onto tapestry needle and draw through rem sts.

FINISHING

Finish adding stuffing through the cast-on opening at the bottom of the Pumpkin. Using the long tail from the cast-on, sew bottom opening closed. Thread extra-long tail or waste yarn onto tapestry needle, using a running stitch along a column of sts, thread it over one and under the next strand between sts vertically along the height of the pumpkin. Cont in this manner to the bottom of the pumpkin and then back to the top, pulling yarn as you go to create a slight indentation to form the ribs. At this point there will be 2 ribs, dividing the Pumpkin into 2 halves, you will sew top to bottom and bottom to top 2 more times to create a total of 6 ribs. When sewing the next ribs, go under the I-Cord Stem, pulling the yarn tight as you go. After the last rib, when yarn is back at the top of the Pumpkin, go under the I-Cord Stem once more.

Bury ends of yarn inside Pumpkin.

Abbreviations

CC	contrasting color
cont	continue
dec('d)	decreased
dpn(s)	double point needle(s)
inc('d)	increase(d)
k	knit
kfb	knit into the front and back of the next st (1 st inc'd)
k2tog	knit 2 sts together (1 st dec'd)
k3tog	knit 3 sts together (2 sts dec'd)
MC	main color
meas	measure
p	purl
patt	pattern
pm	place marker
rep	repeat(ing)
rnd(s)	round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
St st	Stockinette stitch: knit every rnd.

