



Velvet Plumpkins

Level: Intermediate

SIZES

Small (Medium, Large)

FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height: 3 (5, 7)" (not including stem)

Circumference: 12 (16, 20)"

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 Retro Velvet® (100% Polyester);
9.8 oz/280 g, 306 yds/ 280 m)

- 1088-25 Blush – 1 ball
- 1088-28 Navy – 1 ball
- 1088-24 Teddy – 1 ball

Needle: US Size 11 (8 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, cinnamon sticks (optional)

GAUGE

11 sts x 15 rnds = 4" in St st

Save time, check your gauge.

PATTERN NOTES

For festive and fragrant seasonal décor, use cinnamon sticks for the pumpkin stems. If making for children, choose the knitted-on I-cord stems. Each ball of *Retro Velvet®* will make multiple pumpkins, approximate yardage per size (not including stem): 23 (37, 57) yards. Pictured: 1 Small in Blush, 1 Medium in Navy, and 1 Large in Teddy with cinnamon stick stems.

PUMPKIN

With color of choice cast on 8 (10, 12) 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 (10, 12) sts inc'd, 16 (20, 24) sts total.

Next Rnd: Knit.

Inc Rnd 2: *Kfb; rep from * to end – 16 (20, 24) sts inc'd, 32 (40, 48) sts total.

Even Rnds

Work 24 (30, 36) rnds even in St st.

Decreases

Dec Rnd 1: *K2tog; rep from * to end – 16 (20, 24) sts dec'd, 16 (20, 24) sts rem.

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

Dec Rnd 2: *K2tog; rep from * to end – 8 (10, 12) sts dec'd, 8 (10, 12) sts rem.

Cut yarn leaving a 36 (42, 48)" long tail.

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I-Cord Stem

Note: If using a cinnamon stick for the stem, skip this section. To make I-Cord Stem stand out, use a contrasting color for stem.

Next Rnd: Join yarn, knit.

Dec Rnd: K2 (1, 0), k2tog; rep from * to end (Size M, end last rep with k3tog) – 2 (4, 6) 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, knit.

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.

Cinnamon Stick Stem

Thread tail onto tapestry needle and draw through rem sts. Place cinnamon stick in opening and pull yarn tight, draw tail through sts once again and pull tight to secure cinnamon stick.

All Pumpkins

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 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 or around the cinnamon stick, 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 or around the cinnamon stick once more.

FINISHING

Bury ends of yarn inside Pumpkin.

Abbreviations

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)
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.

