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Knitting Pattern (Double / DK)

## 'Hallow' Halloween Toy Pumpkin



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#### **MEASUREMENTS**

13 cm Width x 10 cm height [including stalk].

#### **MATERIALS**

(A)  $1 \times 50 \text{ g/}113 \text{ m}$  ball – Rowan Milk Cotton DK. Shade 098 Orange.

(B)  $1 \times 100 \text{ g/}216 \text{ m}$  ball – King Cole Smooth DK. Shade 884 Moss Green.

#### 2.5 mm needles.

Round end small tapestry needle. Hollow fibre filling.

#### **TENSION**

38 sts x 44 rows. Work a tension square using the main stitch pattern. If you have fewer sts to 10 cm use smaller needles; and if more sts use larger needles.

#### YARN SUBSTITUTION

You may easily substitute this yarn with similar, or if the yarn above is discontinued by choosing a yarn that is equal in

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weight and number of metres in a ball to the original. Make up a tension square to make sure.

## **PUMPKIN**

Leave approximately 1 metre of yarn as a loose end before casting on to use for sewing up the side seam of the pumpkin.

**Begin:** co yarn (A) Orange 91 sts. If you require a larger or smaller pumpkin, adjust the number of stitches (plus or minus in multiples of four plus three stitches). Knit a tension swatch to calculate whether you may need more or less stitches.

**1st row: RS** [k2, p2] to last 3 sts, k2, p1.

**Next:** rep row 1 until work measures 13 cm in length. (Row 1 forms the main pattern). If you require a taller or shorter pumpkin, adjust the number of rows accordingly.

**Next:** join yarn (B) Moss Green and work row 1 [4 times]. **End:** Cast off in the main stitch pattern. Leave approximately

1 metre of yarn as a loose end for sewing up.

#### **STALK**

**Begin:** co yarn (B) Moss Green 5 sts. **Next:** work in garter st for 4.5 cm.

**End:** draw the yarn through the remaining stitches.

## TO MAKE UP

Using loose yarn (B) Moss Green from the main fabric gather the top edges of the fabric by making stitches at 1 cm intervals along the top. Draw the yarn through tightly and make a few stitches to secure the fabric together. Repeat this step for the bottom of the pumpkin using the loose yarn end (A) Orange. Press together a Green top side section and darn the Green section of the side together. Repeat to the other side. Darn in the loose ends.

Press the sides of the stalk fabric together and darn together vertically. Place the end of the darned stalk against the centre top of the pumpkin and secure the stalk using a few small stitches. Darn in all loose ends except the bottom centre (A) Orange loose yarn end.

Fill the pumpkin evenly with hollow fibre filling taking care not to overfill in order to keep the toy soft. Darn up the pumpkin side seam with yarn (A) Orange.

Take an approximate 50 cm length of yarn (A) Orange and secure at the base of the pumpkin with a couple of stitches. Flatten the centre of the pumpkin to achieve the shorter shape. When you are satisfied with the height of the pumpkin take your darning needle and insert it in to the bottom of the pumpkin. Take your needle back in to the top of the pumpkin making a small stitch and repeat this step three or four times at equal intervals around the centre of the pumpkin to flatten the shape of the pumpkin. Sew in the loose end to complete.

KNTTING ABBREVIATIONS		
cm centimetre(s). co cast on/cast off. k knit. L left. LH left hand. p purl. R Right. rep repeat.	RH right hand. rnd round. RS right side. sts stitches. WS wrong side.	

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