

It's a Sorta Great Pumpkin, Darn Knit Anyway

Instructions

Mistake Rib Pumpkin

Cast on 60 stitches.

Round 1: Place marker and join to work in round, *K2, P2; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 2: P1, *K2, P2; repeat from * to last 3 stitches, K2, P1.

Repeat rounds 1 & 2 until 5.5" tall.

Bind off.

Follow instructions for I-Cord Stem & Finishing.

Cable Pumpkin

Cast on 70 stitches. Place marker and join to work in round.

Rounds 1 – 10: *K6, P1, K2, P1; repeat from * to end of round.

Round 11: *C6F, P1, K2, P1; repeat from * to end of round.

Repeat rounds 1 - 11 two more times.

Repeat rounds 1 - 10 once more.

Bind off.

Follow instructions for I-Cord Stem & Finishing.

I-Cord Stem & Finishing Instructions (make 2)

Using green stem yarn and dpn, cast on 4 stitches. Work I-cord for approx. 2". Cut yarn leaving a 30" tail. Draw the end through the 4 live stitches of I-cord. Then weave stem yarn through cast off edge. Cinch closed with stem in center. Secure stem from inside of pumpkin so it looks...like a stem \odot

Stuff with fiberfill, pull stem yarn through center of fiber fill to the bottom end of pumpkin. Weave stem yarn through bottom stitches of pumpkin. Cinch. Pull stem yarn back through inside of pumpkin securing it one more time at the stem end creating a concave pumpkin shape. Then back to the bottom, securing the end. Weave it in.

Viola! Sorta great pumpkins!



Materials

Yarn: approx. 150 yards of DK weight yarn for pumpkin. Approx. 4 yards of yarn for stem and finishing. (2 yards per pumpkin)

Sample Pumpkin: 1 skein of Blue Sky Fibers Eco Cashmere 164 yards/50 grams; 100% cashmere (yep) Crushed Coral.

Sample Stem: Cascade Eco+ 2445 Shire

Needles: US3 – 16" circular, double pointed needles (dpn) for I-cord if you prefer.

Notions: stitch marker, cable needle, yarn needle, fiber fill (50 grams or less for 2 pumpkins).

Abbreviations & Notes

K - Knit

P - Purl

C6F - slip 3 stitches (purlwise) to the cable needle, place cable needle in front of work, knit 3 stitches from your knitting needle, knit 3 stitches from the cable needle

Using a size US3 needle creates approx 5" wide x 2" tall pumpkin. If you go up to a US5 needle, you'll get approx. 6" wide x 3" tall pumpkin with looser stitches. Maybe knit one in each size?

Yes, the first few rounds of the Mistake Rib Pumpkin will feel stretched on the 16" circular. But it gets better after a few rounds. Feel free to use a 12" if you prefer.

