

# Harvest Pumpkin

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



*Reference art for construction guidance. Colors/pose may vary slightly from your finished piece.*

# Harvest Pumpkin — Knitting Pattern

A brilliant construction that translates flat horizontal rows into a deep-ribbed vertical sphere. The signature pumpkin crevices are created naturally using knit/purl geometry, finished with an indented stem pull.

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Knit abbreviations: k = knit · p = purl · kfb = knit into front and back of st (inc 1) · k2tog = knit 2 together (dec 1) · CO = cast on · BO = bind off · dpns = double-pointed needles · pm = place marker · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es) · RS/WS = right side / wrong side

## Materials

**Yarn:** Worsted weight yarn. Color A (Spiced Orange, 35g) and Color B (Stem Green/Brown, 5g).

**Needles:** US 5 (3.75 mm) straight needles.

**Notions:** Tapestry needle, high-density fiberfill stuffing.

## Gauge

Worked at a relaxed toy-knit tension in worsted weight yarn. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed prop -- adjust stuffing firmness and needle size slightly to taste; a firmer fabric holds shape best.

## Instructions

### The Ribbed Panel (Color A)

The pumpkin is worked flat as a rectangular panel and pulled into a sphere during assembly.

Cast on 26 sts using Color A. Leave a 16-inch tail.

Row 1 (RS): K3, [P4, K4]; repeat to last 7 sts, P4, K3.

Row 2 (WS): P3, [K4, P4]; repeat to last 7 sts, K4, P3.

Repeat Rows 1 and 2 continuously until the piece measures 7 inches (18 cm) from the cast-on edge, ending on a WS row.

Bind off all 26 sts in pattern (knit the knit sts, purl the purl sts).

### Assembly & Sculpting

1. Thread the long yarn tail onto a tapestry needle. Run a drawstring basting stitch along one of the long raw edges of the rectangle, pulling it as tight as possible to close the bottom pole of the pumpkin. Knot securely.
2. Sew the short cast-on edge to the bind-off edge using mattress stitch. This forms a tube with a sealed bottom.
3. Pack the pumpkin tube extremely tightly with fiberfill until it looks like a fat cylinder.
4. Run another drawstring stitch through the top loops of the tube, pull tight to seal the top opening, and knot.
5. **Exaggerating the Ribs:** Take the yarn tail, wrap it completely around the outside of the pumpkin, following one of the natural purl-groove lines from top to bottom. Pull tightly to indent the flesh. Push the needle through the center core to lock it, then repeat for the other 3 purl grooves. This splits the sphere into perfect organic segments.

### The Stem (Color B)

Cast on 4 sts using Color B on straight needles. Knit 6 rows flat in Garter stitch. Bind off. Roll into a tiny cylinder and sew it directly into the top center indent of the orange pumpkin.