

Cabled Pumpkins

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Notes:

- This pattern can be knit with any size yarn. Use needles appropriately sized to the yarn, making sure the fabric is tight enough that the stuffing will not show through.
- Materials given are based on the sample.
- Sample was made using Red Heart With Love, 100% Acrylic Tiger Lily and Cascade 220 100% Highland Peruvian Wool.
- Directions for a provisional cast on are given on the last page.
- Full-fashion decreases are used on the cables.

Variations

- Double the yarn for a bigger pumpkin.
- Repeat Rnds 22 – 27 once for a squatter pumpkin.
- Repeat Rnds 22 – 27 three times for a taller pumpkin.

Gauge: Though not critical, the gauge based on the yarn and needles used for the sample is 16 sts = 4".

Size without stem (approximate):

16½" circumference at widest point; 6" high

Materials:

5 DPNs, US 7 (4.5mm)

16" circular needle

4.5 mm crochet hook

Yarn needle

Cable needle

Yarns of your choice: pumpkin orange and green

Waste yarn, smooth, same weight as base yarn

Stuffing

Abbreviations:

C6F	Place 3 sts on cable needle and hold in front of work; k3, k3 from cable needle.
C6B	Place 3 sts on cable needle and hold in back of work; k3, k3 from cable needle.
CO	Cast on
DPN	Double Pointed Needles
M1P	Make 1 purl: With left-hand needle, pick up the strand between the needles from back to front. Purl in front loop.
MC	main color
K	knit
P	purl



- Rinc Right lifted increase: Insert the right-hand needle in the right side of the stitch 1 row below the stitch on the left-hand needle. Lift it and place on left-hand needle. Knit in the front leg of the stitch.
- Rnd Round
- Linc Left lifted increase: Insert the left needle in the left side of the stitch 2 rows below the stitch on the right-hand needle. Lift it and place on left-hand needle. Knit in the back leg of the stitch.

Directions:

Using scrap yarn, CO 24 with provisional cast on, leaving an 18" tail. Divide between 4 dpns.

With MC, knit 2 rnds.

Rnd 3: *Rinc, k2, p1, k2, Linc, p1* around (32 sts).

Rnd 4: *K3, p1* around.

Rnd 5: *K 3, Linc, p1, Rinc, k3, p1* around (40 sts).

Rnd 6: *K4, p1* around.

Rnd 7: *Rinc, k4, Linc, p1* around (56 sts).

Rnd 8: *K6, p1* around.

Rnd 9: *Place 2 sts on cn, hold in back, k1, k2 from cn; place 1 st on cn, hold in front, k2, k1 from cn; p1, k6, p1* around.

Rnd 10: *K6, p1* around.

Rnd 11: Rinc, k6, Linc, p1, Rinc1, k6, Linc, p1* around (72 sts).

Rnds 12 – 14: *K8, p1* around.

Rnd 15: *C4B, C4F, p1, k8, p1* around.

Rnds 16 – 18: *K8, p1* around.

Rnd 19: *Rinc, k8, Linc, p1, k8, p1* around (80 sts).

Rnd 20: *K10, p1, k8, p1* around.

Rnd 21: *Rinc, k10, Linc, p1, k8, p1* around (88 sts).

Rnd 22: C6B, C6F, p1, K8, p1* around.

Rnds 23 – 27: *K12, p1, k8, p1* around.

Repeat Rnds 22 – 27 twice.

Rnd 40: *C6B, C6F, p1, SSK, k4, k2tog, p1* around (80 sts).

Rnd 41: *K12, p1, k6, p1* around.

Rnd 42: *K2tog, k8, SSK, p1, k6, p1* around (72 sts).

Rnd 43: *K10, p1, k6, p1* around.

Rnd 44: *K2tog, k6, SSK, p1, k6, p1* around.

Rnd 45: *C4B, C4F, p1, k6, p1* around.

Rnds 46 – 47: K8, p1, k6, p1* around.

Rnd 48: *K2tog, k4, SSK, p1, SSK, k2, k2tog, p1* around.

Rnd 49: *K6, p1, k4, p1* around.

Rnd 50: *Place 2 sts on cn and hold to back, k1, k2tog from cn; place 1 st on cn, SSK, k st on cn; p1, SSK, k2tog, p1* around (32 sts).

Rnd 51: *K4, p1, k2, p1* around.

Rnd 52: With CC1, *k1, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k1* around (24 sts).

Rnd 53: Lift st from row below and put on left needle, k tog with 1st of rnd (jogless jog), (k2tog) twice, k1; (k1, [k2tog] twice, k1) 3 times.

Rnd 54: *K2 tog* around.

Knit around for 1" or to desired length of stem.

K2tog around.

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Put yarn on needle and slip through live stitches twice, pulling stitches together to close hole. Cut yarn; weave in end.

Stuff pumpkin from the bottom. Remove waste yarn, placing live stitches on needle. K2tog around (12 sts). Cut yarn leaving a 12" length and slip through live stitches, pulling stitches tight. Weave in end.

Provisional Cast On

- Using a smooth yarn in a contrasting color, make a slip knot and place it on a crochet hook the same size as the needles. (Figure 1)
- With yarn in back of the knitting needle, bring the hook over the top of the needle (Figure 2), catch the yarn and pull it through the loop on the hook. (Figure 3) Repeat this step until the number of stitches desired has been cast on.
- Chain a few stitches. Cut the yarn and pull through the last chained stitch. When you are ready to unravel the waste yarn, this will be the end that you gently pull to remove the waste yarn.
- Figure 4 shows the completed cast on.

