

Cute Pumpkin Patch Pattern

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Introduction



Dear Knitter,



I know that there are quite a couple of other pumpkin patterns around. But to be quite honest with you, I was not all that happy with them. For me, they weren't detailed enough and involved too much sewing to get the structure right.

These pumpkins involve almost zero sewing other than weaving in the ends. The ribbed structure is, for the most part, created through smart decreases and increases.

You can approach this pattern in two ways: You can either just knit a pumpkin that has already been harvested, or create a full pumpkin patch with vines and leaves and everything that's part of that.

If you want to recreate the latter, then you will have to sew some and do some (easy) magic with thin wire to support the leaves.

It's not very hard but maybe a tiny bit fiddly. But personally speaking, I love this kind of work and it actually relaxes me. You could even embroider the pumpkins. Not all pumpkins are pure perfect orange. Some have these green little warts (for lack of a better word) and maybe a snail already nibbled on one of them.

Most importantly, I want you to have fun with this pattern and get creative yourself. I'll try to provide some further options along the way but feel free to adjust it according to your own preferences.

happy knitting,
Norman

PS: Please, comment on the [corresponding post on my blog](#) if you have a question. That way, others can see my answer as well. But make sure to watch [my video for this pattern](#) first.

PPS: There is also an add-on available for this pattern with 4 additional types of pumpkin. [You can buy it here.](#)



Materials:

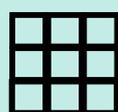
- Scraps of fingering sock yarn in green and orange. I used around 12 grams of the Wollmeise Twin in the colors of Good Morning and Pistazie per pumpkin (and some leftovers in brown for the harvested one).
- Double-pointed needle set 2.50 mm; I am using the [Knitter's Pride Karbonz 15 cm set*](#); they are by far my favorite dpns for these small diameters.
- [Scissors](#) & a [tapestry needle*](#)
- [toy stuffing*](#)
- [thin, malleable wire*](#) (like the ones they sell for jewelry or bonsais) and a wire plier
- [Stitch marker*](#) (optional)

In terms of wool and needle size, you can get creative. I love the Wollmeise yarn, but this pattern does not really require it. And I wouldn't bother trying to meet my gauge either. First of all, it's almost impossible to measure my gauge on such a structured 3-dimensional object. Plus I don't see much value in knitting these in the exact same size. You could knit these with super chunky wool and I'm sure it would look just as amazing. Just remember to knit with a relatively small needle size compared to your yarn weight. You will be stuffing these pumpkins and if your stitches are too loose the stuffing will show through.

Important: Even though I take great care creating all my patterns, this pumpkin is meant for decorative purposes only. I sadly have no experience with parenting myself. So I would not use them as a toy for small children - especially if you decide to reinforce them with wire.

Size & Gauge:

The finished pumpkin is 5.5 cm (2.2 inches) high and has a total diameter of roughly 8 cm (3.1 inches)



Gauge for a 5x5 cm swatch in flat stockinette stitch: 17 stitches x 23 rows

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Knitting techniques used:

This pumpkin patch is mainly shaped through a combination of increases and decreases - some of them may be a little bit more uncommon. It's probably not the easiest pattern for beginners but I tried to link to tutorials so you can catch up before you start.

K = [knit](#)

P = [purl](#)

SSK = [Slip Slip Knit](#)

K2tog = [knit two together](#)

KLL = [Knit left loop](#)

KRL = [Knit right loop](#)

K1TOG RL = [Knit one stitch together with right loop](#) (so a bit like a KRL. But instead of knitting a new stitch from the loop, you knit it together)

K1TOG LL = Knit one stitch together through the back loop with the left loop of the stitch one row below

K3tog centered = [knit three together centered](#)

And a [standard longtail cast on](#).

Instructions between two asterisk (*) indicate you have to repeat that section over and over again until the end of a round or the indicated spot.

These pumpkins are knit in the round on a set of 5 double-pointed needles. If you still need to do some catching up, [here's my guide to knitting in the round](#).

You might also check out [my guide on 10 tips for better results with dpns](#).

Feel free to comment on the [corresponding post on my blog](#) in case you got any further question (that way, everyone can see your questions and my answers.)

If you still require help with these and other knitting techniques, please [visit my website](#) where you'll find step by step tutorials and videos for almost all important knitting techniques.



Instructions

Cast on 4 stitches with a [long tail cast-on](#) using the **green yarn** for the stem. Leave a tail of 12cm/5 inches for weaving in the ends later on.

Row 1-6: Knit an [i-cord](#) (so knit 4 stitches, slip the work to the right end of the needle and knit across without turning).

If you want to create a vine, then knit the i-cord however long you want the vine to be (mine are around 25 cm/10 in)

Row 7: k2, [KLL](#), k1, KLL, k1 (6 stitches)

Row 8: Continue the i-cord (but maybe adjust the tension by pulling on the stitches to close the gap a bit better)

Row 9: *k1, KLL* (12 stitches)

Round 10: Join in the round by distributing the stitches to 4 needles and knit across. You may place a stitch marker here to mark the beginning of your round so you don't get confused later on.

Round 11: Change to the **orange yarn** and *k1, KLL, [KRL](#), K1* (24 stitches); you can cut the green yarn leaving a tail for weaving in later.

Round 12: knit

Round 13: *k2, KLL, KRL, k2* (36 stitches)

Round 14: knit

Round 15: *k3, KLL, KRL, k3* (48 stitches)

Round 16: knit

Round 17: *k4, KLL, KRL, k4* (60 stitches)

Round 18: knit

Round 19: *k5, KLL, KRL, k5* (72 stitches)

Round 20: knit

Round 21: *k6, KLL, KRL, k6* (84 stitches)

Round 22: knit

Consider shuffling the stitches around so you don't have any complicated stitches at the beginning or end of your needles.

Round 23: *[K2tog](#), k5, KLL, KRL, k5, [SSK](#)*

Since you are knitting 2 increases and 2 decreases per repeat, the stitch count remains 84 stitches.

Round 24: knit

Repeat rounds 23+24 eight more times

Round 41: *K2tog, k4, [K1togrl](#), k1togll, k4, SSK* (72 stitches; *instead of these two complicated you can also just knit across. This will create less pronounced segments at the bottom.*)

Round 42: knit

Round 43: *K2tog, k3, K1togrl, k1togll, k3, SSK* (60 stitches)

Round 44: knit

Round 45: *K2tog, k2, K1togrl, k1togll, k2, SSK* (48 stitches)

Round 46: knit

Round 47: *K2tog, k1, K1togrl, k1togll, k1, SSK* (36 stitches)

Round 48: knit

Round 49: *K2tog, K1togrl, k1togll, SSK* (24 stitches)

Round 50: knit

Round 51: *K2tog, SSK* (12 stitches)



Finishing up

Cut the yarn leaving a tail of around 40 cm / 15 inches and pick up the tapestry needle. Then, thread the tail through the remaining stitches on your needles and drop them as you go (*picture above*). Secure the two ends from the stem of the pumpkin by tying them into a knot and weave in the tail at the end of the vine.

Next, take the toy stuffing and fill the pumpkin with it. Try to massage the stuffing into the little bumps so the sections really pop (*see picture on the right*).

Once you are satisfied, pick up the tapestry needle again, pull gently at the tail to close the hole, and then sew over once (*see picture below*). Then, bring the needle all the way to the top going right through the stuffing. Go around a single little bar of a stitch, get out at the bottom again, and pull a little to cinch the pumpkin (*see picture in the bottom right corner*). Repeat once or twice until you are satisfied and weave in the tail.





You can't get enough of knitting these pumpkins? Then I have good news for you. In September 2022, I published an add-on that comes with 4 additional types of pumpkin: The warty pumpkin, an acorn squash, a bottle gourd, and the patty pan squash.

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Instructions for the leaves

Cast on 3 stitches with a long tail cast on using the **green yarn**. Leave a tail of about 18 cm/7 inches for weaving in the ends later on. The leaves are knit flat.

Row 1-6: Knit an i-cord

Row 7: k1, KLL, KRL, k1, KLL KRL, K1
(7 stitches; place a stitch marker before or after the middle; I found it helps me a lot because the leaves are increased symmetrical on both sides.)

Row 8: purl

Row 9: k2, KLL, k1, KLL, k1, KRL, k1, KRL, k2*
(11 stitches)

Row 10: purl

Row 11: k2, KLL, k2, KLL, k3, KRL, k2, KRL, k2*
(15 stitches)

Row 12: purl

Row 13: *k2, KLL, k3, KLL, k5, KRL, k3, KRL, k2*
(19 stitches)

Row 14: purl

Row 15: k2, KLL, k4, KLL, k7, KRL, k4, KRL, k2*
(23 stitches)

Row 16: purl

Row 17: k1, SSK, k17, K2tog, k1 *(21 stitches)*

Row 18: purl

Row 19: k1, SSK, k15, K2tog, k1 *(19 stitches)*

Row 20: purl

Row 21: k1, SSK, k13, K2tog, k1 *(17 stitches)*

Row 22: purl

Row 23: k1, SSK, k11, K2tog, k1 *(15 stitches)*

Row 24: purl

Row 25: k1, SSK, k9, K2tog, k1 *(13 stitches)*

Row 26: purl

Row 27: k1, SSK, k7, K2tog, k1 *(11 stitches)*

Row 28: purl

Row 29: k1, SSK, k5, K2tog, k1 *(9 stitches)*

Row 30: purl

Row 31: k1, SSK, k3, K2tog, k1 *(7 stitches)*

Row 32: purl

Row 33: k1, SSK, k1, K2tog, k1 *(5 stitches)*

Row 34: purl

Row 35: SSK, k1, K2tog *(3 stitches)*

Row 36: purl

Row 37: [k3tog centered](#) *(1 stitch)*

Cut the yarn leaving a tail of 12cm/5 inches, pull through to secure the „bind off“, and weave in the end.

Then start all over again and knit as many leaves as you like. I attach two leaves per vine.

Note: You can also purl the center stitch starting from row 7 onwards. I tried this for my test knit, but actually decided it looks better without it (see pictures on the next page).

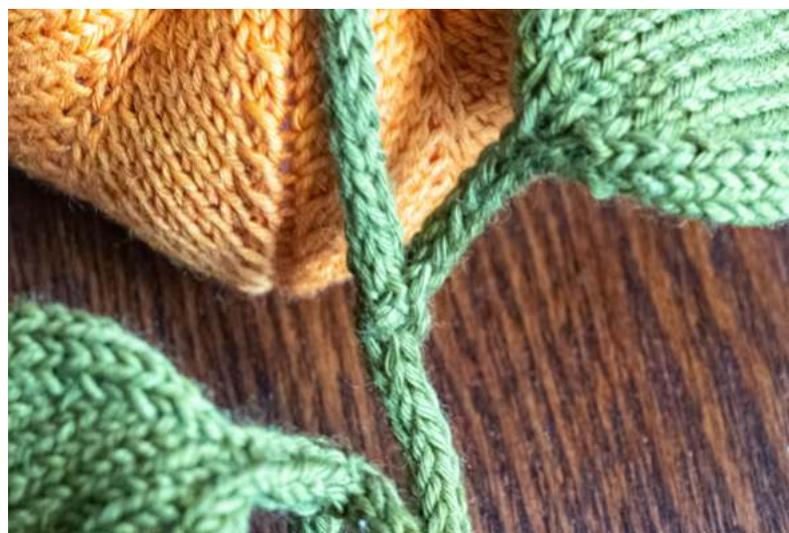


Finishing up the leaves

Pick up the wire and thread it on a tapestry needle (if your wire is a bit thicker, then you may not need the needle). I use a tapestry needle to go over and under the strands in between two knit stitches (the ones you also use for mattress stitch) on the outside of the leaves. I start at the tip and go all the way down to the stem, and then repeat on the other side (*see picture below*).

Next, I will also reinforce the vines with wire (simply thread it through the middle of the i-cord). Once that is done, I pierce the i-cord vine at the position I want the leaf to "grow" with the two ends sticking out from the leaves, and wrap the ends around the stem 3 or for times. Cut the excess wire (*see picture below*).

From here, I wrap the yarn tail of the leaf a couple of times around the stem to cover the wire and then cover up the join by [grafting stitches](#). So, I go under the two legs of a knit stitch "V" close to the join and then go under a "V" on the other side of the gap. Repeat until you are satisfied and weave in the tail.





Final notes

I hope you had fun knitting my little pumpkin patch. I really love how they look at the center of a table. I'm pretty positive they will be a stunning decoration anywhere else around the house as well. Parts of this pattern are somewhat fiddly but I hope the result makes up for that! I trust you understood that you can repeat the instructions as many times as you want.

Make sure to share your finished work with me. Simply add me on social media or [add them as a project on Ravelry](#). I'd be delighted to see what other knitters create with my instructions.

And while we are at it, feel free to contact me if you found a typo or think there's a little mistake in this pattern. I tried to check it diligently multiple times, and of course, there was a test-knit for this pattern.

Please kindly understand that I cannot answer questions via email or direct message on social media. But you are more than welcome to comment on my blog or the respective video on youtube.

Last, but not least, make sure to follow me on social media and [bookmark my blog](#).

happy knitting

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