

Punkin

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A wee little pumpkin baby hat (okay, there's one for bigger kids too!), with attached twirly vine, and optional rolled brim.

Sizes

Preemie[Newborn, Toddler, Child] – circumference 10[13,16,19] inches

Preemie size will fit most preemies from 2-3 lbs through full-term size.

Newborn size will fit from “day one” to several months.

Toddler size will fit from a couple of months to somewhere around 18 months.

Child size will fit 18 months and up.

Materials

Plymouth Encore Worsted (or other worsted-weight yarn) in orange, approximately 1/3-1/2 skein, small amount of green

Set of US 7 (4.5mm) DPNs (or size required to obtain gauge)

One US 7 (4.5mm) 16” circular for Toddler and Child sizes (optional – entire hat may be worked on DPNs if desired)

Stitch markers

Tapestry needle

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Gauge

5 st/in in stockinette

Notes

For optional rolled brim, a small amount of ribbing helps to contain the roll and to make the hat more stable on the head. It will be hidden by the roll.

SK2P: Slip one stitch knitwise, k2tog, pass slipped stitch over new stitch and off the needle; a double decrease.

Directions

For rolled brim:

With orange yarn, loosely cast on 50[65,80,95] stitches, and join for working in the round, placing a marker at the beginning of the round.

Knit in stockinette for 1.5[1.5,2,2] inches.

On next round, k2tog 2[1,0,0] times; for Child size only, m1 1 time; knit all remaining stitches. 48[64,80,96] stitches.

Skip to * and resume following instructions.

For ribbed brim:

With orange yarn, cast on 48[64,80,96] stitches, and join for working in the round, placing a marker at the beginning of the round.

**For both:*

Rounds 1-3: *k1, p1,* repeat from * to * around.

Rounds 4-6: For ribbed brim only, repeat instructions for rounds 1-3.

Next round: *k5[7,9,11], p1,* repeat from * to * around.

Continue working in this pattern as established until hat measures 2.5[3.5, 4.5, 5.5] inches from bottom of ribbing.

Decrease round: *Knit until 2 stitches remain before purl stitch, k2tog, p1,* repeat from * to * around.

Plain round: Knit all knit stitches and purl all purl stitches.

Repeat decrease round and plain round until 32 stitches remain, ending with a plain round. Break orange yarn.

Crown:

Round 1: With green yarn, *k1, k2tog, p1,* repeat from * to * around. 24 sts remain.

Rounds 2-3: *k1, p3,* repeat from * to * around.

Round 4: *k1, p2tog, p1,* repeat from * to * around. 18 sts remain.

Round 5: *k1, p2,* repeat from * to * around.

Round 6: *k1, p2tog,* repeat from * to * around. 12 sts remain.

Work k1,p1 ribbing on remaining 12 sts for 1 inch or desired height of stem.

Last round: *k2tog,* repeat from * to * around. 6 sts remain.

Break yarn; thread on a tapestry needle and draw through remaining stitches like a drawstring.

Weave in ends.



Leaf:

With green yarn, cast on 3 sts and work i-cord for 1 inch.

Rows 1-2: Knit all sts. Cast on 4 sts with backwards-loop method.

Rows 3-4: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit remaining stitches.

Rows 5-6: Knit all stitches.

Rows 7-8: Cast off 2 sts, knit remaining stitches.

Rows 9-10: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit remaining stitches.

Rows 11-12: Knit all stitches.

Rows 13-14: Cast off 2 sts, knit remaining stitches.

Rows 15-16: Knit in front and back of first stitch, knit remaining stitches.

Rows 17-18: Cast off 2 sts, knit remaining stitches.

Row 19: K1, SK2P, k1

Row 20: Knit all stitches.

Row 21: SK2P.

Break yarn and draw through remaining stitch and weave in this end.

Sew leaf to cap with remaining end and weave in.

Vine:

With green yarn, using the long-tail cast-on, cast on approximately 80-100 stitches. The exact number is not important, but try to maintain an even number.

Row 1: P2tog, *p2tog, pass 1st stitch over 2nd stitch and off the needle,* repeat from * to * around.

Break yarn and draw through remaining stitch. If necessary, twirl strip into spiral shape (this should mostly happen by itself but may need slight encouragement).

Use one end to sew vine to cap; weave in both ends.