

New Pumpkin in the Patch

The perfect hat for an autumn baby! This free pattern is only newborn sized but is easily modified for older child (or even adult) by adding stitches or working with thicker yarn and larger gauge.



Yarns used:

Color A: 150yds Cascade heritage silk in soft coral

Color B: 5yds sport weight 100% wool of my own handspun in green (see notes)

Dimensions:

Finished circumference: 12in

Edge to base of stem: 6in

Needles and notions

US #1 straight needles for ribbing and #3 double pointed needles for body and stem, or size needed to obtain gauge

Yarn needle, stitch marker, cable needle

Gauge:

14sts x 20 rounds/2in in pattern in color A

Skills used

- Tubular cast on
- 1 over 1 left purl cross (1/1LPC): slip knit stitch onto cable needle and hold in front, purl one, knit one from cable needle. Can be done without cable needle with practice
- Knitting flat and in the round
- Common decreases
- Knit 1 below (k1b): knit in the stitch in the row below
- Icord
- Regular bind off

Notes:

- You can use the same yarn as the main color, but a slightly thicker/stiffer yarn (or a double strand) will help the stem stand up, and only a very small amount is needed.
- DPNs can be used for the ribbing if preferred, I simply couldn't find my size 1s, but had straight needles on hand
- Use prudence when finishing if intermixing superwash and non superwash yarns
- I washed it by hand and then threw it in the dryer on medium for about 15 minutes to tighten up the superwash with minimal felting of the nonsuperwash stem, and then shaped and dried flat. Gauge, while not super critical since this is a fairly stretchy hat, should be based off of this.

Cuff

With color A and straight needles, cast on 96 sts with tubular cast on

Foundation row 1-2: P1, k1

Rib Row 1: *p1, 1/1LPC, p1, k2* repeat to end of row

Rib row 2-10: *p2, k2* repeat to end of row

Main Hat

Switch to larger needles and join in round. Place marker for start of round and slip when you come to it

Round 1: K

Rounds 2-4: *k1b, k11* repeat to end of round

Round 5: k

Repeat rounds 2-5 16 times

Crown shaping

Round 1: *k1b, k2tog, k7, ssk*, repeat to end of row (80sts)

Round 2: *k1b, k9* repeat to end of row

Round 3: *k1b, k2tog, k5, ssk* repeat to end of row (64sts)

Round 4: k

Round 5: *k1b, k2tog, k3, ssk* repeat to end of row (48sts)

Round 6: *k1b, k5* repeat to end of row

Round 7: k1b, k2tog, k1, ssk* repeat to end of row (32sts)

Round 8: K

Round 9: (switch to color B) k2tog around (16sts)

Rounds 10-12: k

Round 13: k2tog around (8sts)

Round 14: k

Round 15: *k2tog, k2* repeat (6sts)

Rounds 16-20: (switch to icord technique if desired) k

Bind off knitwise

Finishing

Sew ribbing closed

Weave in ends

Wash and block as desired

