



Pumpkin

Knit this gorgeous Halloween bear to take along with you trick or treating. He even has his own scary cape complete with pumpkin motif. Knitted in stocking stitch, this is a very simple bear to make.

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YOU WILL NEED

For Pumpkin

Sirdar Country Style DK, 40% nylon, 30% wool, 30% acrylic (170yds/155m per 50g ball):
2 x 50g balls in 618 Snapdragon (A)

Needles size 4mm (UK8:US6)
Needles size 3.25mm (UK10:US3)
Safety stuffing

For the cape, inner ears and paw pads

Sirdar Country Style DK, 40% nylon, 30% wool, 30% acrylic (170 yds/155m per 50g ball):
2 x 50g balls in 417 Black (B)
Small amounts of green and orange 4-ply yarns for pumpkin motif

Needles size 4mm (UK8:US6)

KNITTING NOTES

Tension

22 sts x 28 rows to 4in (10cm) using 4mm (UK8:US6) needles.

Yarn notes

Any DK weight yarn will work with this project. Check your tension beforehand and change the needle size if needed.

Measurements

10in (26cm) tall when sitting. Circumference of tummy when stuffed is about 13½in (34.5cm).

Abbreviations

Refer to page 33.



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Head

Using 4mm needles and A, cast on 8 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in each st across row (16 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K4, m1, k8, m1, k4 (18 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K4, m1, k1, m1, k8, m1, k1, m1, k4 (22 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K5, m1, k1, m1, k10, m1, k1, m1, k5 (26 sts).

Cont increasing in this manner, working 2 more stitches between the 2nd and 3rd increases and working a plain purl row between the increase rows, until you have 66 sts, ending on a purl row.

Work 10 rows in st st decreasing 1 st at either end of row on the final row (64 sts).

Decrease for back of head

Next row: *K6, k2tog; rep from * to end (56 sts).

Next and following alt rows:

Purl.

Next row: *K5, k2tog; rep from * to end (48 sts).

Next row: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end (40 sts).

Next row: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end (32 sts).

Next row: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end (24 sts).

Next row: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end (16 sts).

Next row: K2tog across row.

Break yarn and run through sts

left on needle. Draw up and fasten off.

Body

Using 4mm needles and A, cast on 20 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in each st across row (40 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * to end (60 sts).

Cont in st st without further increases until you have worked 57 rows, ending with a purl row.

Decrease for top of body

Next row: *K4, k2tog; rep from * to end (50 sts).

Next and following alt rows:

Purl.

Next row: *K3, k2tog; rep from * to end (40 sts).

Next row: *K2, k2tog; rep from * to end (30 sts).

Next row: *K1, k2tog; rep from * to end (20 sts).

Next row: K2tog across row (10 sts).

Break yarn and run through sts left on needle. Draw up and fasten off.

Ears

make 2 in A and 2 in B

Using 4mm needles and appropriate colour, cast on 10 sts.

Work in garter stitch for 2 rows.

Next: Inc in first and last st every alt row to 16 sts.

Work 8 rows garter st.

Next row: K2tog across row.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K2tog across row.

Cast off.

Arms

make 2

Using 4mm needles and A, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * across row (15 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * to last st, k1 (22 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in first and last st (24 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work 27 rows in st st.

Next row: *K1, skpo; rep from * to end (16 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row (8 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row (4 sts).

Break yarn and run through sts left on needle. Draw up and fasten off.



Legs

make 2

Using 4mm needles and A, cast on 10 sts.

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * across row (15 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: *K1, inc in next st; rep from * to last st, k1 (22 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: Inc in first and last st (24 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Repeat last 2 rows once more (26 sts).

Cont in st st for 24 rows.

Increase for foot

Next row: K9, inc in each of next 8 sts, k9 (34 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K12, inc in each of next 10 sts, k12 (44 sts).

Beg with a purl row, work 9 rows st st.

Next row: K2tog across row (22 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row (11 sts).

Next row: Purl.

Next row: K2tog across row to last st, k1 (6 sts).

Break yarn and run through sts left on needle. Draw up and fasten off.



Paw pads

make 2, worked in garter stitch

Using 4mm needles and B, cast on 10 sts.

Knit 10 rows.

Next row: K2tog at each end of row.

Next row: Knit.

Repeat last 2 rows until 4 sts remain.

Cast off.

Feet pads

make 2, worked in garter stitch

Using 4mm needles and B, cast on 7 sts.

Knit 2 rows.

Inc 1 st at each end of next and following alt rows until you have 13 sts.

Knit 12 rows.

Dec 1 st at each end of the next and following alt rows until you have 7 sts.

Cast off.

Nose

Using 4mm needles and B, cast on 8 sts.

Work 6 rows in garter stitch.

Now dec 1 st at each end of next and following alt rows to 2 sts.

Next row: K2tog, fasten off, leaving a long tail of yarn.



To make up

Sew the seam on the body, which runs down the back, and stuff firmly before closing.

Sew the head seam, stuffing firmly as with the body.

Sew the ears together in pairs, one black and one orange, curling them inwards as you do. Sew to either side of the head.

Take the nose and pin it in place on the bear's face, pad it out a little before stitching it in place. Using black yarn, embroider the eyes onto

the face, tug them a little to create indentations and add shape to nose. Attach the bear's head to the body.

Sew the seams on the arms and legs, all seams run on the underside of the pieces. Stuff fairly firmly. Sew a pad to each paw and a foot pad to the base of each foot.

Pin the limbs in position on the bear, noting that he is in a sitting position. Try to get the limbs all equal so the bear will sit nicely. Sew in place.



Cape

Using 4mm needles and B, cast on 48 sts.

Work 4 rows in garter stitch.

Next row: K4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Repeat last 2 rows twice more.

Next row (make eyelet holes):

K5, *yfwd, k2tog, k1; rep from * to last 5 sts, k5.

Next row: K4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Work 4 rows in st st (dec 1 st on last row) (47 sts).

Now begin to shape cape

Next row: K4, *k9, m1, k1, m1; rep from * to last 13 sts, k13 (53 sts).

****Next row:** K4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.**

Next row: K14, m1, k1, m1, *k11,

m1, k1, m1; rep from * to last 14 sts, k14 (59 sts).

Work from ** to **.



Next row: K15, m1, k1, m1, *k13, m1, k1, m1; rep from * to last 15 sts, k15 (65 sts).

Work from ** to **.

Cont to increase as set until you have worked the row:

"K18, m1, k1, m1, *k19, m1, k1, m1; rep from * to last 18 sts, k18 (83 sts)."

Next row: K4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Next row: Knit.

Next row: K4, purl to last 4 sts, k4.

Repeat last 2 rows 7 times more.

Work 5 rows in garter stitch.

Cast off.

Motif for cape

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Using 3.25mm needles and orange yarn, cast on 10 sts.

Knit 2 rows in garter stitch.

Inc 1 st at each of next and following alt rows to 20 sts.

Work in garter stitch on these sts for 16 rows.

Now decrease 1 st at each end of next and following alt rows to 14 sts.

Knit 2 rows and cast off.

Leaves

Using 3.25mm needles and green 4-ply yarn, cast on 2sts.

Next row: Knit.

****Next row:** Inc in first and last stitch (4 sts).

Next row: Knit

Repeat last 2 rows once more (6 sts).

Next row: K2tog at each end of next and following alt row

(2 sts). **

Knit 2 rows.

Work from ** to **.

K2tog and fasten off.



To make up

Make a twisted cord using black yarn and thread it through the holes at the neckline. Sew leaves to top of pumpkin. Embroider the eyes and mouth with black yarn. Attach the motif to centre back of cape.

