



MINI PUMPKINS

a pattern by mangoes ([ravelry](#))

DESCRIPTION

A simple way to make a small pumpkin to decorate your home for autumn or Halloween. They're a great way to use up scrap yarn and make fast weeknight projects. Part one of a series of small Halloween ornaments!

SKILLS USED

(refer to <http://www.knittinghelp.com/> for any unfamiliar techniques)

- knitting in the round (DPNs)
 - simple increases (kfb) and decreases (k2tog)
 - i-cord
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YOU WILL NEED

- 4 double pointed needles (whatever size is best for your yarn - the smaller the needle, the tighter the fabric)
- some orange yarn, < 50 yds (I used [Knit Picks City Tweed DK](#) in Habanero) and green yarn, < 1 yd
- some cotton stuffing
- darning needle

INSTRUCTIONS

CO 6 sts. Divide evenly between three needles (2 sts per needle) and join to knit in the round.

ROUND 1: [k1, p1] x3.
ROUND 2: [kfb, p1] x3.
ROUND 3: [k2, p1] x3.
ROUND 4: [k1, kfb, p1] x3.
ROUND 5: [k1, p1] x6.
ROUND 6: [kfb, p1] x6.
ROUND 7: [k2, p1] x6.
ROUND 8: [k1, kfb, p1] x6.
ROUND 9: [k3, p1] x6.
ROUND 10: [k2, kfb, p1] x6.
ROUND 11: [k4, p1] x6.
ROUND 12: [k3, kfb, p1] x6.
ROUND 13: [k5, p1] x6.
ROUND 14-16: Repeat row 13 three more times.
ROUND 17: [k2tog, k3, p1] x6.
ROUND 18: [k4, p1] x6.
ROUND 19: [k2tog, k2, p1] x6.
ROUND 20: [k3, p1] x6.
ROUND 21: [k2tog, k1, p1] x6.
ROUND 22: [k2, p1] x6.

PAUSE!

Fill your pumpkin with stuffing. Try to push the stuffing out to the sides to leave the center of your pumpkin open, like a donut. Don't overstuff, just give it enough to hold its shape!

ROUND 23: [k1, p1] x6.

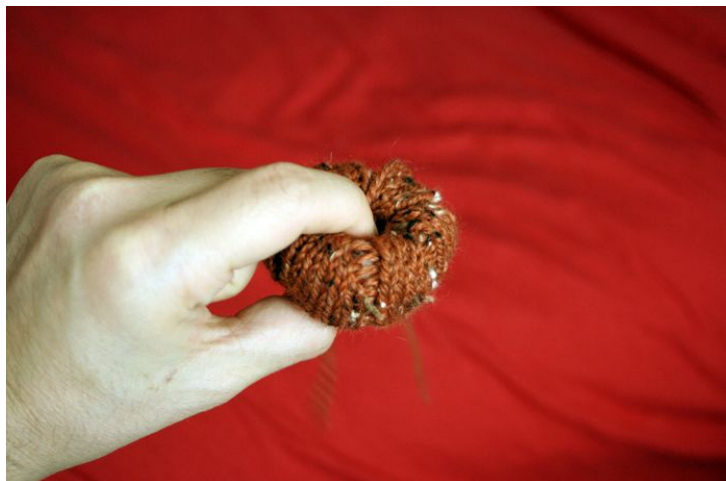
ROUND 24: [k2tog] x6.

Cut yarn and thread through remaining stitches. Pull tight.

**You will now have a funny
football-shaped object. Don't
worry!**



**Pinch the points into the center
and squish your little pumpkin
into shape.**





Grab your darning needle and green yarn and stitch up and down through the center to secure it and anchor your stem.



Pick up 2 stitches in the center and knit a few rows of i-cord for a stem, or a long i-cord for a vine!

Tuck your ends inside with the needle and repeat until you have a whole pumpkin bouquet. Add some stems and vines (pictured: [Ivy by Frankie Brown](#)) or stitch on a jack-o-lantern face to give them your own flair!
