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knitting

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein each 313 Aran **A** and 321 Gold or 256 Carrot **B**

Susan Bates® Double pointed needles: One set 4.5mm [US 7]

Susan Bates® split lock stitch markers

Poly-Fil® Poly Pellets®
Weighted Stuffing Beads,
Poly-Fil® fiber filling, yarn
needle

GAUGE: 16 sts = 4" (10 cm);
22 rows = 4" (10 cm) in
Stockinette st. **CHECK YOUR
GAUGE.** Use any size needles
to obtain the gauge.

BUY YARN



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yds (333 m); stripes, prints, multis and heathers 5 oz (141 g), 236 yds (215 m); flecks 5 oz (141 g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins



Spicy Knit Pumpkins

Add these clever chevron stitch pumpkins to your fall décor and use them for table settings, on your mantel or on a shelf. They are quick to knit and you'll enjoy having them all through the fall season.

Pumpkin measures 3¾" (9.5 cm) tall after stuffing & seaming.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Ssk (slip, slip, knit) = Slip next two sts knitwise to right needle, insert point of left needle through front of sts, knit these sts together through back loop.
kfb (knit into front and back) = Knit next st but do not remove from left needle, knit into back loop of same st and remove from needle.

PUMPKIN

With **A**, cast on 36, leaving a long tail for seaming up bottom.
Divide sts evenly across double pointed needles, join round and mark first st.

Increasing

Round 1: Knit.
Round 2: * K8, kfb; repeat from * to end of round - 40 sts.
Round 3: Knit.
Round 4: * K9, kfb; repeat from * to end of round - 44 sts.
Round 5: Knit.
Round 6: * K10, kfb; repeat from * to end of round - 48 sts.
Round 7: Knit.
Round 8: * K11, kfb; repeat from * to end of round - 52 sts.
Round 9: Knit.
Round 10: * K16, kfb; repeat from * to last st, k1 - 55 sts.

Chevron

Change to **B**.
Rounds 1, 3 and 5: * K2tog, k2, kfb twice, k3, ssk; repeat from * to end.
Rounds 2, 4, and 6: Knit.
Change to **A**.
Round 7: Repeat Round 1.
Rounds 8-11: Knit.
Repeat Rounds 1-8 only once more.

Decreasing

Round 1: * K16, k2tog; repeat from * to last st, k1 - 52 sts.
Round 2: Knit.
Round 3: * K11, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 48 sts.

Pause here to stuff Pumpkin as follows:

Weave beginning yarn tail through cast on sts and pull tightly to close bottom hole.
Stuff Pumpkin with pellets and fiber. Contain pellets in a thin bag (that a yarn needle can thread through) to keep them from leaking out when the pumpkin is squished.
Continue stuffing as you work the final rounds.

Change to **B**.

Round 4: Knit.
Round 5: * K10, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 44 sts.
Round 6: Knit.
Round 7: * K9, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 40 sts.
Round 8: Knit.
Round 9: * K8, k2tog; repeat from * to end of round - 36 sts.
Cut **B**, leaving a tail at least 96" (244 cm) long for shaping Pumpkin.

Weave tail through all remaining live sts and pull tightly to close top hole, stuffing a little extra at the end if needed, as the pumpkin should be very firm.

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FINISHING

Wedges

Insert yarn needle through center top of Pumpkin, exiting at center bottom. Repeat this downward motion, making 5 lines of yarn around outside of Pumpkin, and placing them between the k2tog and ssk sts to accentuate the chevrons. Be sure to pull yarn tightly to form the wedges.

Stem

With **A**, cast on 4 sts onto a double pointed needle, and make an I-cord as follows: * K4, slide all sts to other end of needle; repeat from * until stem measures 1½" (4 cm). Tug firmly on the I-cord as you work to straighten the sts and see the real length.

Bind off loosely, leaving a long tail. Use tail to sew stem to top center of Pumpkin.

Weave in all loose ends to inside of Pumpkin.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B = Color A, Color B; **k** = knit;
k2tog = knit next 2 sts together; **st(s)** = stitch(es); * **or** ** = repeat whatever follows the * or ** as indicated.

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Bottom

