

## **Pumpkin Hat Pattern**

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**Size:** newborn, (baby, toddler, child)

**Gauge:** 5 stitches/inch

**Needles:** size 6 (4mm) double pointed or 16" circular or magic loop

**Yarn:** worsted weight in orange & a small amount of green

Always test your gauge -- depending on the yarn, I've made this hat with needle sizes that range from size 5 to size 7.

Cast on 64 (72, 80, 88) stitches. Mark your starting point and join in the round and knit 9 rows of stockinette stitch (knit every row). On the 10th row, knit into the back of each stitch. This marks where the brim ends and helps keep the brim from continuing to roll upwards.

Starting with the 11th row, knit every row until the hat measures 4.5" (5", 5.5", 6.25"). Start decreasing by knitting 2 together (K2tog), then knitting 6 stitches. Repeat all the way around.

The next row, K2tog, K 5, repeat, all the way around.

Then K2tog, K4, repeat, all the way around.

Then K2tog, K3, repeat, all the way around.

Then K2tog, K2, repeat, all the way around.

Switch to your green yarn at this point.

Continue decreasing by K2tog, K1, repeat for the round.

Then, K2tog all the way around. You should have 8 (9, 10, 11) stitches left. Continue these stitches in the round for an inch or so to form the stem. Finally, K2tog for one round. You may have an odd stitch left over. That is OK. Cut the yarn and thread the tail through the stitches.

**Variations:**



To make a ribbed pumpkin hat, after you complete the first 10 row, K 7 stitches, P1 stitch all the way around. For more pronounced ribs, K6, P2 all the way around. Once you change colors, switch to K only for the round.

To make the curly stem, cast on 30 stitches (less for a smaller hat - it really doesn't matter how many stitches -- the more you cast on, the longer your curly stem. Knit into the front and back of each stitch for one row. Bind off the next row. Sew tightly to the stem of the hat.