



Pablo Pumpkin

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Materials:

Rowan Felted Tweed	Equipment
1 x 50g 166 Tangerine (A)	4mm knitting needles
1 x 50g 154 Ginger (B)	3.25mm knitting needles
1 x 50g 145 Treacle (C)	3.5mm crochet hook

Abbreviations:

st/sts = stitch/stitches	k2tog = knit 2 together
nxt = next	p2tog = purl 2 together
Rep = repeat	
M1 = make one by knitting into the back of the bar between the stitches	

Tension: 23sts & 30 rows measured over stocking stitch using 4mm needles.

Note: Pablo the Pumpkin is hand felted using an alternating series of hot and cold washes, washing up liquid and friction. You can try machine felting by putting him in a hot wash, but this will give you less control over how much he shrinks.

Method:

Pumpkin:

Using 4mm knitting needles, cast on 45sts using yarn (C)

Row 1: knit

Row 2: purl

Change to yarn (B)

Row 3: knit

Row 4: purl

Row 5: k3, * m1, k3. Rep from * to end of row. (59sts)

Change to yarn (A)

Row 6: purl

Row 7: knit to last 5sts, wrap the next stitch by bringing the yarn forward between the needles as if to purl, slip the next stitch purl wise, take the yarn to the back between the needles, slip the slipped stitch back to the right needle, turn.

Row 8: purl

Row 9: knit to the last 10 sts, wrap the next stitch as before, turn

Row 10: purl

Row 11: knit to the last 15 sts, wrap the next st as before, turn

Row 12: purl

Row 13: knit to the last 20 sts, wrap the next stitch as before, turn

Row 14: purl

Row 15: knit to the last 25 sts, wrap the next st as before, turn
Row 16: purl
Row 17: Knit to the last 30 sts, wrap the next stitch as before, turn
Row 18: purl
Row 19: knit to the last 40 sts, wrap the next st as before, turn
Row 20: purl
Row 21: knit to the last 50 sts, wrap the next stitch as before, turn
Row 22: purl
Row 23: Knit across the row. To neaten the wrap stitches, insert the knitting needle up through the 'wrap' stitch from the front, then place your knitting needle into the corresponding stitch and work the two yarns together as one stitch. (This will drop the 'wrap' to the reverse of the work)
Change to yarn (B)
Row 24: purl
Row 25: * k3, k2tog. Rep from * to last 4 sts, k2, k2tog. (47sts)
Row 26: purl
Change to yarn (C)
Row 27: k2tog, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog. (45sts)
Row 28: purl.

Repeat pattern as set working from row 3 to 28 until 7 there are 7 sections of the pumpkin completed. Work through the final repeat until row 25 is complete.
Next row: p2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog.
Cast off.

Base:

Using 3.25mm knitting needles and yarn (B) cast on 160 sts

Row 1: knit
Row 2: p2tog to end (80 sts)
Row 3: knit
Row 4: purl
Row 5: * k2, k2tog. Rep from * to end (60sts)
Row 6: purl
Row 7: knit
Row 8: purl
Row 9: * k2, k2tog. Rep from * to end (45sts)
Row 10: purl
Row 11: knit
Row 12: purl
Row 13: * k3, k2tog. Rep from * to end (36sts)
Row 14: purl
Row 15: * k2, k2tog. Rep from * to end (27sts)
Row 16: purl
Row 17: * k1, k2tog. Rep from * to end (18sts)
Row 18: purl
Row 19: k2tog to end (9sts)

Cut yarn and thread through stitch loops. Pull gently to gather. Sew seams together to create a circular piece.

Crochet abbreviations:

ch = chain
ss = slip stitch
dc = double crochet
htr = half treble crochet
tr = treble crochet
dtr = double treble crochet

Eyes: (make 2)

Using crochet hook make 2 chain.

Work 6dc into first chain. Join with a slip stitch to form a ring

Next round: Work 2dc into every stitch, join with a slip st to form a ring.

Next round: Work 2dc into next st, 1dc into foll st. rep from * to end of round (18sts) fasten off.

Mouth:

Using crochet hook make 5 chain.

*Working back along the chain, slip the first chain, work 1dc into next st, then 1htr into next st, 1tr into foll st then 1dtr into final stitch. Make 5 chain.

Repeat from * 5 more times.

Making Up:

Sew side seams of pumpkin. Sew base in place. Felt the knitted piece using your desired technique. Stop felting once the piece is 25cm (10in) long. Fold approx 2.5cm (1in) hem down inside the piece. Mould into shape, stuff with a small dry towel and leave to dry

Once dry, sew eyes and mouth into place. Insert a large glass (such as a pint size beer glass) into the hole at the top of the pumpkin.