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## 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.

Top



Bottom

