



CANDY CORN BUDDY

Free Knitting Pattern

A cheerful three-colour plushie knitted flat on straight needles

Skill level: Confident Beginner



Soft stockinette fabric • simple shaping • embroidered face • lightly stuffed limbs

About This Pattern

Candy Corn Buddy is a soft, seated plushie with a rounded yellow base, tapered orange middle, creamy white tip, small side arms, round feet and a simple embroidered smile. The body is made from two matching stockinette panels worked bottom-up on straight needles, then seamed and stuffed. Arms and feet are also knitted flat in pairs of matching panels, sewn into small padded shapes, and attached after the body is filled.

Finished Size

Overall height	Approximately 26-28 cm / 10.25-11 in
Body width	Approximately 21-23 cm / 8.25-9 in at the widest point
Body depth	Approximately 10-12 cm / 4-4.75 in after stuffing
Arm size	Approximately 6 x 4 cm / 2.4 x 1.6 in each
Foot size	Approximately 5.5 x 4.5 cm / 2.2 x 1.8 in each

Finished size may vary depending on yarn, needle size, tension, stuffing and individual technique.

Materials and Tools

- Worsted-weight / medium #4 smooth yarn: yellow 70 g, orange 60 g, cream/white 50 g, black 3 g.
- 4 mm / US 6 straight knitting needles, or size needed to obtain gauge.
- Polyester toy stuffing, approximately 90-120 g.
- Tapestry needle for mattress stitch, ladder stitch and embroidery.
- Locking stitch markers or removable yarn markers.
- Pins, scissors and measuring tape.

Gauge

18 sts x 26 rows = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in stockinette stitch, measured relaxed and unstretched. A slightly firm fabric is best so the stuffing does not show through.

Abbreviations

BO	bind off
CO	cast on
k	knit
p	purl
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together; 1 stitch decreased
ssk	slip 1 knitwise, slip 1 knitwise, return both to left needle and knit together through back loops; 1 stitch decreased
kfb	knit into front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased
RS	right side

WS	wrong side
st / sts	stitch / stitches
St st	stockinette stitch: knit on RS rows, purl on WS rows

Method and Orientation

All pieces are knitted flat on straight needles. For every flat piece, Row 1 is a WS row; odd-numbered rows are WS and even-numbered rows are RS unless stated otherwise. Work stockinette by purling WS rows and knitting RS rows. Right and left are described from the finished plushie's point of view.

Construction Overview

- Knit 2 matching body panels from the yellow base upward through orange and white.
- Add the embroidered eyes and mouth to the front body panel before body assembly.
- Knit 4 white arm panels; sew them in pairs to make 2 lightly stuffed arms.
- Knit 4 yellow foot panels; sew them in pairs to make 2 lightly stuffed feet.
- Seam the body panels around the perimeter, leaving a lower-centre opening for stuffing.
- Stuff the body evenly, close the opening, then attach the arms and feet.
- Make final front, side and back checks before securing and burying all yarn tails.

Body Panels - Make 2

Use yellow for Rows 1-20, orange for Rows 21-46 and cream/white for Rows 47-70. At Rows 21 and 47, join the new colour neatly at the row edge without tying a knot. Cut the previous colour, leaving a 12-15 cm / 5-6 in tail to weave in later.

Row	Instruction	Count
CO	With yellow, CO 30 sts.	30
1	Purl.	30
2	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	32
3	Purl.	32
4	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	34
5	Purl.	34
6	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	36
7	Purl.	36
8	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	38
9	Purl.	38
10	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	40
11	Purl.	40

Row	Instruction	Count
12	Knit.	40
13	Purl.	40
14	Knit.	40
15	Purl.	40
16	Knit.	40
17	Purl.	40
18	Knit.	40
19	Purl.	40
20	Knit.	40
21	Change to orange. Purl.	40
22	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	38
23	Purl.	38
24	Knit.	38
25	Purl.	38
26	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	36
27	Purl.	36
28	Knit.	36
29	Purl.	36
30	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	34
31	Purl.	34
32	Knit.	34
33	Purl.	34
34	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	32
35	Purl.	32
36	Knit.	32
37	Purl.	32
38	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	30
39	Purl.	30
40	Knit.	30

Row	Instruction	Count
41	Purl.	30
42	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	28
43	Purl.	28
44	Knit.	28
45	Purl.	28
46	Knit.	28
47	Change to cream/white. Purl.	28
48	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	26
49	Purl.	26
50	Knit.	26
51	Purl.	26
52	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	24
53	Purl.	24
54	Knit.	24
55	Purl.	24
56	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	22
57	Purl.	22
58	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	20
59	Purl.	20
60	Knit.	20
61	Purl.	20
62	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	18
63	Purl.	18
64	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	16
65	Purl.	16
66	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	14
67	Purl.	14
68	Ssk twice, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog twice.	10
69	Purl.	10

Row	Instruction	Count
70	Ssk twice, knit to last 4 sts, k2tog twice.	6
BO	Bind off the remaining 6 sts loosely. Cut yarn, leaving a 15 cm / 6 in tail to weave in.	6

Arms - Make 4 Panels

Use cream/white. Two panels are sewn together for each arm.

Row	Instruction	Count
CO	CO 4 sts.	4
1	Purl.	4
2	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	6
3	Purl.	6
4	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	8
5	Purl.	8
6	Knit.	8
7	Purl.	8
8	Knit.	8
9	Purl.	8
10	Knit.	8
11	Purl.	8
12	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	6
13	Purl.	6
14	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	4
BO	On the next WS row, bind off 4 sts purlwise. Leave a 25 cm / 10 in tail on two panels for sewing.	4

Feet - Make 4 Panels

Use yellow. Two panels are sewn together for each foot.

Row	Instruction	Count
CO	CO 6 sts.	6
1	Purl.	6
2	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	8
3	Purl.	8
4	Kfb, knit to last st, kfb.	10
5	Purl.	10
6	Knit.	10
7	Purl.	10
8	Knit.	10
9	Purl.	10
10	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	8
11	Purl.	8
12	Ssk, knit to last 2 sts, k2tog.	6
BO	On the next WS row, bind off 6 sts purlwise. Leave a 25 cm / 10 in tail on two panels for sewing.	6

Prepare the Arms and Feet

1. Pair 2 matching panels with RS facing outward and edges aligned.
2. Using mattress stitch, sew around the shaped perimeter, leaving a 2.5 cm / 1 in opening at the narrow cast-on end.
3. Add a small amount of stuffing. Keep each limb soft enough to compress easily at the attachment edge.
4. Close the opening with ladder stitch. Do not over-tighten; the limb should stay rounded rather than puckered.
5. Repeat for the second arm and both feet.

Face and Placement

Lay the front body panel RS up on a flat surface. Fold it lightly in half lengthwise without creasing to identify centre front (CF), then mark CF with removable yarn markers through the orange section.

Eyes

Using black yarn and small satin stitches, make two filled circles approximately 13-15 mm / 1/2-5/8 in across. Centre both eyes near Body Row 33. Position each eye centre about 5 stitches from CF, giving approximately 10 stitches between the two centres. Build each eye gradually with parallel stitches so the circles stay compact, round and level.

Smile

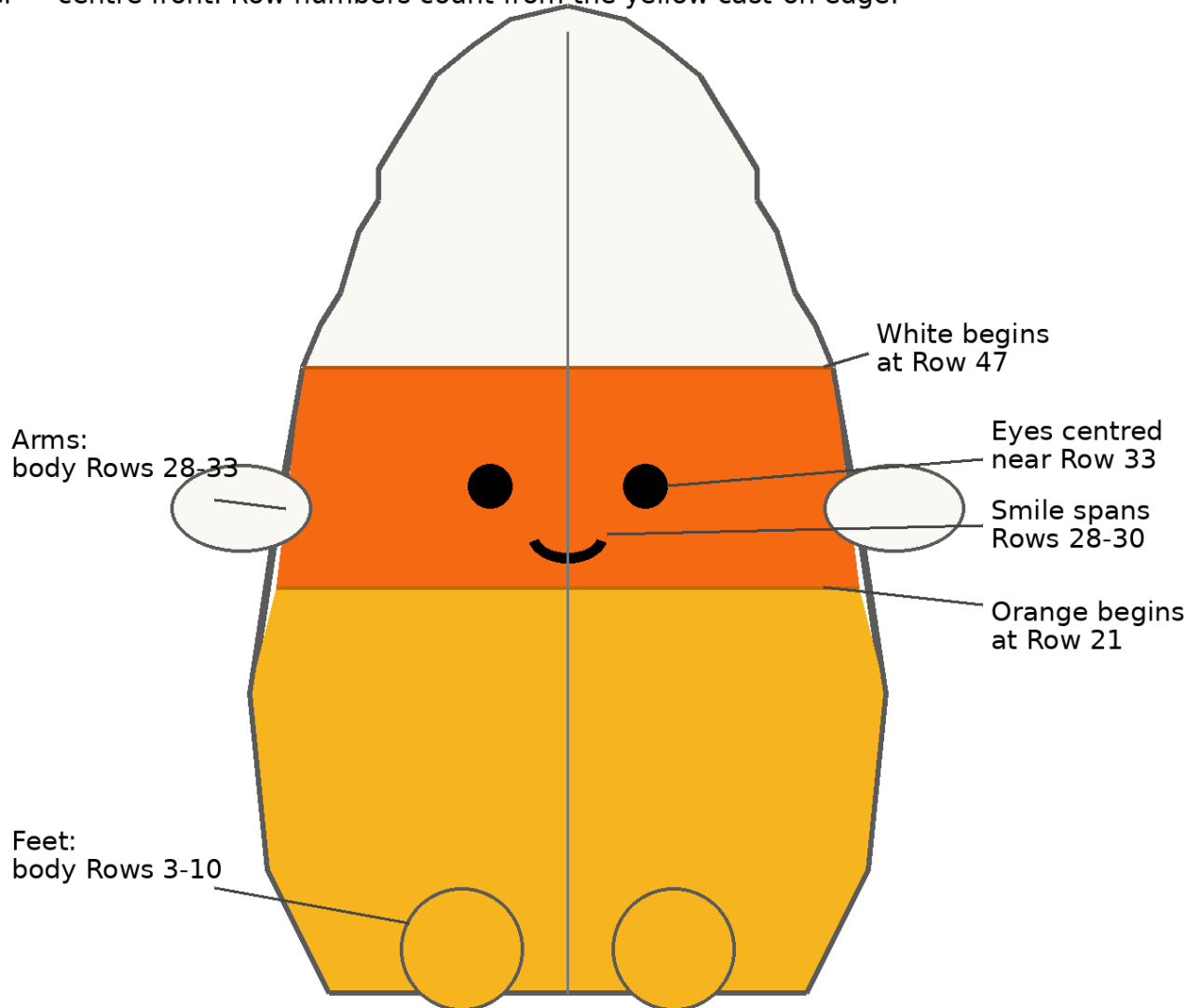
With black yarn, embroider a shallow upward-curved smile centred on CF. Begin at approximately Body Row 30 on one side of CF, let the lowest point sit near Row 28 at CF, and finish at Row 30 on the opposite side. Aim for a width of about 5 stitches. Use 2-3 short backstitches rather than one long floating strand.

Limb Placement

- Arms: pin the narrow attachment end of each arm at the side seam area, spanning approximately Body Rows 28-33. Centre the attachment near Row 30-31 and angle the outer tip slightly downward. Check that both arms sit at the same height from the front and back.
- Feet: pin the back half of each foot to the front lower yellow section, spanning approximately Body Rows 3-10. Place each foot centre about 8-9 stitches from CF so the feet are balanced with a small gap between them.
- Before sewing, stand the stuffed body upright and check that the feet contact the surface evenly and that the smile remains centred between the eyes.

Front placement map

CF = centre front. Row numbers count from the yellow cast-on edge.



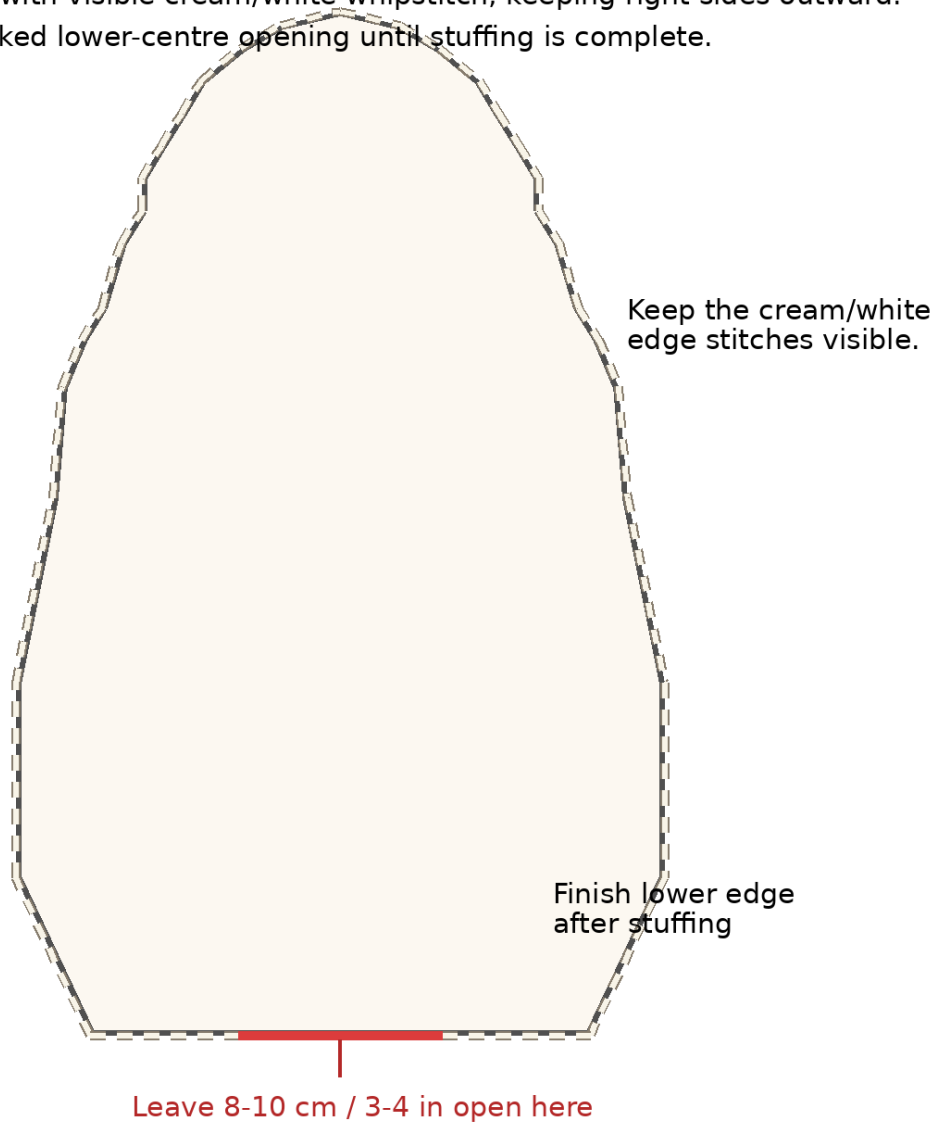
Placement diagram - use the written row positions as the primary guide, then fine-tune by pinning and checking the finished shape.

Body Assembly

6. Block the two body panels very lightly if needed. Do not stretch the colour bands out of shape. Allow both panels to dry completely before seaming.
7. Place the front and back panels together with WS touching and RS facing outward. Match the yellow/orange and orange/white transitions exactly on both side edges and pin them together.
8. Thread the tapestry needle with cream/white yarn. Using a neat visible whipstitch, start at one end of the planned lower-centre stuffing opening. Seam along the lower edge to the nearest bottom corner, continue up that side, over the cream/white top edge, and down the opposite side to the other bottom corner. Work through corresponding edge loops and keep the cream/white stitches visible on the outside, spacing them evenly at approximately one stitch every 2 body rows.
9. Continue with the same cream/white whipstitch along the remaining lower edge toward the second end of the planned opening and stop there, leaving only an 8-10 cm / 3-4 in opening centred along the bottom. Secure the yarn without closing this opening.
10. Stuff the white tip first with small pieces of stuffing, then fill the orange middle and yellow base. Keep the tip smoothly rounded, the orange section firm but not stretched, and the bottom broad enough to sit steadily.
11. Check the body from the front, both sides and back. Redistribute stuffing until the colour boundaries are level and the side seams are symmetrical.
12. Close the lower opening with the same cream/white visible whipstitch, matching the stitch spacing around the rest of the body. Add the last small amount of stuffing before the final 2-3 cm / 1 in is closed.
13. Secure the yarn inside the body and bury the tail.

Body seaming and stuffing opening

Join front and back with visible cream/white whipstitch, keeping right sides outward.
Leave only the marked lower-centre opening until stuffing is complete.



Attach the Arms and Feet

Arms

14. Pin both arms in place first, using the placement given above. Compare their height and angle from the front and back.
15. Thread matching cream/white yarn. Sew the narrow end of each arm to the body with small ladder stitches around the attachment footprint. Pass the needle through the arm edge and only the outer layer of the body fabric so the stitches remain hidden.
16. Take several extra securing stitches at the upper and lower ends of the arm attachment. Keep the seam snug but do not pull strongly enough to dent the orange body.
17. Secure and bury the yarn tail inside the body.

Feet

18. Pin both feet to the lower front yellow section. The feet should tilt very slightly outward and project forward enough to help the plushie sit.
19. Using yellow yarn and ladder stitch, sew the back half of each foot to the body. Work from one side of the foot around the back and to the other side, leaving the rounded front free.
20. Check the plushie on a flat surface before the final securing stitches. Adjust the feet if one sits higher or farther forward than the other.
21. Secure and bury all tails.

Finishing

- Gently roll the body between your hands to smooth the stuffing without flattening the tip.
- Shape the yellow base so the lower edge is broad and stable.
- Use the tapestry needle tip to tease the side seams straight if any section has tucked inward.
- Trim no yarn tail until it has been securely buried for several centimetres inside the fabric.

Finished Shape Check



Check the silhouette from front, three-quarter, side and back views. The tip should stay centred over the base, the colour bands should remain level, and the arms and feet should read as matched pairs.

Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical correction
Stuffing shows through	Use a smaller needle or firmer tension. Add stuffing in small pieces rather than forcing a large wad against the fabric.
Body is too wide	Check stitch gauge. If you have fewer than 18 sts per 10 cm / 4 in, switch to smaller needles.
Body is too narrow	Check stitch gauge. If you have more than 18 sts per 10 cm / 4 in, switch to larger needles.
Tip leans to one side	Redistribute stuffing away from the leaning side and straighten both upper side seams before adding more filling.
Colour bands slope	Match corresponding rows carefully when seaming and avoid pulling one panel edge more tightly than the other.
Side seam has gaps	Work the visible cream/white whipstitches through corresponding edge loops at an even spacing. If a gap remains between two stitches, add one extra whipstitch rather than pulling the surrounding stitches excessively tight.
Arms point at different angles	Remove the last few attachment stitches, re-pin both arms together, compare from the back, then resew.
Feet do not sit evenly	Shift stuffing away from the lower corner that sits too high, then adjust the foot attachment footprint before securing.
Face looks off-centre	Confirm CF from the body width, not from a side seam that may have shifted during stuffing. Small embroidery stitches can be removed and replaced before final finishing.
Base is too rounded	Move some stuffing upward and press the lower yellow section gently against a flat surface while shaping.

Final Checklist

- ☐ Front face is centred and level.
- ☐ Eyes match in size and height.
- ☐ Smile is centred below the eyes.
- ☐ White tip is centred over the orange section.
- ☐ Yellow/orange and orange/white boundaries are level on both side seams.
- ☐ Arms sit at matching heights and angles.
- ☐ Feet are balanced and both touch the surface.
- ☐ Body sits upright without twisting.
- ☐ No stuffing is visible through the fabric.
- ☐ No opening or seam gap remains.
- ☐ All markers have been removed.
- ☐ All yarn tails are secured and buried.