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PUMPKIN KEYCHAIN

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern



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Mini knitted pumpkin plush keychain • 8 sculpted lobes • short knitted stem

1. Digital download notice

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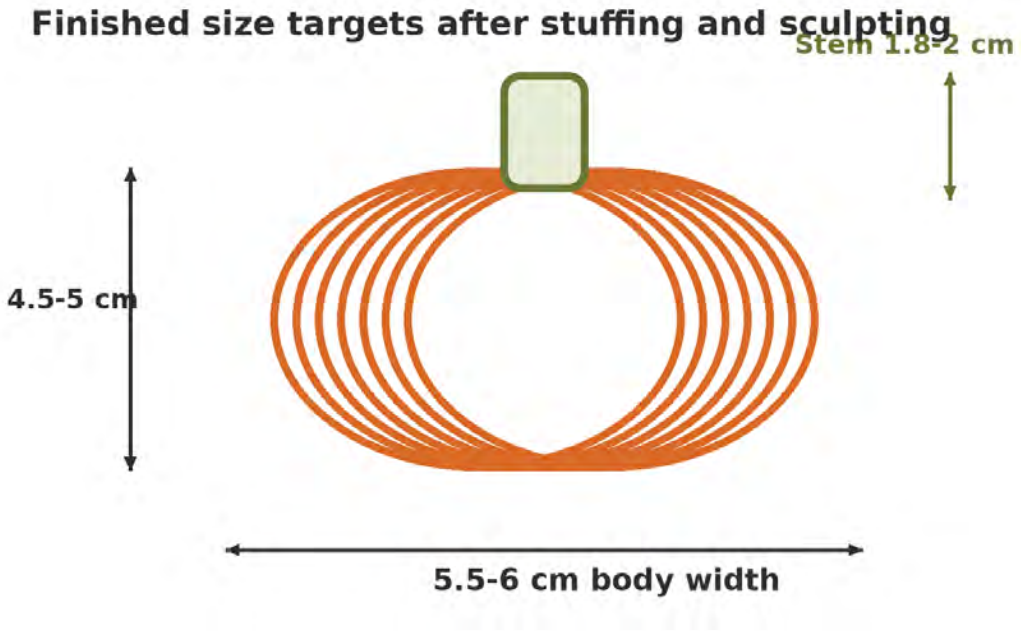
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Finished measurements are calculated design targets. Your result can vary with yarn, needle size, tension, stuffing amount and finishing.

The finished design is a small orange pumpkin with eight deeply defined lobes, a short olive-green knitted stem and silver keychain hardware. The construction below preserves those defining features while keeping the knitting practical and repeatable.

2. Finished measurements

Measurement	Target
Pumpkin body width	5.5-6 cm / 2.2-2.4 in
Pumpkin body height	4.5-5 cm / 1.8-2 in
Stem height	1.8-2 cm / 0.7-0.8 in
Stem width	about 1 cm / 0.4 in
Textile height, body + stem	about 6.3-6.8 cm / 2.5-2.7 in
Key ring	25-30 mm / 1-1.2 in diameter



3. Materials and tools

- DK / light-worsted yarn, category 3: approximately 10-12 g orange for the pumpkin body.
- DK / light-worsted yarn, category 3: approximately 2-3 g olive or moss green for the stem.
- 3.25 mm knitting needles suitable for a small circumference: double-pointed needles or a long circular needle for magic loop.
- Polyester fiberfill: approximately 5-7 g.
- 25-30 mm split key ring with short chain, plus one 8-10 mm jump ring or equivalent connector.
- Two small jewelry pliers if your jump ring must be opened and closed.
- Tapestry needle, 8 locking stitch markers, one beginning-of-round marker, scissors, pins and measuring tape.

SMALL-PART SAFETY

This design uses metal keychain hardware. Small detachable parts can present a choking hazard and are not suitable for children under 3. Follow local safety requirements for any handmade item intended for children.

4. Gauge

Target gauge: 26 stitches and 34 rounds = 10 cm / 4 in in stockinette stitch worked in the round, measured over a firm fabric before stuffing.

Exact gauge matters because it controls the finished size and keeps the stuffing from showing. If your fabric is loose, use a smaller needle; if it is very stiff and difficult to knit, use a slightly larger needle.

5. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
BOR	beginning of round
CO	cast on
k	knit
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together; 1 stitch decreased
kfb	knit into the front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased
rnd	round
st / sts	stitch / stitches

6. Construction overview

The pumpkin body is knitted in the round from the bottom centre upward. Five increase rounds, separated by plain rounds, form the lower curve; eleven additional plain rounds maintain the broad 48-stitch section; and five decrease rounds, separated by plain rounds, close the upper curve. The body is stuffed before the final decreases are completed.

Eight exterior sculpting wraps are added after the body is closed. These wraps create the deep pumpkin valleys that define the finished shape. A separate green stem is knitted in the round, the metal connector is reinforced from inside the open stem base, and the stem is then sewn over the pumpkin crown.

There are no left/right paired pieces in this design. “Top” means the final gathered stem end and “bottom” means the cast-on gathered underside. The BOR marker defines a round boundary; Guide 1 is the first stitch column immediately after BOR.

Orientation and marker system

- Keep the BOR marker in place while knitting the body.
- On Rnd 15, place 8 locking markers in the fabric at evenly spaced stitch columns: Guide 1 on the first stitch column after BOR, then Guides 2-8 every 6 stitches around the 48-stitch circumference.
- These are temporary exterior sculpting guides. They do not sit on the needle and do not change the stitch count.
- Remove all 8 guide markers after the pumpkin has been sculpted.

ASSEMBLY ORDER

1) Knit body -> 2) mark sculpting axes -> 3) stuff and close -> 4) sculpt 8 valleys -> 5) knit stem -> 6) install/reinforce hardware -> 7) lightly stuff stem -> 8) sew stem to crown -> 9) final visual check.

Technique notes

Join the cast-on stitches carefully so they are not twisted. For a tidy small-circumference fabric, redistribute stitches across the needles whenever a needle junction becomes tight. A firm, even stockinette fabric is more important than matching the exact needle size.

7. Complete written pattern - pumpkin body

BODY COLOUR

Use orange yarn. Work in continuous knitted rounds with a BOR marker.

Leave a 15 cm / 6 in cast-on tail. CO 8 sts. Divide the stitches across double-pointed needles, or arrange for magic loop. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist. Place BOR marker.

Rnd 1: kfb in every st around. **[16 sts]**

Rnd 2: k all sts. **[16 sts]**

Rnd 3: (k1, kfb) 8 times. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 4: k all sts. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 5: (k2, kfb) 8 times. **[32 sts]**

Rnd 6: k all sts. **[32 sts]**

Rnd 7: (k3, kfb) 8 times. **[40 sts]**

Rnd 8: k all sts. **[40 sts]**

Rnd 9: (k4, kfb) 8 times. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 10: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 11: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 12: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 13: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 14: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 15: k all sts. Place Guide 1 in the first stitch column after BOR, then place Guides 2-8 every 6 stitches around. These are exterior fabric markers, not live-stitch markers. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 16: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 17: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 18: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 19: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Rnd 20: k all sts. **[48 sts]**

Body shaping note

After Rnd 20 the piece should resemble a broad open cup with a full 48-stitch circumference. The eight guide markers should be evenly spaced around the broadest section. Do not remove them yet.

Pumpkin body - upper shaping and stuffing

Rnd 21: (k4, k2tog) 8 times. **[40 sts]**

Rnd 22: k all sts. **[40 sts]**

Rnd 23: (k3, k2tog) 8 times. **[32 sts]**

Rnd 24: k all sts. **[32 sts]**

Rnd 25: (k2, k2tog) 8 times. **[24 sts]**

Stuff before the opening becomes too small

1. Before adding stuffing, thread the cast-on tail through the 8 cast-on edge loops at the bottom centre. Draw them together firmly, secure the tail on the inside, and bury the end into the fabric.

2. Stuff the pumpkin moderately firmly. Keep the centre slightly softer than the outer curve so the later sculpting strands can pull the top and bottom inward without making the body rock-hard.

3. Distribute stuffing into all sides. The body should be rounded but still compress slightly when pinched between thumb and finger.

Rnd 26: k all sts. **[24 sts]**

Rnd 27: (k1, k2tog) 8 times. **[16 sts]**

Add a final small amount of stuffing through the remaining opening. Keep stuffing clear of the live stitches.

Rnd 28: k all sts. **[16 sts]**

Rnd 29: k2tog 8 times. **[8 sts]**

Cut yarn, leaving a 20 cm / 8 in tail. Thread through all 8 remaining stitches, remove the needles, pull firmly to close, secure and bury the tail through the stuffed body. The gathered point is the pumpkin top.

PRE-SCULPTING CHECK

You should now have one closed orange body, 8 exterior guide markers, a defined top centre and bottom centre, and no exposed stuffing.

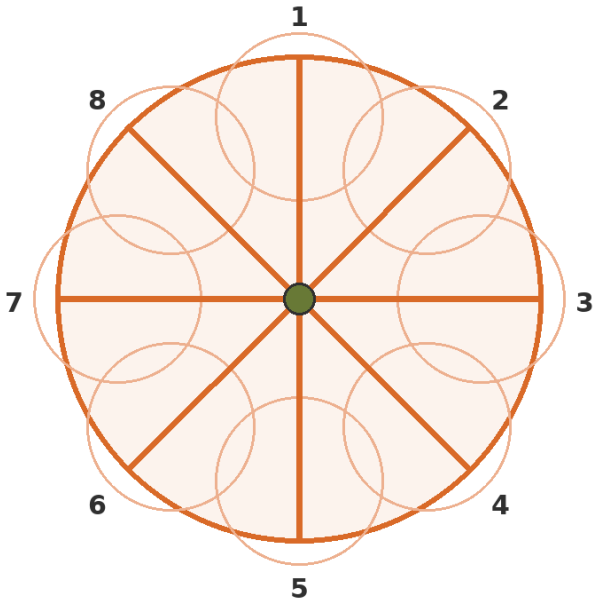
8. Sculpt the eight pumpkin lobes

Cut approximately 130 cm / 51 in of orange yarn and thread it onto a tapestry needle. This provides enough length for all eight sculpting paths plus securing and burying the ends. If your yarn breaks easily under tension, use a strong matching sewing thread doubled instead.

1. Anchor the sculpting yarn securely at the top centre, where it will later be hidden by the stem.
2. Pass the needle straight through the stuffed centre and exit at the bottom centre.
3. Bring the yarn up the outside of the pumpkin along Guide 1, keeping the strand seated in the intended valley. Re-enter at the top centre and pass through the body to the bottom centre again.
4. Pull only until a clear groove forms. Do not over-tighten; each lobe should stay rounded.
5. **Repeat the same path for Guides 2 through 7: from the bottom centre, bring the yarn up the outside along the marked guide, re-enter at the top centre, then pass through the body to the bottom centre again. For Guide 8, bring the yarn from the bottom centre up the outside along Guide 8 and re-enter at the top centre, but do not pass through the body again.**
6. **With the working yarn now at the top centre, compare all eight lobes. Adjust one wrap at a time until the eight sections are similar in width and depth.**
7. Secure the yarn at the top centre, bury the tail deeply, then remove all 8 exterior guide markers.

Top-view sculpting map - 8 equal valleys

Guide 1 is the first stitch column after BOR; guides are 6 stitches apart.



Stitch-column offsets from Guide 1: 0, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36 and 42.

The sculpting strands should converge neatly at both the top and bottom centres, creating a compact radial star-like underside.

9. Stem pattern

STEM COLOUR

Use olive or moss green yarn. Work from the open base upward to the gathered top.

Leave a 25 cm / 10 in cast-on tail for sewing. CO 8 sts. Divide across needles or arrange for magic loop. Join to work in the round, taking care not to twist. Place BOR marker.

Rnd 1: k all sts. **[8 sts]**

Rnd 2: k all sts. **[8 sts]**

Rnd 3: k all sts. **[8 sts]**

Rnd 4: k all sts. **[8 sts]**

Rnd 5: k all sts. **[8 sts]**

Rnd 6: k all sts. **[8 sts]**

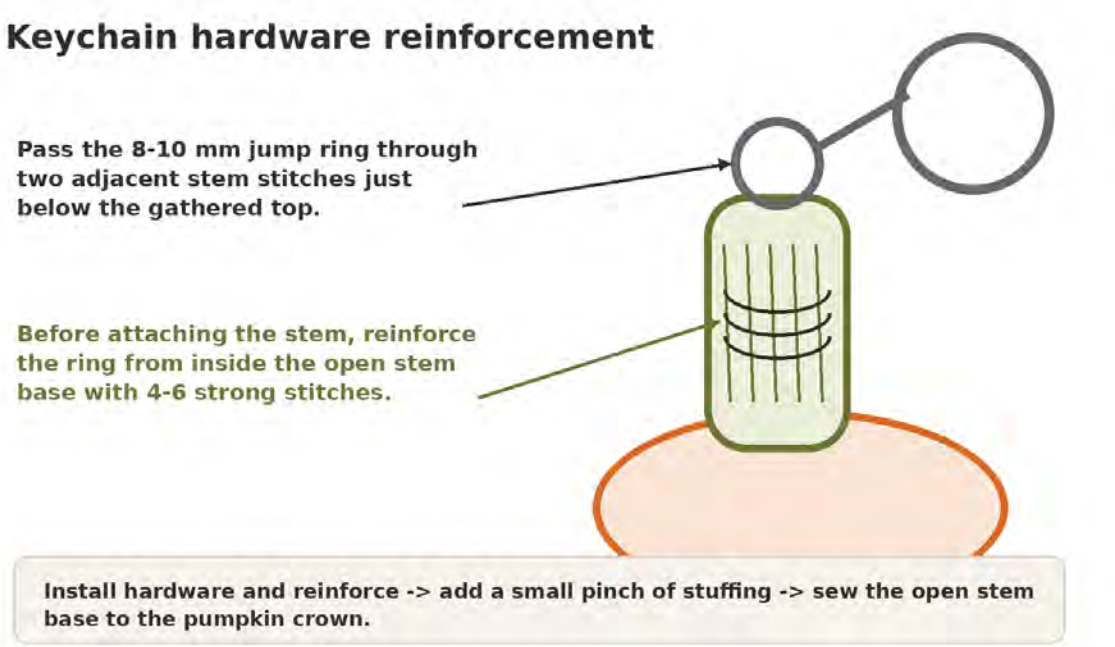
Rnd 7: k2tog 4 times. **[4 sts]**

Cut yarn, leaving a 15 cm / 6 in tail. Thread through the 4 remaining stitches and pull closed. Secure the top tail inside the stem if possible, but leave the cast-on edge open for hardware reinforcement and a small amount of stuffing.

10. Install the keychain hardware

1. Open the 8-10 mm jump ring sideways with jewelry pliers. Do not pull the ring ends apart vertically.
2. Pass the jump ring through two adjacent knitted stitches just below the gathered stem top. Catch multiple strands of the knitted fabric; do not rely on a single yarn strand.
3. From inside the still-open stem base, use a 20 cm / 8 in length of green yarn or strong matching thread to make 4-6 reinforcing stitches around the fabric directly beneath both legs of the jump ring.
4. **Before closing the jump ring, slide the free end link of the short chain attached to the split key ring onto the open jump ring. Close the jump ring firmly with jewelry pliers. While the stem base is still open, give the key ring a gentle hand pull. If the stem fabric distorts visibly, add additional reinforcing stitches from inside the stem before continuing.**
5. **Once the connection remains stable during the gentle hand pull, add only a pea-sized pinch of stuffing to the stem. Keep the stuffing below the reinforced hardware area.**

Hardware reinforcement map



ACCESS RULE

Complete the jump-ring reinforcement before sewing the open stem base to the pumpkin. Once the stem is attached, the inside reinforcement area is no longer accessible.

11. Stem placement

Place the open stem base directly over the pumpkin top centre. The stem should cover the upper sculpting knots and sit vertically. Pin at four points before sewing.

- Stem centre: exactly over the pumpkin top centre.
- Stem base footprint: approximately 1.2-1.5 cm / 0.5-0.6 in across.
- Hardware direction: allow the chain to fall naturally from the upper side of the stem without twisting the stem.
- Sewing path: use the green cast-on tail to whipstitch each cast-on loop to the orange crown, catching the pumpkin fabric just outside the central sculpting knot.

Sew all the way around the stem base. Before the last 2-3 stitches, check that the stem is upright and that the small stuffing pinch is contained. Finish the seam, secure, and bury the tail into the pumpkin body.

12. Stuffing and shaping guide

Pumpkin body

- Stuff moderately firmly: enough to support the keychain shape, but soft enough that the sculpting yarn can form deep valleys.
- Push stuffing outward toward the lobe areas before tightening the sculpting wraps.
- If one lobe looks smaller, redistribute stuffing before adding more sculpting tension.
- The bottom should be gently flattened by the sculpting convergence, not forced completely flat.

Stem

- Use very little stuffing. The stem should remain narrow and slightly compressible.
- Keep stuffing below the jump-ring reinforcement so the metal connection is not forced outward.

Final shaping

1. Roll each lobe lightly between your fingers to smooth the stockinette columns.
2. Press the crown and underside toward one another very gently to reinforce the squat pumpkin silhouette.
3. Check the pumpkin from the top: all eight valleys should radiate from the stem area at similar angles.
4. Check the underside: all eight sculpting strands should converge at one compact centre point.
5. **Check that the key ring and chain hang freely and that the stem remains upright without visible twisting or distortion.**

13. Assembly summary

Body knitted and closed -> eight valleys sculpted -> stem knitted -> hardware installed and reinforced from inside -> stem lightly stuffed -> stem sewn to crown -> all tails buried -> all temporary markers removed.

14. Final visual checklist

- ☐ Pumpkin body is squat and rounded, approximately 5.5-6 cm wide.
- ☐ Exactly 8 visible lobes are present.
- ☐ All 8 valleys begin near the crown and converge cleanly at the bottom centre.
- ☐ Lobes are similar in width; no single wrap is dramatically tighter than the others.
- ☐ Stem is centred and upright, approximately 1.8-2 cm tall.
- ☐ Keychain connector is secured through multiple stem strands and reinforced from inside.
- ☐ Metal chain hangs freely without twisting the stem.
- ☐ No stuffing is visible through the knitted fabric or at either gathered centre.
- ☐ No loose yarn tails, temporary markers, open seams or unsecured knots remain.

15. Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Your fabric is too loose or the body is overstuffed. Remove a little stuffing, or use smaller needles on the next version.
Lobes are uneven	Loosen the tightest sculpting wrap first, redistribute stuffing, then retighten all eight wraps gradually.
Pumpkin twists	One or more sculpting strands are not following straight top-to-bottom guide paths. Reposition the affected strand into its marked valley.
Bottom centre looks bulky	Bury the cast-on tail deeper at the bottom centre and redistribute any bulky gathered loops before final shaping. Keep the sculpting knots secured at the top where the stem will hide them.
Stem leans	Unpick a short section of the stem seam, repin the stem vertically, and resew with even tension.
Hardware stretches the stem	If noticed before stem attachment, add more reinforcing stitches through the open stem base. If the stem has already been sewn to the pumpkin, unpick enough of the stem-base seam to reopen interior access, remove the small stuffing pinch if necessary, add several strong reinforcing stitches around both sides of the jump ring, then replace the stuffing and resew the stem base securely.
Visible hole at top or bottom	At the bottom centre, use the cast-on tail to weave around the cast-on edge loops once more, pull gently closed, secure and bury. At the top centre, use the final closing tail to weave around the remaining stitch loops, pull gently closed, secure and bury.
Keychain feels too large/small	Use the same construction with a different yarn weight and matching needles; finished measurements will change with gauge.

16. Printing and customer notes

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Because the finished item includes metal keychain hardware, use it as an accessory rather than as an infant toy. Follow local safety requirements for any item made for children.

Quick maker notes

- For the closest visual match, choose a smooth, softly twisted orange yarn that clearly shows stockinette columns.
- Use a muted olive or moss green for the short stem.
- The characteristic pumpkin shape comes from the 8 post-stuffing sculpting wraps, not from ribbing.
- Keep the body firm enough for clean lobes but soft enough that the sculpting valleys can indent the stuffing.

FINISHED

Your knitted pumpkin keychain should show a rounded orange body with eight even sculpted lobes, a short green stem and securely reinforced metal keychain hardware.

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