HARVEST RIBBED PUMPKIN

Complete Digital Knitting Pattern



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A softly sculpted eight-lobe knitted pumpkin with a ribbed green stem and one shaped leaf, designed to reproduce the silhouette and visible textural details shown in the supplied reference.

1. Digital Download Notice

This file is a digital knitting pattern for making the pictured-style pumpkin. It is not a finished pumpkin, and no physical item will be shipped. All finished measurements below are design targets for digital reproduction. Your result can vary with yarn thickness, needle size, knitting tension, stuffing density and blocking.

The reference is used to guide silhouette, proportions, rib placement, stem shape, leaf structure and leaf position. Where the unseen interior construction cannot be known from the image, this pattern uses a practical knitting method that produces the same visible design language.

Finished measurement targets

Feature	Target size
Pumpkin body width	19-21 cm / 7.5-8.25 in
Pumpkin body depth	18-20 cm / 7-8 in
Body height, excluding stem	12-14 cm / 4.75-5.5 in
Overall height, including stem	16-18 cm / 6.25-7 in
Stem	4.5-5.5 cm high; about 2.5-3 cm wide
Leaf	6.5-8 cm long; about 3.5-4.5 cm wide
Visible body segmentation	8 lobes / 8 vertical grooves

Size note: the pumpkin is intentionally squat and wide. The final profile is created by moderate stuffing, strong top/bottom gathers and eight sculpting passes placed in the knitted purl grooves.

2. Materials and Tools

- **Orange bulky yarn (#5):** approximately 100-120 g / 90-125 m (100-137 yd). Choose a smooth yarn that shows knit stitches clearly.
- **Sage/olive bulky yarn (#5):** approximately 20-25 g / 18-25 m (20-27 yd) for stem and leaf.
- **Main needles:** 6.0 mm (US 10) straight or circular needle used flat.
- **Accent needles:** 4.5 mm (US 7) straight needles for a firmer stem and leaf.
- **Stuffing:** approximately 120-170 g polyester fiberfill.
- **Notions:** tapestry needle with a large eye, locking stitch markers or removable yarn markers, pins, scissors and measuring tape.
- **Sculpting yarn:** reserve approximately 9 m / 10 yd of the matching orange yarn from the quantity above, used as two 4.5 m strands held together for the eight lobe-sculpting passes.
- **Safety components:** none are used in this design; there are no safety eyes or detachable facial pieces.

Gauge

Body panel-rib gauge: 14 sts x 20 rows = 10 cm / 4 in, measured relaxed and unstretched on 6.0 mm needles.
Leaf stockinette-section gauge: approximately 17 sts x 24 rows = 10 cm / 4 in on 4.5 mm needles.
Stem: work in 1 x 1 rib on 4.5 mm needles and lightly stuff to the finished target width of approximately 2.5-3 cm. Do not use the stockinette stitch gauge to judge the ribbed stem width.

Gauge affects the finished size. If your stitch gauge is tighter, the pumpkin will be smaller; if looser, it will be larger. A firm but flexible fabric is preferred so stuffing does not show through.

Abbreviations

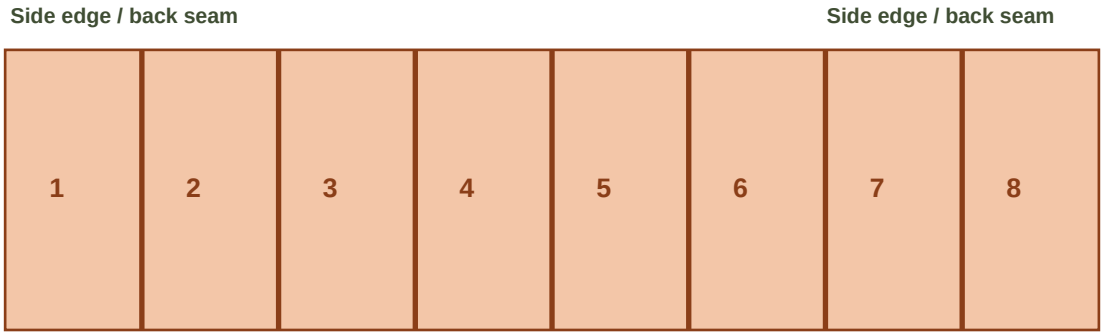
Abbreviation	Meaning
CO	Cast on
K / P	Knit / purl
st(s)	Stitch(es)
RS / WS	Right side / wrong side
sl1 wyib	Slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn held in back
sl1 wyif	Slip 1 stitch purlwise with yarn held in front
KFB	Knit into front and back of the same stitch; 1 stitch increased
K2tog	Knit 2 stitches together; right-leaning decrease
SSK	Slip 1 knitwise twice, return to left needle, knit together through back loops; left-leaning decrease
K3tog	Knit 3 stitches together; 2 stitches decreased

3. Construction Overview

- **Body:** knit flat as one rectangle. Eight broad stockinette panels are separated by narrow reverse-stockinette gutters. The two side edges are seamed to form a tube.
- **Bottom:** the cast-on edge is gathered tightly before stuffing.
- **Top:** the upper edge is gathered after stuffing.
- **Lobes:** eight external sculpting passes follow the eight purl grooves from top center to bottom center.
- **Stem:** knit flat in 1 x 1 rib, seamed into a small tube, lightly stuffed and sewn over the top gather.
- **Leaf:** knit flat with a stockinette centre, garter-stitch edging and a slipped-stitch centre vein, then sewn at the stem base.

Orientation: after the body side seam is completed, that seam becomes the centre back. The point directly opposite it is centre front. Pumpkin right and left are always described from the pumpkin's own point of view when viewed from the front.

Flat body map



Eight broad panels become the eight visible lobes.

The narrow gutter at the back seam is formed by joining the half-gutter at each side edge. This prevents the seam from creating an unwanted ninth lobe.

4. Complete Written Pattern - Pumpkin Body

With orange yarn and 6.0 mm needles, CO 82 sts. The first and last stitch form seam selvedges. Do not count the selvedges as part of the eight visible lobe panels.

Rows 1-30 are written individually below. The stitch count remains 82 on every row.

Row	Instruction	Sts
1	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
2	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
3	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
4	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
5	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
6	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
7	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
8	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
9	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
10	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
11	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
12	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
13	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
14	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
15	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82

4. Pumpkin Body - Rows 16-30

Row	Instruction	Sts
16	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
17	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
18	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
19	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
20	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
21	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
22	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
23	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
24	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
25	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
26	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
27	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
28	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82
29	sl1 wyib, P1, [K8, P2] x 7, K8, P1, K1	82
30	sl1 wyif, K1, P8, [K2, P8] x 7, K1, K1	82

Complete the body tube

- **After Row 30:** cut the working yarn leaving a 90 cm / 36 in tail. Do not bind off; keep the 82 live stitches on the needle while you prepare the top gather later.
- **Side seam:** with a separate length of orange yarn, mattress-seam the two vertical row edges together from cast-on edge to Row 30. Match Row 1 to Row 1, Row 2 to Row 2, and continue evenly. The joined side becomes centre back.
- **Bottom gather:** cut a separate 90 cm / 36 in length of orange yarn. Thread it onto the tapestry needle and weave in and out through every cast-on stitch around the lower edge. Pull firmly to close. Pass through the centre twice more, knot securely on the inside and bury the tail.

Important: leave the top fully open until the body is stuffed and shaped. No internal operation is required after the top is closed.

5. Stem and Leaf

Stem - make 1

With green yarn and 4.5 mm needles, CO 16 sts. The first and last stitch act as seam selvedges.

Row	Instruction	Sts
1	sl1 wyib, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
2	sl1 wyif, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
3	sl1 wyib, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
4	sl1 wyif, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
5	sl1 wyib, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
6	sl1 wyif, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
7	sl1 wyib, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
8	sl1 wyif, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
9	sl1 wyib, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
10	sl1 wyif, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
11	sl1 wyib, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16
12	sl1 wyif, [K1, P1] x 7, K1	16

Close the stem top: cut yarn leaving 25 cm. Thread the tail through all 16 live stitches, remove the needle and pull tight. Mattress-seam the two side edges from the gathered top down to the cast-on edge. Stuff lightly until the finished stem is approximately 2.5-3 cm wide, leaving the bottom 1 cm unstuffed for a neat attachment.

Leaf - make 1

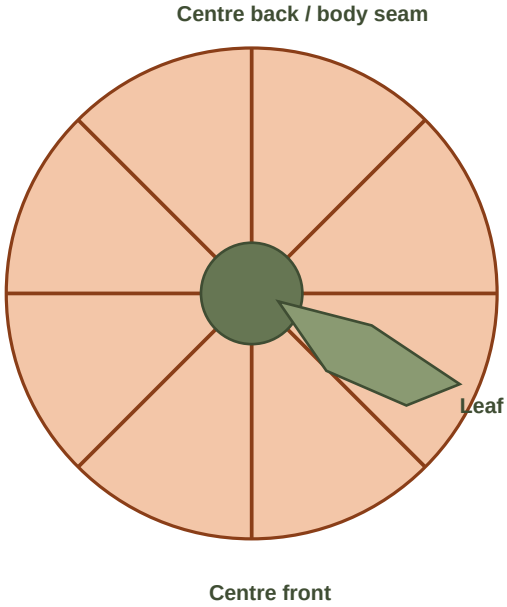
With green yarn and 4.5 mm needles, CO 3 sts.

Row	Instruction	Sts
CO	CO 3 sts	3
1	KFB, sl1 wyib, KFB	5
2	K1, P3, K1	5
3	KFB, K1, sl1 wyib, K1, KFB	7
4	K1, P5, K1	7
5	K3, sl1 wyib, K3	7
6	K1, P5, K1	7
7	K3, sl1 wyib, K3	7
8	K1, P5, K1	7
9	K3, sl1 wyib, K3	7
10	K1, P5, K1	7
11	K2tog, K1, sl1 wyib, K1, SSK	5
12	K1, P3, K1	5
13	K2, sl1 wyib, K2	5
14	K1, P3, K1	5
15	K2tog, sl1 wyib, SSK	3
16	K1, P1, K1	3
17	K1, sl1 wyib, K1	3
18	K1, P1, K1	3
19	K3tog	1

Cut yarn and pull through the final stitch. Lightly wet-block or pin the leaf flat to the target outline; do not overstretch.

6. Placement Map, Stuffing and Sculpting

Top-view placement



Stuffing: fill the body moderately firmly, adding small handfuls and distributing them evenly into all eight panel areas. Keep the centre top and centre bottom slightly softer than the outer lobes so the gathers can sink inward. Stop before the fabric is stretched enough to show stuffing.

Top gather: with the 90 cm / 36 in tail left after Row 30, thread the yarn through all 82 live stitches, remove the needle and pull the opening closed. Pass through the centre twice more and secure the tail. Shape the body into a low, wide pumpkin before beginning the sculpting passes.

Eight-lobe sculpting

- Reserve **two separate 4.5 m lengths** of matching orange yarn and hold them together as one doubled strand. Anchor both strands securely at the bottom centre.
- Bring the needle straight through the stuffed centre and out at the top centre.
- Lay the doubled yarn down Groove 1 to the bottom centre. Insert at the bottom centre and bring the needle straight through the body to the top centre again.
- Pull only until Groove 1 is clearly defined; do not crush the lobe.
- **Repeat the preceding groove path for Grooves 2-7, tensioning each groove evenly.**
- For Groove 8, lay the yarn from the top centre down the final groove to the bottom centre **without returning the needle to the top**. Compare all eight lobes, adjust tension as necessary, secure both strands at the bottom centre and bury the tails.

7. Assembly Instructions

1. Confirm orientation. Place the body with the side seam at centre back. Mark centre front directly opposite the seam.

2. Check the eight grooves. The seam-side half-gutters must read as one complete groove; you should have exactly eight visible lobes.

3. Attach the stem. Centre the stem over the top gather. Pin its open cast-on edge in a circle about 2.5-3 cm wide. Sew around the base with small whipstitches using green yarn, catching body fabric but not pulling deeply into the stuffing.

4. Set the stem angle. Keep it mostly upright with a very slight natural lean. If it tips too far, add two hidden anchoring stitches from the lower side of the stem into the body.

5. Position the leaf. For the reference look, place the leaf at the stem base on the pumpkin's left-front quadrant. Angle the leaf tip outward and slightly downward, about 30-45 degrees away from the stem.

6. Sew the leaf base. Attach the lower 1.5-2 cm of the leaf securely beside the stem. Leave the outer half free so it rests naturally on the pumpkin surface.

7. Optional anti-flip tack. If the leaf lifts too much, add one tiny matching-green tack stitch under the leaf about halfway toward the tip.

8. Finish all tails. Bury yarn tails through the stuffed body for several centimetres, bring them out at a distant point, pull gently and trim so the end retracts inside.

Assembly order at a glance

Order	Operation	Access check
1	Seam body side edges	Body remains open at top
2	Gather bottom	Top remains open
3	Stuff body	Access still available through top
4	Gather top	No internal operation remains
5	Sculpt 8 lobes	External only
6	Attach stem	External only
7	Attach leaf	External only
8	Bury tails	Final finish

8. Final Visual Checklist

- The body has exactly **8 evenly spaced lobes** with no accidental ninth groove at the back seam.
- The pumpkin is **wider than it is tall**, with a softly flattened base and a gentle centre dip at top and bottom.
- The body side seam sits at **centre back** and is visually absorbed into one groove.
- The bottom gather is fully closed and no stuffing is visible.
- The top gather is covered cleanly by the stem base.
- The stem is centred, upright to slightly leaning, and securely attached.
- The leaf sits at the stem base on the pumpkin's left-front quadrant, with the free tip angled outward, a defined centre vein and a visibly textured outer edge.
- No loose yarn tails, large holes, exposed stuffing or distorted stitches remain.

Troubleshooting

Issue	Practical fix
Pumpkin looks too tall	Redistribute stuffing outward into the lobes, then gently press the top and bottom toward each other before tightening the sculpting yarn.
Lobes are uneven	Loosen the tightest sculpting pass first, then retension all eight grooves gradually in sequence.
Back seam is obvious	Work a few small duplicate stitches in orange across the seam, or retension the seam so it sits in the split purl gutter.
Top or bottom hole remains open	Pass the gathering yarn through the centre two or three more times, pull firmly and secure before burying the tail.
Stuffing shows through	Remove a small amount of stuffing, redistribute it more evenly, and avoid stretching the knitted fabric.
Pumpkin rocks instead of sitting flat	Massage stuffing away from bottom centre and toward the outer lobes, then press the lower centre inward with your palm.
Stem leans too far	Add one or two hidden green anchoring stitches from the lower stem into the body on the opposite side of the lean.
Leaf curls excessively	Dampen and pin flat until dry; if needed, add one hidden tack stitch under the leaf.

9. Printing and Customer Notes

- **Digital download:** this pattern is supplied as a digital file only. No physical finished item is included or shipped.
- **Printing:** print at 100% / actual size for comfortable reading. No scale-dependent template is required.
- **Yarn substitutions:** use a smooth yarn of similar thickness. Changing yarn weight or gauge changes the finished dimensions.
- **Care:** follow the care label of the yarn used. If the pumpkin is heavily stuffed, surface cleaning is usually easier than machine washing.
- **Use:** unless separate seller licensing terms say otherwise, this pattern is intended for personal handmade creation.
- **Reference consistency:** keep the body orange, the ribbed stem and single leaf green, maintain the eight-lobe silhouette, and keep the leaf beside the stem rather than relocating it to the lower body.

Quick reference

Piece	Qty	Yarn	Needle	Start count	Final/live count
Body	1	Orange bulky	6.0 mm	CO 82	82 live sts gathered
Stem	1	Green bulky	4.5 mm	CO 16	16 live sts gathered
Leaf	1	Green bulky	4.5 mm	CO 3	1 st, fasten off

Final count check: Body 82 sts on every knitted row; Stem 16 sts on every knitted row; Leaf counts progress 3 -> 5 -> 7 -> 5 -> 3 -> 1, with repeated rows at 7, 5 and 3 stitches exactly as written.

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