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Wee Pumpkin

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FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Height, including stem: 6"

Width: 6½"

MATERIALS

Wisdom Yarns *Poems* (100% wool;
50g/109 yd)

- 1 ball makes one Wee Pumpkin;
shown in colors 577 Bramble &
585 Autumn

Needles: US Size 6 (4 mm) straight, set
of 4 dpns *or size needed to obtain gauge*

Notions: Tapestry needle, polyester
stuffing

GAUGE

18 sts x 36 rows = 4" in garter stitch

Save time, check your gauge.

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PATTERN NOTES

The body of the pumpkin is worked side to side in 8 equal sized wedges. The wedges are shaped with short-rows. After binding off the body, the cast-on and bind-off rows are sewn together. The pumpkin is stuffed, then the stem is worked up in the round.

Be sure to check out the Universal Yarn blog for a video tutorial on short-rows.

PUMPKIN BODY

With straight needles, cast on 28 sts.

Wedge

Row 1: Sl 1, k17, wrap next st and turn.

Row 2: K8, wrap next st and turn.

Row 3: K8, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, wrap and turn.

Row 4: K11, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, wrap and turn.

Row 5: K14, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, wrap and turn.

Row 6: K17, knit next st tog with wrap, k2, wrap and turn.

Row 7: K20, knit next st tog with wrap, k1, wrap and turn.

Row 8: K22, knit next st tog with wrap, k1, wrap and turn.

Row 9: K24, knit next st tog with wrap, k1 (last st), turn.

Row 10: Sl 1, k25, knit next st tog with wrap, k1 (last st), turn.

Row 11: Sl 1, k25, wrap next st and turn.

Row 12: K24, wrap next st and turn.

Row 13: K22, wrap next st and turn.

Row 14: K20, wrap next st and turn.

Row 15: k17, wrap next st and turn.

Row 16: K14, wrap next st and turn.

Row 17: K11, wrap next st and turn.

Row 18: K8, wrap next st and turn.

Row 19: Knit to end of row, working tog wraps with sts.

Row 20: Sl 1, purl to end of row, working tog wraps with sts as ssp.

Rep Rows 1-20, 7 more times – 8 “wedges”. Bind off all sts leaving 16” tail. Weave tail in and out of slipped stitches at side of piece to form the bottom and gather. Sew cast-on edge to bind-off edge, leaving the other slipped stitch side open for pumpkin top. Stuff pumpkin.

Stem

With dpns, working along top (open) edge of pumpkin, beg at seam, pick up and knit 1, pick up and knit 2 along next garter stitch section, * pick up and knit 1 along St

st 'ridge', pick up and knit 2 along garter stitch section; rep from * 6 more times – 24 sts.

Rnd 1: * K1, p2; rep from * to end.

Rnds 2-5: Rep rnd 1.

Shape Stem with Short-Rows

Row 1: [K1, p2] 7 times, k1, wrap next st and turn.

Row 2: P1, [k2, p1] 6 times, wrap next st and turn.

Row 3: [K1, p2] 5 times, k1, wrap next st and turn.

Row 4: P1, [k2, p1] 4 times, wrap next st and turn.

Row 5: [K1, p2] 3 times, k1, wrap next st and turn.

Row 6: P1, [k2, p1] 2 times, wrap next st and turn.

Resume Working in the Round

Dec rnd: [K1, p2] 5 times, [k1, p2tog] 3 times (no need to work wraps, they will be hidden) – 21 sts rem

Dec rnd 2: [K1, p2tog] 3 times, [k1, p2] 2 times, [k1, p1] 3 times – 18 sts rem.

Next rnd: [K1, p1] 3 times, [k1, p2] 2 times, [k1, p1] 3 times. Rep this rnd, 2 more times.

Dec rnd: [Ssk] 3 times, [sssk] 2 times, [ssk] 3 times – 8 sts rem. Lightly stuff stem. Loosely bind off all sts leaving 6” tail. Weave end in and out through bind-off edge, draw taut, fasten off.

Curlicue

Cast on 16 sts.

Row 1: * Kfbf in next st (2 sts inc'd); rep from * across – 48 sts. Bind off all sts.

Leaf

Cast on 3 sts. Knit 1 row.

Shape Leaf

Row 1: [Kfb] 2 times, k1 – 5 sts.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Kfb, k2, kfb, k1 – 7 sts.

Rows 4-10: Knit.

Row 11: K1, k2tog, k1, ssk, k1 – 5 sts rem.

Row 12: Knit.

Row 13: K1, sl 1-k2tog-ssso, k1 – 3 sts rem.

Row 14: K3tog. Fasten off last st.

FINISHING

Sew Curlicue and leaf to top of Pumpkin at base of Stem. Weave in ends.

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Abbreviations

bet	between
cont	continue
dec('d)	decrease(d)
dpn(s)	double pointed needle(s)
dtr	double triple crochet
garter st	knit every row
hdc	half double crochet
hk	hook
inc('d)	increase(d)
k	knit
kfb	knit into front and back of next st (1 st inc'd)
kfbf	knit into front, then back, then front again of next st (2 sts inc'd)
k2tog	knit 2 stitches together (1 st dec'd)
k3tog	knit 3 stitches together (2 sts dec'd)
kwise	knitwise
meas	measures
ndl	needle
patt	pattern
p	purl
pssso	pass slipped stitch(es) over
rem	remain(ing)
rep	repeat
rnd	round
sc	single crochet
sk	skip
sl	slip
sp	space(s)
ssk	slip next 2 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (1 st dec'd)
sssk	slip next 3 sts individually knitwise, slip them back to left needle in this position, knit them together through the back loops (2 sts dec'd)
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together

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