

Tom's Classic Pumpkin Hat

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If you're looking for simplicity in a Pumpkin Hat, then you might want to give this one a try.

Materials Needed:

Yarn, worsted weight, approximately 100 yards
16" and 24" circular in US size 8 (or a set of
double pointed needles in the same size)
Stitch Markers
Darning or large eye yarn needle
Tapestry Needle
Scissors

Abbreviations Used & Skills Needed:

CO: Cast on Needles
K: Knit
P: Purl
K2tog: Knit 2 together
Rev St St: Reverse stockinette stitch
BO: Bind off
PM: Place Marker
Rnd: Round
SM: Slip marker
RM: Remove marker
Dec: Decrease

Starting with a green yarn CO 91 sts using size 8 circular needles being careful not to twist sts, work an Invisible Join. Instructions for this join can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=idghalAiuZQ>

PM after the join. You will have 90 Sts on your needles

Rnd 1 through 4: (K1, P1) around, 1x1 Ribbing SM

Rnd 5 Switch to Pumpkin colored (Orange) yarn: K to end SM

Rnd 6 through 26: (K4, P2) around, 4x2 Ribbing SM

Rnd 27: K to end SM

Rnd 28 Switch Yarn Color to green: K to end SM

Rnd 29 through 31: reverse stockinet

Rnd 32 & 33: K to end SM

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Divide the number of stitches into 6 sections. At 90 stitches this will be groups of 15. This style of decrease will produce a nice leafy spiral.

Rnd 34 (K13, K2tog) SM

Rnd 35 (K12, K2tog) SM

Rnd 36 (K11, K2tog) SM

Rnd 37 (K10, K2tog) SM

Rnd 38 (K9, K2tog) SM

Rnd 39 (K8, K2tog) SM

Rnd 40 (K7, K2tog) SM

Rnd 41 (K6, K2tog) SM

If you are using circular needles transfer your stitches to 24" circular needles and proceed with a Magic Loop style of knitting.

If you don't how to do Magic Loop check out this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1mqIqRdJc68>

I place a second marker of a different color after the third decrease, I find this makes the Magic Loop easier to work with.

Rnd 42 (K5, K2tog) SM

Rnd 43 (K4, K2tog) SM

Rnd 44 (K3, K2tog) SM

Rnd 45 (K2, K2tog) SM

Rnd 46 (K1, K2tog) SM

The stem starts here.

Rnd 47 through 67 K to end SM then Bind Off

After binding off cut your yarn leaving a 12 to 18 inch tail. Thread this yarn onto a tapestry needle.

Transfer the remaining stitches from the circular needles to tapestry needle. To close the stem, draw the yarn tight. Move the needle to the inside of the center of the stem.

Carefully push the top of the stem into itself. As the stem was knit to 20 rounds push the inner part of the stem until you have about 10 rounds remaining.

From within the inside of the hat threading the needle through the base of the outer stem. Draw the needle and yarn out and thread it back through making sure that the needle goes through both the inner and the outer part of the stem. Repeat this a couple of times being careful not to draw the yarn too tight. Tie off the yarn inside the hat and weave in the ends.

There you have it! A perfect pumpkin hat for the holidays.

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