FUNKY VEGGIES

You will need...

Abbreviations

alt	alternate
K	knit
kfb	knit into the front and back of the stitch
M1	make one stitch by picking up horizontal loop before next stitch and knitting into back of it
psso	pass slipped stitch over
P	purl
RS	right side
sl 1	slip one stitch
SSK	slip the next 2 stitches, knit together through the back of loop
st(s)	stitch(es)
tog	together

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CARROT
Cast on 4 sts using Jaffa and 3½mm double pointed needles. Work an i-cord for three rows.
Next row K1, kfb, K1, kfb. [6 sts] Distribute the sts over three needles. Knit 2 rounds. **Next round** *K1, m1, K1; rep from * on each needle. [9 sts] Knit 2 rounds. **Next round** *K2, m1, K1; rep from * on each needle. [12 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** K2, m1, K2; rep from * on each needle. [15 sts] Knit 8 rounds. **Next round** *K2, m1, K3; rep from * on each needle. [18 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** *K3, m1, k1; rep from * on each needle. [21 sts] Knit 2 rounds. **Next round** *K2, m1, K3, m1, K2; rep from * on each needle. [27 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** *K5, m1, K4; rep from * on each needle. [30 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** *K5, m1, K5; rep from * on each needle. [33 sts] Knit 10 rounds. **Next round** *K5, m1, K6; rep from * on each needle. [36 sts] Knit 20 rounds. Stuff carrot almost to the needles. **Next round** *K3tog; rep from * all the way around. Knit 2 rounds. Add more stuffing. **Next 2 rounds** *K2tog; rep from * all the way around. Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull tight and fasten off.

CARROT LEAVES
Using a 3.5mm crochet hook and Bright Green, insert hook into top of carrot and loop under one knitted (V) stitch. Draw the yarn through and leave a long tail of 5in (13cm). Work 25 chain sts.
Leave 2 ch, work 7 dc, 1 ss, then turn work and work 1 ss, 5 dc, 1ss and fasten off. Work 5 further leaves varying the lengths of the chains and amount of doubles worked. Darn in yarn ends on tips of leaves, but secure yarn tails at top of carrot. Stick on the eyes.

AUBERGINE
Cast on 6 sts using 3½mm needles and Emperor.
Distribute sts over 3 DPNs. [2 sts per needle] Knit 1 round.
Next round Kfb every st. [12 sts] Knit 1 round. **Next round** Kfb every st. [24 sts] Knit 2 rounds. **Next round** Kfb every st. [48 sts] Knit 3 rounds. **Next round** *K1, Kfb; rep from * all the way around. [72 sts] Knit 20 rounds. **Next round** *K2tog, K6; rep from * all the way around. [63 sts] Knit 3 rounds. **Next round** *K2tog, K5; rep from * all the way around. [54 sts] Knit 3 rounds. **Next round** *K2tog, K4; rep from * all the way around. [45 sts] Knit 6 rounds. **Next round** With 15 sts per needle, *K6, k2tog, K7; rep from * on each needle. [42 sts] Knit 3 rounds. **Next round** *(K2tog, K5), twice per needle. [36 sts] Knit 10 rounds. **Next round** *K5, k2tog, K5; rep from * on each needle. [33 sts] Knit 3 rounds. **Next round** *K2, k2tog, K3, k2tog, K2; rep from * on each needle. [27 sts] Knit 2 rounds. **Next round** *K3tog; rep from * to end of round. [9 sts] Stuff aubergine as much as possible. Knit 1 round. **Next round** *K3tog; rep from * to end of round. [9 sts] Draw yarn through rem sts and fasten off.

AUBERGINE STALK AND LEAVES
Cast on 6 sts using 3½mm DPNs and Bottle. Distribute sts over 3 needles. Knit 9 rounds. **Next round** Kfb into every st. [12 sts] Knit 1 round. **Next round** *K1, m1, K2, m1, K1; rep from * on each needle. [18 sts] Knit 2 rounds. **Next round** *K2, m1; rep from * to end of round. [27 sts] Knit 3 rounds. Working on the first 9 sts only: **Row 1** Knit. **Row 2 and all even rows** Purl. **Row 3** K3, m1, K3, m1, K3. **Rows 5, 7 & 9** K1, SSK, K to last 3 sts, K2tog, K1. **Row 11** K1, k3tog, K1. **Row 12** P3tog, fasten off and darn in end.** Rejoin yarn and rep from ** to ** twice with rem sts. Stick on the eyes.

SWEETCORN

NIBS
Note This is worked as a square but is actually used as a diamond when the sweetcorn is constructed.
Cast on 48 sts using 3½mm needles and Sunshine. **Row 1** (WS) K2, *(K1, P1, K1) into next st, p3tog; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. **Rows 2 & 4** Purl. **Row 3** K2, *p3tog, (K1, P1, K1) into next st; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. Work these 4 rows until knitting measures 5½in (14cm). **Cast off.**

HUSK
Note You start knitting at the base/stalk of the husk.
Cast on 12 sts using 3½mm needles and Bright Green. Work 6 rows of K1 x P1 rib. **Next row** K1, P1, kfb, m1, P1, (K1, P1) twice, kfb, m1, P1, K1, P1. Work 3 rows K1 x P1 rib **Next row** (K1,P1) twice, kfb, m1, P1, K1, P1, kfb, m1, P1, K1, P1, kfb, m1, P1, K1, P1. [22 sts] Work 5 rows K1 x P1 rib. **Next row** (K1, P1) twice, (kfb, m1, P1, K1, P1) three times, (K1, P1) twice, kfb, m1, P1, (K1, P1) twice. [34 sts] Work 7 rows K1 x P1 rib. **Next row** [(K1, P1) twice, kfb, m1, P1, K1, P1] twice, (K1, P1, kfb, m1, P1) twice, (K1, P1) twice, kfb, m1, P1, (K1, P1) twice. [44 sts] Place marker at end of row. Work K1 x P1 rib straight for 3½in, (8.5cm) from marker. **Next row** **(K1, P1) twice, k3tog, (P1, K1) twice, p3tog, (P1, K1) twice **, k3tog, P1, then from ** to ** once more. [30 sts] Work 5 rows K1 x P1 rib. **Next row** (K1, P1) twice, k3tog, (P1, K1) twice, p3tog, K1, P1, K3tog, (P1, K1) twice,p3tog, (K1, P1) twice. [22 sts] Work 3 rows K1 x P1 rib. **Next row** K1, P1, k3tog, P1, k3tog, P1, K1, p3tog, K1, P1. [10 sts] Work 1 row K1 x P1 rib. **Next row** K1, p3tog, k3tog, p3tog. [4 sts] Work 1 row K1 x P1 rib. **Next row** K2tog, k2tog. Thread yarn through rem sts and fasten off, darning in end.

TO MAKE UP
With WS of the yellow square facing upwards, fold over the diagonal corners so that they overlap by 1in, (2.5cm) and tack them together. Turn over shape you've made and you'll see that the corn nibs line up horizontally. With the front of the yellow piece facing upwards, place it on the green husk part so that the top point of the yellow piece is ¼in (1cm) below the top cast-off point of the green piece. Fold the green husk over on to the yellow cob, stretching it slightly and pin into place. Using back stitch, with little stitches on the right side of the work, join each side of the tip of the husk to the corn part for 5in (12.5cm) on each side. Stuff the cone that you have created. Now join the rest of the husk to the corn nibs, stretching and shaping as you go. Before you reach the stalk part, stuff the rest of the corn. At the stalk oversew along the selvedges. Stick on the eyes.

BEETROOT
Cast on 6 sts using 3½mm DPNs and Burgundy. Distribute sts over 3 needles. [2 per needle] **Round 1** Kfb every st. [12 sts] Knit 3 rounds. **Round 2** *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end of round. [18 sts] Knit 3 rounds. **Next round** *Kfb, K1; rep from * to end of round. [27 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** *Kfb, K1; rep from * to last st Kfb. [41 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** *Kfb, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [52 sts] Knit 2 rounds. **Next round** *K2tog, K2; rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [39 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** *K2tog, K1; rep from * to end of round. [26 sts] Knit 5 rounds. **Next round** * K2tog, K1, rep from * to last 2 sts, K2. [18 sts] Now stuff your beetroot. Knit 3 rounds. **Next round** K2tog all the way around. [9 sts] Pack in last lot of stuffing, cut a long tail of yarn and leave sts on the needles while you make the leaves.

BEETROOT LEAVES (Make 8)
Cast on 2 sts with Burgundy and 3½mm needles. Work st st for 4in (10cm) ending on a P row. Cut yarn leaving a long tail and join in Bottle yarn.
Row 1 Kfb twice. **Rows 2, 4 and 6** Purl. **Row 3** Kfb, K2, Kfb. **Row 5** Kfb, K4, Kfb. **Row 7** Kfb, K6, Kfb. Work 7 rows st st. **Next row** SSK, K6, k2tog. **Next row** P2tog, P4, p2tog. **Next row** SSK, K2, K2tog.
Next row P2tog twice, slip 1st st over 2nd st and fasten off. Darn in end. With long tail of Burgundy yarn, embroider a line up the centre of each leaf using back st to create the vein. Press and block each leaf.

TO MAKE UP
Join the bases of all 8 stalks with a stitch or two, then insert into the hole on the top of the beetroot. Thread a needle with the tail end of yarn that you left on the main part and thread through the 9 rem sts. Remove needles and pull thread tightly and fasten off. Work a few sewing sts to secure the leaf stalks in place. Stick on the eyes. **Leave eyes off all items for children under 3.**