

## Knitted pumpkin

You will need

- Sirdar Baby Bamboo, 50g in:
  - Titchy Tiger (shade 100) x 4 balls – A
  - Limey (shade 155) x 1 ball – B
- 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) knitting needles
- 500g toy filling

Measurements

- Approx 26cm (10¼in) tall, 95cm (37½in) around middle at widest point

Abbreviations

- For standard abbreviations see [www.gathered.how](http://www.gathered.how)



### Top Tip

*When stuffing, fill about 3/4 full, then make a hole in the centre and add more filling – this pushes the stuffing to the outside more evenly*

**T**his might be the softest pumpkin you'll ever encounter. It's worked in stocking stitch throughout and

is shaped with increases and decreases, then yarn is pulled taut from top to bottom to create the segmented, squishy shape.

### PUMPKIN CUSHION

Using yarn A and 3mm (UK 11, US 2/3) needles, cast on 10 sts.

**Row 1** Purl.

**Next row** Inc in every st. 20 sts

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** Inc in every st. 40 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 3 rows.

**Next row** (K1, inc in next st) to end. 60 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 3 rows.

**Next row** (K2, inc in next st) to end. 80 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 3 rows.

**Next row** (K3, inc in next st) to end. 100 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 3 rows.

**Next row** (K4, inc in next st) to end. 120 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 3 rows.

**Next row** (K5, inc in next st) to end. 140 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 5 rows.

**Next row** (K6, inc in next st) to end. 160 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 7 rows.

**Next row** (K7, inc in next st) to end. 180 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 9 rows.

**Next row** (K8, inc in next st) to end. 200 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 57 rows.

**Next row** (K8, k2tog) to end. 180 sts

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**Next row** (K7, k2tog) to end. 160 sts

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Starting with a purl row, st-st 3 rows.

**Next row** (K1, k2tog) to end. 40 sts

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** K2tog to end. 20 sts

Change to yarn B.

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** K2tog to end. 10 sts

Starting with a purl row, st-st 10 rows.

**Next row (WS)** Knit.

**Next row** Knit.

**Next row** Purl.

**Next row** K2tog to end. 5 sts

Cut yarn and thread through sts. Gather round cast-on sts and pull up tightly.

### To make up

Sew seam, leaving an 8cm gap at top. Pull up sts of green stalk tightly and secure. Sew seam of stalk to base. Turn cushion RS out and stuff with filling. Sew rem seam. Cut 6 x 50cm lengths of yarn A. With seam at back of cushion, run a length of yarn from top (at the base of the stalk) down the left hand side (if the seam is 12 on a clock face, the yarn would be at 9) to cast on sts at base, working 1.5cm running sts. Secure yarn at base then pull up yarn from top tightly – this defines the pumpkin shape. Secure yarn at top then work a second length to the right (at 3 o'clock) in the same way. Rep for rem 4 lengths of yarn to create 6 segments in all at 1 o'clock, 5 o'clock, 7 o'clock and 11 o'clock. Use a length of yarn C yarn to gather round sts at base of stalk and pull up slightly to tighten it. Run the length of yarn to the centre top then back down again to base. Pull gently so that top of stalk becomes inverted. Tie in all loose ends.



Make a stalk using bright green yarn