

Carrots

"So," my sister in law asked me, "do you think YOU could knit food?"



I think so.

Sizes: Large (Medium, Small)

Finished Measurements: 6" (4 ½", 3 ½")

Materials:

Plymouth Yarn Encore DK (color 1383, orange; color 054, bright green)

Set of 4 US3 DPN

Stuffing material of choice (I used Polyester Fiberfil)

Tapestry needle

Gauge: 8 sts / 10 rows = 1"

NOTES:

1. Gauge is not essential. The most important part is having a good, firm fabric that can be stuffed.
2. Some instructions are for only 1 or 2 of the sizes; where the instructions are for all 3 sizes, they will be given as Large (Medium, Small).

INSTRUCTIONS

C/O 33 (27, 21) sts – knit 5 rows of st st (start and end with a knit row) before splitting on 3 DPNs (11 (9, 7) sts per needle) and joining in a round.

(NOTE: If preferred, stitches can be joined and knit in the round from the beginning. I personally find seaming the beginning of a smaller project easier, and the seam helps pull in the top for a bit of curve.)

LARGE ONLY

Knit until carrot is 2".

On n1: K2, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K2 (9 sts). Rep on n2 and n3 (27 sts total).

LARGE AND MEDIUM ONLY

Knit until carrot is 3 ½" (1 ¾").

On n1: K1, K2tog, K3, K2tog, K1 (7 sts). Rep on n2 and n3 (21 sts total).

ALL SIZES

Knit until carrot is 4 ½" (3", 1 ¾").

On n1: K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1 (5 sts). Rep on n2 and n3 (15 sts total).

Knit until carrot is 5 ½" (4", 3").

On n1: K2tog, K1, K2tog (3 sts). Rep on n2 and n3 (9 sts total).

Knit 4 (3, 2) rows.



Cut yarn, leaving tail long enough to thread through tapestry needle, and thread needle through stitches on DPNs. Remove DPNs and pull tight. Tie off yarn. Sew up seam at top of carrot. Seaming will cause top to curve in slightly. Weave in ends.

Stuff carrot. Once carrot is almost completely stuffed, cut several long strands* of green yarn, and thread them through the open top of the carrot from one side to the other. Once all the strands are through, tie them in a single knot and pull tight. Trim to desired length.



*How many strands you cut depends on how thick you want the top of your carrot. Length is determined by how long you need them in order to tie all the strands in a single knot when doubled (I cut them approx. 18" long).

KEY

DPN – double pointed needle

n1 (2, 3) – needle 1 (needle 2, needle 3)

Rep – repeat

st st – stockinette stitch

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