

Pumpkin Hat for an Infant or Toddler

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Infant Hat pictured was done on the Blue KK

Materials:

Red KK;
Pink KK Spool Loom
1 skein Red Heart Soft Yarn in Tangerine
1 skein Caron Simply Soft Quick in Dark Sage
Yarn needle for closing top of hat

Note: *These instructions are written for the Red KK. If you are using the Blue KK for an infant hat, you will only do 18 rows of the regular e-wrap and two rows of the flat stitch before decreasing and binding off with the gathered removal method.*

Hat Instructions:

1. Using two strands of the Tangerine as one, cast on by e-wrapping all 31 pegs on the Red KK.
2. Row 1-24: using two strands of the tangerine yarn as one, e-wrap and knit off 1 wrap of 2 strands over 1 wrap of 2 strands for 24 rows (you may need more or less rows depending on the size needed).
3. Row 25: do a flat knit stitch by laying the yarn across the pegs and knitting off. This will

create a tighter stitch toward the top of the hat.

4. Row 26: repeat the flat knit stitch, but use a very loose tension on this row.
5. You will be doing a bind off decrease combined with a gathered removal method (written from the perspective of working counterclockwise on the red KK loom with 31 pegs), so you will be removing the loops with the tail yarn as you decrease on the last row.
6. Row 27: Cut the working yarn leaving approximately a 12 inch tail. Thread this tail on the blue plastic darning needle that comes with the KK looms and lay it aside until you start the decreases.
7. At the beginning of the row, hook the loop on peg#1 ((first peg to the right of the anchor peg), lift it off and put it on peg#2. You now have no loops on peg#1 and 2 loops on peg#2. The original loop on peg#2 will be at the bottom of the peg and the loop you removed from peg#1 will be on the top of the peg. Hook the bottom loop on peg#2 and knit off.
8. Take the darning needle, insert it in the loop from the top, and lift the loop off peg#2. Set the needle with the working yarn and the loop aside then go to peg#3 and repeat steps 7 & 8 above continuing around until there are no remaining loops on the pegs.
9. Pull the tail yarn to close and tighten after all the loops have been removed. Push the needle with the tail yarn to the inside of the hat and tie off.

Stem:

1. Using the Pink KK Spool Loom, or your favorite way to create and I-cord, e-wrap one strand of the bulky dark sage yarn loosely on the 5 peg end of the loom.
2. E-wrap a second time loosely, then knit off creating one row. Repeat using very loose tension for another row.
3. E-wrap and knit off using regular tension until you have a total of approximately ten rows.
4. Cut about 10 inches of yarn and thread it into the yarn needle. Use the gathered removal method to bind off the top of the stem.
5. Pull the the yarn to the inside and tie off toward the base of the stem after pulling it tightly to crook the stem just a little.
6. Whip stitch the stem onto the center top of the hat. When stitching, spread the loose base of the stem and try to cover the bind off hole in the top of the hat evenly.