

# BUTTERNUT SQUASH

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## YARN

Deramores, Studio Anti-Pilling DK, 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight); less than 25g in each colour

 **Yellow:** shade "Vanilla"

 **Brown:** shade "Latte"

Tension 6 sts x 8 rows per 2.5cm square

## NEEDLES & NOTIONS

A pair of straight 2.75mm (US 2) knitting needles; minimum length 20cm

A tapestry needle for seaming

A few handfuls of toy filling

Two 9mm toy safety eyes

## SIZE

One size - the squash is 7.5cm wide x 14cm tall (including stalk)



**Butternut Squash** is a winter squash commonly known by various names such as **sweet pumpkin**, **butternut pumpkin**, or **gramma**.

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## KEY

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<b>k</b>	Knit
<b>kfb</b>	Knit into the front and back increase
<b>k2tog</b>	Knit two stitches together decrease
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>st st</b>	Stockinette/stocking stitch
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side

## NOTES

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### CASTING ON

Use the cable cast and leave a 30cm yarn tail for making up.

### PULL THROUGH TO CAST OFF

Break the yarn leaving a 30cm tail, thread the tail onto a tapestry needle and thread through the stitches on the knitting needle, pulling them off the needle and onto the yarn, and pull tight to gather the stitches together.

### SEAMING

Use your cast on/off tails for seaming in mattress stitch; a one stitch seam allowance has been included in the pattern.

### MARKING STITCHES

Use stitch markers or thread a piece of waste yarn through the stitch to be marked as a guide for inserting the eyes when making up.

### STOCKINETTE

Also known as stocking stitch, knit RS rows and purl WS rows.

## KNITTING PATTERN

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### BUTTERNUT SQUASH

Make 1.

Cast on 11 sts in yellow yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the bottom.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

**Row 2 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 3:** K1, [kfb] 9 times, k1. (20 sts)

**Row 4:** Purl.

**Row 5:** K1, [kfb, k1] 9 times, k1. (29 sts)

**Row 6:** Purl.

**Row 7:** K1, [kfb, k2] 9 times, k1. (38 sts)

**Row 8:** Purl.

**Row 9:** K1, [kfb, k3] 9 times, k1. (47 sts)

**Row 10:** Purl.

**Row 11:** K1, [kfb, k4] 9 times, k1. (56 sts)

**Rows 12 to 24:** Starting on a WS purl row work 13 rows in stockinette. On row 21 mark the 25<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

**Row 25:** K1, [k2tog, k7] 6 times, k1. (50 sts)

**Row 26:** Purl.

**Row 27:** K1, [k2tog, k2] 12 times, k1. (38 sts)

**Rows 28 to 54:** Starting on a WS purl row work 27 rows in stockinette.

**Row 55:** K1, [k2tog, k2] 9 times, k1. (29 sts)

**Row 56:** Purl.

**Row 57:** K1, [k2tog, k1] 9 times, k1. (20 sts)

**Row 58:** Purl.

**Row 59:** [K2tog] 10 times. (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

## **STALK**

Make 1.

Cast on 9 sts in brown yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

**Rows 1 to 5:** Starting on a RS knit row work 5 rows in stockinette.

**Rows 6 and 7:** Knit.

Pull through to cast off.

## **MAKING UP**

Insert the toy safety eyes on the squash and remove the stitch markers.

Sew the side edges of the squash together, adding stuffing as you sew, and gather the cast on sts together at the bottom to finish.

Using the cast off tail sew the side edges of the stalk together, add a little stuffing and sew the cast on edge onto the top of the squash.