

CARROT


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YARN

Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK, 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight); less than 20g in each colour

 **Green:** shade "Grass"

 **Orange:** shade "Burnt Orange"

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 carrot is 18cm tall (including leaves)



Carrots are rich in **Vitamin A** which is good for your bones, teeth, vision, and skin.

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KEY

k	Knit
kfb	Knit into the front and back increase
k2tog	Knit two stitches together decrease
RS	Right side
st(s)	Stitch(es)
WS	Wrong side

NOTES

CASTING ON

Use the cable cast on unless otherwise specified and leave a 30cm yarn tail for seaming.

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 together.

SEAMING

Use your cast on/off tails for seaming in mattress stitch. A one stitch 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.

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Make 1.

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

Start at the top.

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, k8] 3 times, k1. (32 sts)

Rows 8 to 18: Starting on a WS purl row work 11 rows in stockinette. On row 15 mark the 13th and 19th stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

Row 19: K1, [k2tog, k8] 3 times, k1. (29 sts)

Rows 20 to 24: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette.

Row 25: K1, [k2tog, k7] 3 times, k1. (26 sts)

Rows 26 to 30: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette.

Row 31: K1, [k2tog, k6] 3 times, k1. (23 sts)

Rows 32 to 36: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette.

Row 37: K1, [k2tog, k5] 3 times, k1. (20 sts)

Rows 38 to 42: Starting on a WS purl row work 5 rows in stockinette.

Row 43: K1, [k2tog, k4] 3 times, k1. (17 sts)

Rows 44 to 46: Starting on a WS purl row work 3 rows in stockinette.

Row 47: K1, [k2tog, k3] 3 times, k1. (14 sts)

Row 48: Purl.

Row 49: K1, [k2tog, k2] 3 times, k1. (11 sts)

Row 50: Purl.

Row 51: K1, [k2tog, k1] 3 times, k1. (8 sts)

Row 52: Purl.

Row 53: K1, [k2tog] 3 times, k1. (5 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

STALKS

Make 3.

Cast on 6 sts in green yarn on straight 2.75mm needles.

Start at the stalk.

Rows 1 to 20: Starting on a RS knit row work 20 rows in stockinette.

Pull through to cast off.

MAKING UP

Remove the stitch markers and insert the toy safety eyes 6 sts apart on the centre front.

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

For each stalk sew the side edges and sew the cast on edge onto the top of the carrot.