

# YELLOW SQUASH

KNITTING PATTERN BY AMANDA BERRY

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## YARN

Sirdar, Hayfield Bonus DK, 100% Acrylic, DK weight yarn (double knitting or light worsted weight); less than 25g in each colour



**Green:** shade "Grass"



**Yellow:** shade "Bright Lemon"

Tension 6 sts x 8 rows per 2.5cm square

## NEEDLES & NOTIONS

A pair of straight 3.25mm (US 3) 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 9cm wide x 15cm tall (including the stalk)



The **yellow squash** is knitted in a rib pattern combining knit and purl stitches.

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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>p</b>	Purl
<b>RS</b>	Right side
<b>st(s)</b>	Stitch(es)
<b>WS</b>	Wrong side

## NOTES

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### 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 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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### STALK

Make 1.

Cast on 7 sts in green yarn on straight 3.25mm needles.

**Rows 1 to 6:** Starting on a RS knit row work 6 rows in stockinette.

Pull through to cast off.

### SQUASH

Make 1.

Cast on 20 sts in yellow yarn on straight 3.25mm needles.

Start at the bottom.

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

**Row 2 (WS):** P1, [k1, p1] 9 times, p1.

**Row 3:** K1, [kfb, p1] 9 times, k1. (29 sts)

**Row 4:** P1, [k1, p2] 9 times, p1.

**Row 5:** K1, [kfb, k1, p1] 9 times, k1. (38 sts)

**Row 6:** P1, [k1, p3] 9 times, p1.

**Row 7:** K1, [kfb, k2, p1] 9 times, k1. (47 sts)

**Row 8:** P1, [k1, p4] 9 times, p1.

**Row 9:** K1, [kfb, k3, p1] 9 times, k1. (56 sts)

**Row 10:** P1, [k1, p5] 9 times, p1.

**Row 11:** K1, [k5, p1] 9 times, k1.

**Rows 12 to 23:** Repeat rows 10 and 11 six more times.

**Row 24:** Repeat row 10.

**Row 25:** K1, [k2tog, k3, p1] 9 times, k1. (47 sts)

**Row 26:** P1, [k1, p4] 9 times, p1.

**Row 27:** K1, [k2tog, k2, p1] 9 times, k1. (38 sts)

**Row 28:** P1, [k1, p3] 9 times, p1.

**Row 29:** K1, [k3, p1] 9 times, k1.

**Rows 30 to 47:** Repeat rows 28 and 29 nine more times. On row 31 mark the 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> stitches as a guide for inserting the eyes.

**Row 48:** P1, [k1, p3] 9 times, p1.

**Row 49:** K1 [k2tog, k1, p1] 9 times, k1. (29 sts)

**Row 50:** P1, [k1, p2] 9 times, p1.

**Row 51:** K1 [k2tog, p1] 9 times, k1. (20 sts)

**Row 52:** P1, [k1, p1] 9 times, p1.

**Row 53:** [K2tog] 10 times. (10 sts)

Pull through to cast off.

## **MAKING UP**

Remove the stitch markers and insert the toy safety eyes.

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, and sew the cast on edge of the stalk onto the top of the squash.