

Tosca

Materials:

- * 85 meters bulky weight yarn, orange (photo shows Lang Yarns, *Tosca*)
- * 10 meters bulky weight yarn, green for stem (photo shows Reynolds, *Lopi*)
- * Size 9 (5.5mm) straight and double pointed needles
- * Tapestry needle for seaming and finishing
- * Stuffing



Finished size: 6" across & 3¾" tall (without stem)

Directions:

- * CO 16 sts, place marker, and then CO 16 sts more.
- * Row 1: K to marker (m), slip marker, K 6 sts, Wrap and Turn (W&T)
- * Row 2: P to m, slip m, K6, W&T
- * Row 3: K to m, slip m, K8, W&T
- * Row 4: P to m, slip m, P8, W&T
- * Row 5: K to m, slip m, K9, W&T
- * Row 6: P to m, slip m, P9, W&T
- * Row 7: K to m, slip m, K11, W&T
- * Row 8: P to m, slip m, P11, W&T
- * Row 9: K to last st, W&T
- * Row 10: P to last st, W&T
- * Row 11: K to m, slip m, K11, W&T
- * Row 12: P to m, slip m, P11, W&T
- * Row 13: K to m, slip m, K9, W&T
- * Row 14: P to m, slip m, P9, W&T
- * Row 15: K to m, slip m, K8, W&T
- * Row 16: P to m, slip m, P8, W&T
- * Row 17: K to m, slip m, K6, W&T
- * Row 18: P to m, slip m, P6, W&T
- * Row 19: K to end of row, including last st. Be sure to pick up W&T bars along the way.
- * Row 20: BO 10 sts, P to end, picking up W&T bars.
- * Row 21: BO 10 sts, K to end, turn.
- * Row 22: Using a knit cast on, CO 10 sts. Purl across row, turn.
- * Row 23: CO 10 sts, K to m, slip m, K6, W&T (There are now 32 sts on needles again)

Repeat Rows 2 - 23 three more times.

Then repeat Rows 2 – 20. Your knitted piece will have a total of 5 sections.

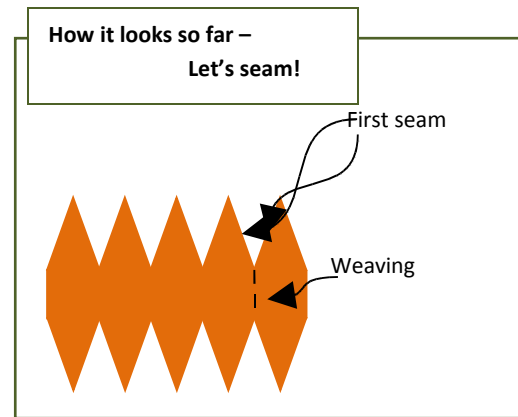
Turn work and BO all remaining sts.

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Seaming your little Tosca is easy!

- * Thread the yarn needle with about 1½ yds of orange yarn.
- * Beginning at what will be the top of your pumpkin, whip stitch one bound off edge to its neighboring bound off edge. (I choose to whip stitch the seams to give the pumpkin a bit more character. You could hide the seams if you wanted.)
- * Now run your yarn towards the bottom of the pumpkin by passing it over and under your knit stitches (over one stitch, under the next) as you cross. *See photo.*
- * Give a little tug to gather your knitting.
- * Seam the set of bound off edges you have come to.
- * Next, without breaking the yarn, move to the next set of edges along the bottom and seam, pass the yarn up the pumpkin with the same over and under weaving, give another tug to gather it, and seam the next set of top edges together.
- * Continue like this around the entire pumpkin, making sure to add your stuffing before the final seam is closed.



I-Cord Stem

- * Holding 2 strands of green yarn, cast on 3 sts
- * Knit I-cord for 2 ½” and BO all sts
- * Cut yarn with a 16” tail
- * Thread tail onto tapestry needle and secure stem to top of pumpkin.
- * Wrap yarn around bottom, outside of stem, as close to base as possible, about 8 times. This will help you stem stand up.
- * Run yarn up through stem to hide ends and clip yarn
- * Fini!



Final Knitting Notes: This project is great for learning and practicing Short Row Shaping. If you need directions on this technique or on I-Cord formation, check the following websites. If anything in the pattern is unclear, please feel free to contact me by e-mail: knitserland@gmail.com

<http://www.stitchdiva.com/custom.aspx?id=143>

<http://www.knitty.com/ISSUESummer03/FEATbonnetric.html>

http://www.knittingatnoon.com/I_cord.html

<http://www.stitchdiva.com/custom.aspx?id=196>

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