



Carrot

It's Good for You

I'll also only take you an hour to make.

Materials: You'll need about 20 yards of worsted in orange, miscellaneous green yarns for the carrot's top (I used Blue Sky Alpaca Worsted Cotton), a set of 4 double pointed needles (I used US3s) and something to stuff it and a yarn needle for finishing. A safety pin to use as a marker is also handy.

Gauge: isn't super important as long as your stuffing doesn't show. My standard worsted toy gauge is 5sts to 1" – that will get you a 5.5" carrot not counting the greens.

Abbreviations: M1 is a "lift the yarn between the stitches" increase. *blah blah blah* means do the stuff between the *s for the whole round.

Instructions

Cast on 6 stitches leaving a 4 inch tail.

Arrange stitches evenly on three needles and join to knit in the round.

Round 1: Knit

Round 2: *K1, M1, K1* (9 sts)

Round 3-6: Knit (4 rounds)

Use the cast on tail to close up the bottom of the carrot, securing it to the inside. Mark the beginning of the round with a safety pin if you need to. I need to.

Round 7: *K1, M1, K2* (12 sts)

Round 8-13: Knit (6 rounds)

Stuff the tip.

Round 14: *K1, M1, K1* (18 sts)

Round 15-24: Knit (10 rounds)

Round 25: *K1, M1, K2* (24 sts)

Round 26-37: Knit (12 rounds)

Round 38: *K1, K2tog, K1*

Round 39: *K1, K2tog*

Round 40: K2tog around

Break yarn leaving about a 6" tail. Using a yarn needle, pull the cast off tail through the live stitches and remove from the needles. Finish stuffing the carrot, but don't pull up the opening.

Cut several six inch (at least) pieces of green yarn and tie them all together with an overhand knot at one end. Stuff the knotted end into the open top of the carrot, and draw the stitches up tightly.

Use a yarn needle to run the tail through the knot several times to hold the green in place and secure the end. Hide the rest of the tail inside the carrot. Trim the green yarn to the desired length. I tied knots in my carrot's greens to give them a nice little flop and to keep them from unraveling. But that is optional.



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