Cornucopia Gourd Kit

Knit Pattern

Use US 8 DPNs.

Key

CO: cast on

BO: bind off

K#: Knit # stitches

P#: Purl # stitches

KFB: Knit into front & back (increase by 1)

K2tog: Knit 2 stitches together

KFBF: knit into front, back, then front again (increase by 2)

K3tog: Knit 3 stitches together

MB (mini-bobble): KFB, turn, K2, turn, K2tog

BB (bobble): KFBF, turn, K3, turn, K3tog

UM (unresolved mini-bobble): KFB, turn, K2, turn, K2

UB (unresolved bobble): KFBF, turn, K3, turn, K3

RM (resolve mini-bobble): K2, turn, K2, turn, K2tog

RB (resolve bobble): K3, turn, K3, turn, K3tog

Gourd Body

Notes about bobbles:

Bobbles can introduce gaps in the fabric. To minimize/prevent gaps, knit the stitch after the bobble very tightly. In addition, when you knit the next row, make a very tight stitch into the bobble when you encounter it. These two steps should minimize the gaps on both sides of the bobble.

Another note about knitting bobbles: when you are resolving a bobble (that's the knit-together step), the stitches before the final turn can be knit a little more loose so that your knit-together is easier. This is especially needed for the K3tog.

0. CO 15 st using the Rust yarn. Join in the round*, without twisting.
    *To join in the round: CO 1 additional stitch, Slip to right needle, bind-off 1 stitch, slip stitch back to left needle. Pull loose yarn tight.

    Begin with 3 rows of seed stitch.
1. K1, [P1, K1] *7
2. P1, [K1, P1] *7
3. K1, [P1, K1] *7
4. Increase Row: P1, [KFB, P1] *7 (22 st)
5. [K1, P1, MB, P1] *5, K1, P1
6. [P1, MB, P1, K1, MB, K1] *3, P1, MB, P1, K1
7. [K1, P1, MB, P1] *5, K1, MB
8. Increase Row: [P1, UM, P1, KFB] *5, P1, UM (33 stitches)
9. Setup Row: [K1, P1] *2, UM, [P1, K1] *3, UB, [K1, P1] *3, K1, UM, [K1, P1] *3, UB, [P1, K1] *3 (39 stitches)

15 stitch repeat (15SR):

K1, UM, K1, P1, K1, RM, K2, UB, K1, P1, K1, RB, K1, P1

Note: 15SR results in no increase or decrease. At the end of every 15SR, the number of stitches remains 39.

10. -14. 15SR *11
    Note: 5 rows of 33 stitches is 165 stitches. 11 repeats of 15 stitches is also 165 stitches. At the end of (15SR *11), you should be at the beginning of a new row.

Switch Color to Yellow.

15-19: 15SR *11

20. 15SR *2, K1, P1, K1

21. Reduce Row: K1, [UM, K2tog, P1, RM, K2tog, P1] *4, K1, P1 (31 stitches)

22. [K1, RM, K1, UM] *6, K1

At this point, you may want to stuff the partially complete gourd.

23. Reduce Row: [RM, K1, P1] *7, RM, K1 (23 stitches)

24. Reduce Row: [K2tog, K1, P1, MB, P1, K1] *2, [MB, K1, P1] *3 (21 stitches)

25. Reduce Row: [RM, K1, P1] *5, K1 (16 stitches)

26-29: [K1, MB] *8

30. Reduce Row: K1, [RM, K1] *5 (11 stitches)

31. Reduce Row: [RM, K1, P1] *2, RM, K1 (8 stitches)

32. [P1, K1] *4. Cut the end leaving an 8" tail.

Finish stuffing the gourd.

You will now do two different things:

1. Using a tapestry needle, weave the yarn tail through all 8 remaining stitches. Do not pull tight yet.
2. Weave the stem yarns (read Stem instructions to understand how to compose the stem yarn.) through the remaining 8 stitches, pull the stem yarn every other stitch and place on a DPN. (4 stitches)
3. After you have formed the i-cord, pull the tail of the gourd body tight and weave in the end.
4. Using a tapestry needle, sew the bottom hole closed.
5. You may examine the body to see whether there are any spots that can use tightening. You may use the tail or extra yarn to sew any gaps tighter.

Stem

The stem yarn is composed of 3 strands: two strands of brown and one strand of green. You can fold the brown in half and string it with the green. Treat these 3 strands as one, thick yarn.

0. Pull stem yarn through the remaining gourd body stitches and create 4 stitches on a dpn, as described above)

You will be making an i-cord approximately 2" long, as long or as short as you desire.

1. To make I-cord, hold the dpn in your left hand with the working yarn on the far left. Using a second dpn, knit into the right-most stitch pulling the working yarn as tight as you can. Knit the remaining stitches.
2. Move the needle from your right hand to your left, keeping the working yarn to the far left.
3. Repeat Steps 1 & 2 until your i-cord is the desired length.
4. Cut the stem yarn leaving a 3" tail. Using a tapestry needle or a crochet hook, weave the tail through the stitches and pull tight. Weave the tail into the i-cord.