

Candy Corn

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The only candy corn patterns I found online resulted in a round piece of candy. Candy Corn has a rectangular base. Though this is knitted in the round, it does result in flat sides.

Materials:

Red Heart Super Saver Lemon #0235,
Pumpkin #0254 and White #0311
US 5 dpns (3.75mm); because this is a small
item, I suggest 5 or 6" bamboo needles
yarn needle
stuffing
Cardboard or plastic canvas but to fit the
bottom



Size: 2½" at the base, 5" height

Gauge: Not critical. To achieve size, 5½ stitches equals 1"

Abbreviations

CDD Central Double Decrease: Slip 2 sts together knitwise; k1, pass the 2 sts over the stitch just knitted at the same time. You may have to gently tug on the top stitch so that the second slipped stitch does not peek out.

Inc Right Lifted Increase: Insert the right-hand needle in the right side of the stitch 1 row below the stitch on the left-hand needle. Lift it and place on left-hand needle. Knit in the front leg of the stitch.

K Knit.

K2tog Knit two stitches together.

Rnd Round.

SSK Slip the first stitch knitwise; slip the second stitch purlwise; knit in the back loops of the two stitches.

St(s) Stitch(es).

St st Stockinette stitch.

Notes:

- When provisionally casting on, the last stitch is a ½ st. Be sure to pick this up when removing the waste yarn.
- Directions for a provisional cast on are included on the last page.
- On Rnds 9 and 27 you will be instructed to knit a jogless jog. This reduces the step-up effect of changing color.

Using a provisional cast on, cast on 14 sts.
Begin with Lemon.

Using 2 needles and beginning with a k row, st st for 11 rows.



Base

Remove provisional cast on and put stitches on needle. Add the ½ st; 14 sts total.

With another (2nd) needle, pick up and knit 7 sts on one side; with a third needle, k14; with the 4th needle, pick up and k 7 sts on the side. (42 sts)

Rnds 1 – 6: K.

Weave in the end.

Rnd 7: (SSK, k10, k2tog, SSK, k3, k2tog) 2 times. (34 sts)

Change to Orange.

Rnd 8: K.

Rnd 9: Place the yellow st from the rnd below on left needle; k the first st with this lifted st together (jogless jog); k to end of rnd.

Rnds 10 - 15: K.

Weave in ends; place stiffening piece in bottom of candy.

Rnd 16: (SSK, k8, k2tog, k5) 2 times. (30 sts)

Rnds 17 – 21: K.

Rnd 22: (SSK, k6, k2tog, SSK, k1, k2tog) 2 times. (22 sts)

Begin to stuff and continuing stuffing as the piece gets longer.

Rnd 23 – 25: K.

Rnd 26: (SSK, k4, k2tog, k3) 2 times. (18 sts)

Rnd 27: K.

Change to White

Rnd 28: K.

Rnd 29: Place the orange st from the rnd below on left needle; k the first st with this lifted st together (jogless jog); k to end of rnd.

Rnd 30: (SSK, k2, k2tog, CDD) 2 times. (10 sts)

Weave in ends.

Rnd 31: K.

Rnd 32: (SSK, k2tog, k1) 2 times. (6 sts)

Cut yarn leaving a 12" length. Thread through live stitches twice; finish stuffing; tighten; weave in end.

Provisional Cast On

- Using a smooth yarn in a contrasting color, make a slip knot and place it on a crochet hook the same size as the needles. (Figure 1)
- With yarn in back of the knitting needle, bring the hook over the top of the needle (Figure 2), catch the yarn and pull it through the loop on the hook. (Figure 3) Repeat this step until the number of stitches desired has been cast on.
- Chain a few stitches. Cut the yarn and pull through the last chained stitch. When you are ready to unravel the waste yarn, this will be the end that you gently pull to remove the waste yarn.
- Figure 4 shows the completed cast on.

