

Carrot

About this Carrot

I designed this carrot to complement the other vegetables patterns in my range. In addition to its general vegetable loveliness, it comes in particularly useful at certain times of the year, providing a well-deserved snack for Rudolf or the hard-working Easter Bunny. So it was natural to include a pattern for the 'bitten-off' top of a carrot, which makes this pattern unique.

The 'normal' orange carrot is only one variety of the root – carrots also come in pale yellow (like a parsnip) and purple.

For added realism, this pattern includes the option to work the top of the root, around where the leaves join, in a different colour to the rest of the root.

There is no back or front to the finished carrot, and no visible seam – it looks great from all angles!

Materials & Tools

For a 12-13cm carrot (excluding leaves) in realistic colours, you will need double-knitting (DK, light worsted weight, Category 3) yarn in approximately the following quantities:

Main colour	18m
Accent colour (optional)	0.7m

For just the carrot top, you will need approximately:

Main colour	6m
Accent colour (optional)	0.7m

The accent colour is used around the top of the carrot where the leaves join the root. If you don't have a suitable colour, you can use the main colour for the whole carrot root/top instead.

For the leaves you will need approximately:

Green	4.2m
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See 'Yarn Choice' for more detail.

You will need a **3.5mm crochet hook** or the size you need to form a nice, fairly dense fabric with your main yarn.

You will also need a **4.5mm crochet hook**, or one a size or two larger than the main hook you have chosen, which is used to work the leaves more loosely.

You will need a small amount of **stuffing material** for your carrot. See 'Stuffing Choice' for more details.

You will also need a blunt-ended yarn or tapestry **needle** and some good sharp **scissors**.



Tension and Size

The exact tension to achieve a particular size is not, in fact, critical to success with this project; after all real carrots vary too! It is more important to achieve a tension that produces a nice, dense fabric for the root, which will hold the stuffing firmly and not 'gape'. Experiment with your chosen yarn to find the best hook for you.

The pictures in this document show a carrot made with DK yarn, ending at approximately 12cm long excluding the leaves and approximately 8cm in circumference around the widest point of the root.

There is of course nothing to stop you making mini or mammoth vegetables by using different weight yarns and matching hooks – have fun!

Don't forget to make a note of the hooks and yarns you choose for your project, for future reference!