

Bi-coloured Pear Gourd #1

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About these gourds

With this pattern you can make pear gourds featuring a characteristic sharp colour-change on the base. Doesn't Mother Nature come up with some wacky ideas!

If you want to make more than one for your autumn décor, take a look at the 'Variations' section to help you make each one unique for a more organic look.

Mix and match this gourd with other pumpkins and gourds from my range of patterns.

Materials

For a gourd around 10cm long, using Double Knitting (DK, Category 3) weight yarn, you will need approximately the following quantities of yarn:

Bottom Colour (dark green)	10.4m
Top Colour (green, ochre, orange, etc)	15.5m
Stalk	1.5m

See 'Yarn Choice' for more detail about choosing your yarn.

You will also need some **stuffing** material for each pumpkin. See 'Stuffing Choice' for more details.

Equipment

To complete the ornaments in Double Knitting (DK, Category 3) yarn, you will need a **3.5mm crochet hook**, or the size you prefer to create a nice, dense crochet fabric with your chosen yarn.

You will also need a **blunt yarn or tapestry needle**, a few **scraps of yarn for marking your rounds** and some **sharp scissors**.



Size and Tension

Working with Double Knitting (DK, Category 3) yarn and a 3.5mm hook, the finished gourd will be around 10cm long (not including the stalk).

However, working with a heavier weight yarn and an appropriate hook, you can easily make larger gourds - the pattern remains the same.

The key to a successful project is working a dense, even crochet fabric, so that the stitches don't 'gape' and show the stuffing. If your tension tends to be on the loose side, this might mean using a hook a size or two smaller than you usually would for a given yarn.

I don't ask you to work a tension sample, but if after a few rounds you think your work looks looser and more gappy than the examples in the pictures, start your piece again with a smaller hook.

About this Pattern

This pattern uses British crochet conventions and metric measurements and prints on A4; a version with US crochet conventions and imperial measurements which prints on US Letter paper is available.

If you have any difficulties with this pattern, please contact me so I can help you and improve the pattern for others.

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