



Zippy Pumpkin Slouch

This super fun slouchy is made using Zippy Looms and the new Zippy Corners. The techniques used were based after my original Punkin' Head Hats that were released a couple years ago via a [Loom-along Video Tutorial](#). You can refer to this video to see some of the techniques employed, especially for using one peg for two stitches to make a fuller hat on fewer pegs. ;)



Knitting loom: 4 Zippy Looms with 4 Zippy Corners.

Yarn: Wool Ease Thick & Quick (108 yds per skein), super bulky #6 weight: 1 skein for pumpkin (*in color: pumpkin*) and 1/5 skein for stem/leaf (*in color: cilantro*)



Notions: loom tool, 6mm crochet hook (for cast on and help with possible missed stitches, etc), one peg marker to mark first peg (can be tied scrap yarn or rubber band), scissors, yarn needle, row counter.

Gauge: 4 stitches and 8 rows per 4".

Finished Measurements:

Circumference: 20" (but stretches quite far beyond this).

Length: 9.5" without stem, stem adds 2".

Skills Needed: Knit, Purl, Half Hitch CO (shown in video), Knit 2 Together, Chain CO and Basic BO.

Abbreviations:

CO: cast on

K: true knit stitch

P: purl stitch

KO: knit off

St(s): stitches

WY: working yarn

rep: repeat

HHCO: half hitch cast on

K2tog: knit two sts together

BO: Bind off



Pattern Notes:

Entire pattern is worked with 2 strands of yarn held as 1.

This project is worked so that it will be turned inside out at the end of the pattern and this will be the new outside of the hat.

Pattern Instructions:

Set looms to 20 pegs in the round. CO to all pegs, beginning on a corner peg to use as peg one.

Rounds 1-4: *k, p, rep from *

Round 5: (broken down peg by peg)

- Peg 1: pull WY through loop as if to purl a st, but instead, twist the newly created loop in the direction of a HH (so that the WY comes from under the twist) and place this loop temporarily onto peg 20. Knit the st on peg 1. Move the HH back to peg 1. These 2 loops will count as 2 knits in st pattern.
- Pegs 2-5: p, k,k, p
- Pegs 6-20: repeat the instructions for pegs 1-5 until end of row.

Rounds 6-14: Work in following pattern:

*k, k, p, rep from *. (Note: treat 2 loops on corner pegs as 2 separate sts in pattern. Move them as needed to knit them in proper order. This is where watching the video tutorial mentioned above might come in handy. ;))

Round 15: *K2tog (KO both loops on corner pegs as one), p, k, k, p, rep from * to end of round.

Rounds 16 & 17: Continue working in pattern, but use green to work all purls sts, carrying both colors of WYs across the front of the stitches when not in use (lift loop off peg and carry yarn in front of work and behind peg, replace loop onto peg.)

Rounds 18-20: Cut orange yarn. Continue working in pattern, but use only green for all sts.

Wrap WY 1.5 times around the loom and cut. Thread through all knit sts in the round, release them from their pegs, and pull snugly. Place a piece of scrap yarn or a removable stitch marker at this point in the BO.

Thread through all purl sts in a second round, release them from their pegs, but don't pull them yet! At the place where your marker is, pull the first BO round as tight as it will go, then pull the 2nd round snugly at the tail end. Knot in place.

Turn the work inside out. This is the new outside of the hat.

Stem

CO to only 5 pegs of your loom to work as a panel.

Rows 1-5: K all pegs snugly.



BBO all sts, leaving enough tail to seam stem closed and to stitch it onto the top of the hat.

Pull all ends to the inside of the hat and weave in.

Now go find a pumpkin patch or a good ol' fashioned corn maze and have fun! :D

Bethany A. Dailey has loved the art of loom knitting since 2005. She discovered that even with hand and wrist limitations, she was still able to successfully create lots of fibery goodies on her knitting looms. She soon began teaching locally, as well as online through her website, [GettinitPegged.com](http://gettinitpegged.com). As well as participating in several loom knitting publications over the years, Bethany has released her debut book, *Loom Knitting for Little People*. She has had the privilege of writing the *Stitchology Column* for *Authentic Knitting Board* since 2014. Feel free to reach her at Bethany@GettinitPegged.com.