CANDY CORN

HALLOWEEN THROW BLANKET

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Knit up this fun and colorful throw blanket to decorate your dollhouse and dioramas for Fall and Halloween. Suitable for Barbie, Blythe and smaller dolls.

Skill level: Advanced Beginner

Finished size after blocking:15cm (6”) wide x ~18cm (7”) long

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Materials you'll need

- 3.25mm (US 3) knitting needles, straight or circular. I used 40cm (16") circular needles because they are compact. The blanket is knit flat, not in the round.
- 4ply/fingering weight yarn – I used about 15g in total so you don't need much of each colour.
- Scissors and tapestry needle for weaving in ends.

Yarn choices

I used 'Bellissimo 4' 4ply Merino Super-Fine yarn, a 100% pure extra-fine merino wool from Australia and New Zealand, in the colours of 402-white, 420-melon (orange), and 416-butter (yellow). These come in 50g balls.

Gauge

As the size of the blanket doesn't need to be exactly the same as mine, you don't need to be too specific about matching my yarn's gauge. Use the recommended needle size for your yarn, or a size larger for more drape.

The Bellissimo yarn's published gauge is 28sts per 10cm (4") using 3.25mm (US 3) needles.

See my notes at the end of this PDF if you'd like to make a human-scale version.

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Instructions

The Halloween throw blanket pattern is worked over a multiple of 13 stitches + 7.
Eg 13 x 3 = 39, then add 7 to get 46 stitches.
Use this formula to increase the width of your blanket, if desired.

Stitches used in the pattern are knit, purl, k2tog, yo, and ssk.

Notes:
For ssk, slip stitches knitwise wyib. Then knit both stitches through the back loop.

Colour Key
MC = white
A = orange
B = yellow

Colour Sequence
Rows 1-6: white
Rows 7-12: orange
Rows 13-18: yellow
Rows 19-24: white
Rows 25-30: orange
Rows 31-36: yellow
Rows 37-42: white
Rows 43-48: orange
Rows 49-54: yellow
Rows 55-56: white
Rows 57-60: white (garter border)

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Instructions Cont'd

With MC, cast on 46sts. I used the cable cast on method but you can use the long tail cast on method if you prefer.

Garter Edge
Row 1 (RS): continue using MC, knit to end of row
Row 2: knit to end of row
Row 3: knit to end of row
Row 4: knit to end of row

Chevron Pattern
Row 5: k3, *k1, yo, k4, k2tog, ssk, k4, yo; repeat from * to last 4 sts, k4
Row 6: k3, purl to last 3 sts, k3
Row 7 (change to Color A): same as Row 5
Row 8: same as Row 6
Row 9: same as Row 5
Row 10: same as Row 6
Row 11: same as Row 5
Row 12: same as Row 6
Row 13 (change to Color B): same as Row 5
Row 14: same as Row 6
Row 15: same as Row 5
Row 16: same as Row 6
Row 17: same as Row 5
Row 18: same as Row 6
Row 19 (change to MC): same as Row 5
Row 20: same as Row 6
Row 21: same as Row 5
Row 22: same as Row 6
Row 23: same as Row 5
Row 24: same as Row 6

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Row 25 (change to Color A): same as Row 5
Row 26: same as Row 6
Row 27: same as Row 5
Row 28: same as Row 6
Row 29: same as Row 5
Row 30: same as Row 6
Row 31 (change to Color B): same as Row 5
Row 32: same as Row 6
Row 33: same as Row 5
Row 34: same as Row 6
Row 35: same as Row 5
Row 36: same as Row 6
Row 37 (change to MC): same as Row 5
Row 38: same as Row 6
Row 39: same as Row 5
Row 40: same as Row 6
Row 41: same as Row 5
Row 42: same as Row 6
Row 43 (change to Color A): same as Row 5
Row 44: same as Row 6
Row 45: same as Row 5
Row 46: same as Row 6
Row 47: same as Row 5
Row 48: same as Row 6
Row 49 (change to Color B): same as Row 5
Row 50: same as Row 6
Row 51: same as Row 5
Row 52: same as Row 6
Row 53: same as Row 5
Row 54: same as Row 6

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Row 55 (change to MC): same as Row 5
Row 56: same as Row 6

Garter Edge
Row 57: knit to end of row
Row 58: knit to end of row
Row59: knit to end of row
Row 60: knit to end of row

Bind off knitwise.

Finishing
Weave in all ends using the tapestry needle.
Block your work so the top and side edges are 'straight' (not the chevron tips of course).

Abbreviations

BO = (bind off) knit two stitches as normal and lift the first stitch over the second, continuing until only one stitch remains on the right hand needle; cut thread and slip through the remaining stitch
CO = cast on
k = knit the stitch(es)
k2tog = knit two stitches together as one
p = purl the stitch(es)
ssk = slip two stitches, one at a time, from the left hand needle to the right and then knit them as one stitch through the back loop
yo = (yarn over) wrap yarn around right hand needle

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Making a 'human-scale' version of the Halloween Throw Blanket
If you wanted to make a human-scale version of the Candy Corn Halloween throw blanket, you could substitute the fingering weight yarn for a chunky or DK weight yarn. Use the yarn's recommended needle size and cast on more stitches. To match the larger scale you might also like to change colors every 12 rows instead of every 6.
For example:
You could use Purl Soho's Super Soft Merino in colors Heirloom White, Yellow Yellow, and Super Orange. Say 7x 100g balls of white, 4 balls of Yellow Yellow, and 4 balls of Super Orange to make a throw approximately 130cm x 150cm (52" x 60").
Gauge: 11sts-13sts per 10cm (4"), chunky/bulky to super bulky weight.
Suggested Knitting Needle: 8mm (US 11) circular needle, 100cm (40") long to cater for all the stitches.
Cast on 137 stitches instead of 46, ie (13 x 10) + 7.

I haven't made one myself at this scale so these are just estimates.

Lion Brand has a handy guide for calculating how much yarn you'll need for different projects and yarn weights.

The Bellissimo yarn also comes in 8ply/DK weight.
Gauge: 22sts per 10cm (4") on 4mm (US 6) needles
Color suggestions are 234 - white, 245 – butter (yellow), 233 - melon (orange)