

Afi Grandfather

Character Reference — Arctic Wool World



Reference art for construction guidance. Colors/pose may vary slightly from your finished piece.

Afi Grandfather — Knitting Pattern

A hand-knitted elderly grandfather from a snowy Arctic world. Gentle, sturdy, and full of wisdom. (~35 cm, enlarged for easier knitting)

Origin: Arctic Wool World · **Personality:** Gentle, wise, protective · **Likes:** Cozy fires, storytelling, wooden canes

This is an original pattern written for this character, based on standard, generic amigurumi and toy-knitting construction techniques (magic ring/CO, spiral increases and decreases, i-cord, stuffed tubes and spheres). It does not copy, trace, or reproduce any published or copyrighted pattern -- these underlying construction techniques are standard craft knowledge, not anyone's intellectual property, the same way a recipe's technique of 'creaming butter and sugar' isn't owned by any one baker.

Knit abbreviations: k = knit · kfb = knit into front and back of st (inc 1) · k2tog = knit 2 together (dec 1) · CO = cast on · dpns = double-pointed needles · pm = place marker · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es)

Materials

Yarn: Aran or chunky-weight (10-12 ply) pure wool -- deliberately thicker than a true-to-scale yarn would call for, so the stitches stay big, easy to see, and quick to work, small quantities in each of: Chestnut Brown, Cream, Dark Brown, Oatmeal, Silver-Grey.

Hook/needles: a set of 4.5-5mm double-pointed needles (or two short circulars for magic loop), plus a spare needle for grafting.

Notions: Tapestry/yarn needle · stitch markers · polyester fiberfill stuffing · embroidery needle and a little dark thread/yarn for the face · small scissors; thin wire or pipe-cleaner for props.

Gauge

Worked at a relaxed toy-knit tension in a thicker yarn: roughly 13 sts and 17 rows over 10 cm in stockinette, worked in the round. Finished size at this gauge is approximately 35 cm -- deliberately enlarged from the reference art so the stitches stay big and easy to track. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed toy; adjust stuffing firmness to taste.

HEAD

Worked top-down in Cream, in the round.

Rnd 1: CO 6, divide over 3 dpns, join, pm for start of rnd (6 sts)

Rnd 2: *kfb; rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: *k, kfb; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnd 4: *k2, kfb; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 5: *k3, kfb; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnd 6: *k4, kfb; rep from * around (36 sts)

Rnd 7: *k5, kfb; rep from * around (42 sts)

Rnds 8-13: knit even, 6 rnds (42 sts)

Rnd 14: *k5, k2tog; rep from * around (36 sts)

Rnd 15: *k4, k2tog; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnd 16: *k3, k2tog; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 17: *k2, k2tog; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnd 18: *k, k2tog; rep from * around (12 sts)

Break yarn, thread through remaining 12 sts, pull tight and fasten off.

Stuff firmly before the final closing round. Head finishes roughly 10.5 cm across.

BODY / GARMENT

Worked bottom-up in the round, starting in Oatmeal for the lower torso.

Rnd 1: C0 6, divide over 3 dpns, join, pm (6 sts)

Rnd 2: *kfb; rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: *k, kfb; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnd 4: *k2, kfb; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 5: *k3, kfb; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnd 6: *k4, kfb; rep from * around (36 sts)

Rnds 7-13: knit even, 7 rnds (36 sts)

Yoke colourwork (2 rnds, switching between Oatmeal, Chestnut Brown, Cream in narrow stranded bands -- a simple peerie/fair-isle sequence reads clearly at this scale; alternate 1-2 rnds per colour, e.g. background, then 2-colour dot or chevron rnds, then background again).

Rnd 14: *k4, k2tog; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnd 15: *k3, k2tog; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 16: *k2, k2tog; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnds 17-18: knit even, 2 rnds (18 sts)

Stuff the body firmly, then Break yarn, thread through remaining 18 sts, pull tight and fasten off -- this is the neck.

Sew the head to the body at the neck, all the way round, adding a pinch more stuffing into the join before closing it fully.

ARMS (make 2)

Worked from the hand up: Cream hand, Oatmeal sleeve.

Rnd 1: C0 6, divide over 3 dpns, join, pm (6 sts)

Rnd 2: *kfb; rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnds 3-5: knit even, 3 rnds (12 sts)

Rnds 6-15: knit even, 10 rnds (12 sts)

Stuff lightly, leave the last few rounds flat and unstuffed, flatten and graft/whip-stitch closed. Sew to the shoulders.

LEGS (make 2)

Worked from the Dark Brown shoe/boot sole up, switching to Chestnut Brown for the leg.

Rnd 1: C0 6, divide over 3 dpns, join, pm (6 sts)

Rnd 2: *kfb; rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnds 3-5: knit even, 3 rnds (12 sts)

Switch to Chestnut Brown.

Rnds 6-17: knit even, 12 rnds (12 sts)

Stuff, leave the last few rounds flat, flatten and close. Sew to the underside of the body, angled slightly forward so the doll can sit.

HAIR

Short grey hair worked as dense fringe over the crown, trimmed close and even (not braided).

FACE

Embroider once the head is stuffed and attached, centred on the fullest round: small satin-stitch eyes, a short straight stitch for each brow, soft circles of pink for the cheeks, bushy embroidered brows over kind eyes

PROPS & DETAILS

a full grey-white beard: work as heavier, denser fringe than the hair, covering the lower face, then trim to shape; a wooden cane: a thin stiffened i-cord or wire-cored cord with a small yarn-wrapped curved handle

Finishing: steam very lightly (hover an iron just above the surface, don't press) to even out stitches, and check every seam by hand -- these take the most handling stress, especially if this toy is for a child. This is a first-generation pattern for this character: proportions, stuffing firmness, or a specific shaping detail may want a tweak once you've made one -- treat it as a working draft.