

Ancient Spellbook

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



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

Ancient Spellbook — Knitting Pattern

This pattern uses a clever combination of row-direction changes to create a distinct, hard back cover that sandwiches soft, garter-stitch internal pages, preventing the book from becoming a shapeless blob.

This is an original pattern written for this item, 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 · p = purl · kfb = knit into front and back of st (inc 1) · k2tog = knit 2 together (dec 1) · CO = cast on · BO = bind off · dpns = double-pointed needles · pm = place marker · rnd(s) = round(s) · st(s) = stitch(es) · RS/WS = right side / wrong side

Materials

Yarn: Worsted weight yarn. Color A (Cover: Deep Burgundy or Leather Brown, 20g) and Color B (Pages: Cream or Off-White, 15g).

Needles: US 5 (3.75 mm) straight needles.

Notions: Tapestry needle, a small piece of stiff flat plastic (from a food container) to stiffen the covers, a tiny scrap of yellow yarn for bookmark embroidery.

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Gauge

Worked at a relaxed toy-knit tension in worsted weight yarn. Exact gauge isn't critical for a stuffed prop -- adjust stuffing firmness and needle size slightly to taste; a firmer fabric holds shape best.

Instructions

The Book Pages (Color B — Worked Flat)

Cast on 16 sts using Color B.

Rows 1-32: Work in Garter Stitch (Knit every row). This forms a dense, textured block representing the paper edges inside the book.

Bind off all 16 sts loosely.

The Outer Leather Cover (Color A — Worked Flat)

Cast on 18 sts using Color A. (We cast on more stitches so the cover is slightly larger than the pages, just like a real book.)

Rows 1-16 (Front Cover): Work in Stockinette stitch (Knit RS, Purl WS).

Rows 17-20 (The Spine): Purl all sts on both RS and WS rows. (This creates a heavy garter-stitch rib that allows the book cover to bend naturally around the spine.)

Rows 21-36 (Back Cover): Work in Stockinette stitch.

Bind off all 18 sts.

Assembly & Details

1. Cut two small rectangles of stiff plastic or heavy cardboard to match the exact size of the Front and Back Cover panels (roughly 18 sts by 16 rows).

2. Lay the Color A cover flat (smooth stockinette side facing down). Place the plastic stabilizers onto the front and back cover panels, leaving the garter spine empty.
3. Place the Color B page block directly on top of the stabilizers, centering it.
4. Using Color A and a tapestry needle, sew the outer edges of the leather cover tightly around the page block using a whipstitch. The cream garter stitch will show through on three sides as the "pages."
5. Optional: use a scrap of yellow or gold yarn to embroider a small star or crescent moon on the front cover, and let a small thread hang out the bottom as a ribbon bookmark.