

Coffee Mug

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



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

Coffee Mug — Knitting Pattern

A structured mug with a flat circle base, vertical walls that do not collapse, an integrated layer of "coffee," and a sturdy handle that stays open.

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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 (Mug Color: Turquoise or Red, 25g) and Color B (Liquid Color: Dark Brown or Cream, 10g).

Needles: US 4 (3.5 mm) Double Pointed Needles (DPNs).

Notions: Tapestry needle, fiberfill stuffing, a circle cut from a plastic yogurt lid (to keep the bottom flat).

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 Mug Base & Body (Color A)

Cast on 6 sts using Color A on DPNs. Join in the round.

Rnd 1: [Kfb] in every st around (12 sts).

Rnd 2: [K1, Kfb] around (18 sts).

Rnd 3: [K2, Kfb] around (24 sts).

Rnd 4: [K3, Kfb] around (30 sts).

Rnd 5: Purl all sts around. (This forms the sharp edge so the cup stands upright.)

Insert Base: Cut your plastic circle to match this size and place it inside the bottom.

Rnds 6–25: Knit all sts around (20 rnds even to build the mug walls). Do not bind off.

The Coffee Surface (Color B)

Switch to Color B. We will now knit the liquid layer, which folds down slightly into the cup to look realistic.

Rnd 26: Purl all sts around. (Creates the upper rim of the mug.)

Rnds 27–28: Knit all sts.

Rnd 29 (Begin Decrease): [K3, K2tog] around (24 sts).

Stuffing: Pack the mug firmly with fiberfill around the plastic base.

Rnd 30: [K2, K2tog] around (18 sts).

Rnd 31: [K1, K2tog] around (12 sts).

Rnd 32: [K2tog] around (6 sts).

Cut yarn, weave through remaining 6 sts, pull tight, and push the knot down into the center of the cup so the liquid looks flat.

The Handle (Color A — Worked Flat)

Cast on 4 sts using Color A.

Rows 1–20: Work in Garter Stitch (Knit every row). Bind off.

Assembly

Sew the top of the handle to Rnd 25 on the outside of the mug, and the bottom of the handle to Rnd 7.