

Knight's Shield

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



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

Knight's Shield — Knitting Pattern

A classic curved medieval shield worked flat in durable Garter stitch. It uses structural decreases to shape the pointed bottom without curling at the edges.

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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 (Main Shield Color, 30g) and Color B (Contrast Border Color, 10g).

Needles: US 6 (4.0 mm) straight needles.

Notions: Tapestry needle, steam iron for blocking.

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 Shield Body (Color A)

Cast on 26 sts using Color A.

Rows 1–16: Work even in Garter Stitch (Knit every row). This forms the flat upper rectangular section of the shield.

Row 17 (Decrease Row): K1, K2tog, knit to last 3 sts, SSK, K1 (24 sts).

Rows 18–20: Knit all sts (3 rows even).

Repeat Rows 17–20 until 18 sts remain on the needle.

Next Row (Faster Decrease): K1, K2tog, knit to last 3 sts, SSK, K1 (16 sts).

Next Row: Knit all sts (1 row even).

Repeat these last two rows until only 6 sts remain on the needle.

Next Row: K1, K2tog, SSK, K1 (4 sts).

Final Row: K2tog twice (2 sts). Pass the first st over the second st to bind off completely. Cut yarn and pull through.

The Contrast Border (Color B)

1. With the right side facing you, join Color B at the top-left corner of the shield.
2. Pick up and knit stitches evenly around the entire perimeter: Pick up 26 sts across the top, 25 sts down the left curved edge to the bottom point, and 25 sts up the right curved edge back to the start (Total: 76 sts).
3. Next Row: Purl all sts around loosely to create a clean raised border frame.
4. Bind off all sts loosely purlwise.

Back Arm Strap & Finishing

Steam block the shield under a damp cloth to flatten the edges completely. To make the handle on the back, use Color A to cast on 5 sts. Knit 14 rows flat in garter stitch, bind off, and sew both ends of this small strap horizontally onto the back center of the shield so a toy or hand can slide through.