

Sandhöfrungur (Walrus)

Character Reference — Arctic Wool World



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

Sandhöfrungur — Knitting Pattern

An original hand-knitted amigurumi walrus. Chubby, curious, and full of heart. (~35 cm, enlarged for easier knitting)

Origin: Arctic Tundra · **Personality:** Plump, lazy, adventurous · **Likes:** Clams, ice floes, sunbathing

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: Cream, Grey-Brown.

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.

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.

BODY & HEAD (one piece)

Worked as one large rounded barrel in Grey-Brown -- walruses have basically no visible neck.

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)

Rnd 8: *k6, kfb; rep from * around (48 sts)

Rnd 9: *k7, kfb; rep from * around (54 sts)

Rnd 10: *k8, kfb; rep from * around (60 sts)

Rnd 11: *k9, kfb; rep from * around (66 sts)

Rnd 12: *k10, kfb; rep from * around (72 sts)

Rnd 13: *k11, kfb; rep from * around (78 sts)

Rnd 14: *k12, kfb; rep from * around (84 sts)

Rnd 15: *k13, kfb; rep from * around (90 sts)

Rnd 16: *k14, kfb; rep from * around (96 sts)

Rnd 17: *k15, kfb; rep from * around (102 sts)

Rnd 18: *k16, kfb; rep from * around (108 sts)

Rnd 19: *k17, kfb; rep from * around (114 sts)
Rnd 20: *k18, kfb; rep from * around (120 sts)
Rnds 21-39: knit even, 19 rnds (120 sts)
Rnd 40: *k18, k2tog; rep from * around (114 sts)
Rnd 41: *k17, k2tog; rep from * around (108 sts)
Rnd 42: *k16, k2tog; rep from * around (102 sts)
Rnd 43: *k15, k2tog; rep from * around (96 sts)
Rnd 44: *k14, k2tog; rep from * around (90 sts)
Rnd 45: *k13, k2tog; rep from * around (84 sts)
Rnd 46: *k12, k2tog; rep from * around (78 sts)
Rnd 47: *k11, k2tog; rep from * around (72 sts)
Rnd 48: *k10, k2tog; rep from * around (66 sts)
Rnd 49: *k9, k2tog; rep from * around (60 sts)
Rnd 50: *k8, k2tog; rep from * around (54 sts)
Rnd 51: *k7, k2tog; rep from * around (48 sts)
Rnd 52: *k6, k2tog; rep from * around (42 sts)
Rnd 53: *k5, k2tog; rep from * around (36 sts)
Rnd 54: *k4, k2tog; rep from * around (30 sts)
Rnd 55: *k3, k2tog; rep from * around (24 sts)
Rnd 56: *k2, k2tog; rep from * around (18 sts)
Rnd 57: *k, k2tog; rep from * around (12 sts)
Break yarn, thread through remaining 12 sts, pull tight and fasten off.

Stuff very firmly throughout for that heavy, blubbery weight.

FLIPPERS (make 2)

Small flat rounded paddles.

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)

Rnds 5-9: knit even, 5 rnds (24 sts)

Flatten and sew to the lower sides of the body.

TUSKS (make 2)

Two slim tapered tubes in Cream, stuffed lightly or left unstuffed and flattened for a firmer point.

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

Rnds 2-15: knit even, 14 rnds (6 sts)

Close the tip, curve slightly, and sew under the snout, pointing down and out.

FACE

Small eyes set high on the head; a cluster of straight-stitch whiskers either side of the snout.

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.