

Toy Boat (Skiff)

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



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

Toy Boat (Skiff) — Knitting Pattern

This pattern uses clever mock-garter ridges to create a distinct flat inner floor (deck), upright gunwales (walls), and a pointed bow that won't collapse.

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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. Color A (Hull/Bottom: Navy Blue or Dark Brown), Color B (Interior Deck: Tan/Wood color).

Needles: US 5 (3.75 mm) Double Pointed Needles (DPNs).

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 Boat Bottom (Hull Base)

Using Color A, cast on 8 sts on one needle. We will work flat first to create the flat bottom plate.

Row 1 (RS): Knit all sts.

Row 2 (WS): Purl all sts.

Row 3 (Increase): K1, Kfb, knit to last 2 sts, Kfb, K1 (10 sts).

Rows 4–20: Repeat Rows 1–3 until you have 16 sts on your needle, ending on a WS Purl row.

Rows 21–30: Work even in Stockinette stitch for 10 rows.

Row 31 (Shape Pointed Bow): K1, K2tog, knit to last 3 sts, SSK, K1 (14 sts).

Row 32: Purl.

Rows 33–38: Repeat Rows 31–32 until 6 sts remain. Bind off.

Upright Hull Walls (Gunwales)

1. With the right side of your flat boat bottom facing you, use Color A and DPNs to pick up and knit stitches evenly all the way around the perimeter of the piece: Pick up 16 sts along the flat back stern, 24 sts along the left side, 6 sts across the bow point, and 24 sts along the right side (Total: 70 sts across 4 needles). Join to work in the round.

2. Rnd 1: Purl all sts around the entire boat. (This purl ridge forces the fabric to fold upward at a sharp 90-degree angle, creating the walls.)

3. Rnds 2–8: Knit all sts in the round (7 rnds total).

4. Rnd 9: Purl all sts around to create a clean rim appearance.

5. Bind off all sts loosely purlwise.

Inner Deck Cushion (Sits inside to hold the boat open)

Using Color B, repeat the exact instructions for the "Boat Bottom" (Rows 1–38). Bind off.

Assembly

Place a piece of stiff cardboard cut to shape into the bottom of the hull. Put a layer of fiberfill stuffing over it. Place the Color B inner deck on top of the stuffing, and sew its perimeter directly to the interior walls of the boat hull using a slipstitch. This creates a solid, floatable-looking toy boat that holds its shape perfectly during play.