

Witch's Broom

Item Reference — Arctic Wool World



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

Witch's Broom — Knitting Pattern

A wonderful dual-texture prop. It features a rigid, wire-stabilized handle that transitions into a highly detailed, flared bundle of fringed straw bristles.

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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 (Handle/Dark Brown, 15g) and Color B (Straw/Light Tan or Yellow, 20g).

Needles: US 4 (3.5 mm) DPNs (used for I-cord and small round).

Notions: Heavy-duty craft wire (8 inches long), tapestry needle, scissors.

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 Broom Handle (Color A)

Cast on 5 sts onto one DPN using Color A.

Row 1: Knit 5. Slide sts back to the right tip of the needle without turning, pull yarn across the back, and knit 5 again.

Repeat this I-cord row until the handle tube measures 6 inches (15 cm).

Insert Wire: Bend the sharp tips of your 6-inch wire inward using pliers. Slide the wire inside the hollow I-cord handle to make it completely rigid.

Do not bind off. Transfer the 5 sts evenly onto 3 DPNs to transition into working a wider circle for the bristle base.

Next Rnd: [Kfb] in every st around (10 sts).

Next Rnd: [K1, Kfb] around (15 sts). Bind off all 15 sts loosely.

The Straw Bristles (Color B)

1. Cut 40 strands of Color B, each measuring exactly 5 inches (13 cm) long.
2. Take the brown handle. Thread a tapestry needle with a strand of Color B and sew the center point of all 40 strands tightly around the wide, 15-st flared base of the handle. The loose strands should hang down like a heavy skirt.
3. Take another long strand of Color B and wrap it tightly around the entire bundle of bristles about 1/2 inch (1.5 cm) below the brown handle edge. Knot it securely and hide the ends inside. This creates the classic tied-neck of a straw broom.
4. Use sharp scissors to trim the bottom of the straw bristles completely straight so the broom can stay balanced.