

River — A Knit Amigurumi Fox

A small woodland wanderer in a cloak, with tufted ears, a soft white muzzle, and mitten-topped paws. Worked in pieces on double-pointed needles and seamed together — more involved than Shroom, but built from the same small-sphere and simple-tube techniques. Skill level: Intermediate–Advanced (multiple pieces, color changes, some sewing/assembly) Finished size: Approx. 5 in / 13 cm tall Gauge: Not critical — aim for a firm, dense fabric so stuffing doesn't peek through.

Materials

Worsted weight (Aran) yarn:

Orange (A) — head, ears

Cream (B) — muzzle, ear insets, collar peek

Rust/Brown (C) — paws, mitts

Olive Green (D) — cloak

Black (E) — legs/pants

Dark Brown (F) — small amount, for ear tips, nose, and eyebrows

Two 6mm safety eyes, or scrap black yarn for embroidered eyes

Set of 4–5 double-pointed needles (DPNs), US 3 / 3.25mm, or size needed for a firm fabric

Tapestry needle

Stitch marker

Polyester fiberfill stuffing

Small wooden or acrylic bead (optional, for a cloak toggle button)

Abbreviations

CO	cast on
BO	bind off
k	knit
p	purl
kfb	knit into front and back of stitch (increase)
k2tog	knit two together (decrease)
rnd(s) / row(s)	round(s) / row(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
rem	remaining
RS / WS	right side / wrong side



Head

Using Orange (A)

CO 6 sts. Distribute over DPNs, join in the round, place marker.

Rnd 1: Knit

Rnd 2: *Kfb; rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnd 3: Knit

Rnd 4: *K1, kfb; rep from * around (18 sts)

Rnd 5: Knit

Rnd 6: *K2, kfb; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 7: Knit

Rnd 8: *K3, kfb; rep from * around (30 sts)

Rnds 9–14: Knit even (6 rnds — this is the widest part of the head)

Rnd 15: *K3, k2tog; rep from * around (24 sts)

Rnd 16: Knit

Rnd 17: *K2, k2tog; rep from * around (18 sts)

Begin stuffing firmly now, adding more as you go.

Rnd 18: Knit

Rnd 19: *K1, k2tog; rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnd 20: *K2tog; rep from * around (6 sts)

Cut yarn, thread tail through rem sts, pull closed, and weave in.

Ears (make 2)

Using Orange (A), with Cream (B) and Dark Brown (F) for detailing

Worked flat.

With Orange, CO 3 sts.

Row 1 (RS): Kfb, k1, kfb (5 sts)

Row 2: Purl

Row 3: Kfb, k3, kfb (7 sts)

Row 4: Purl

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Purl

Bind off.

With Cream, use duplicate stitch (or small satin-stitch patches) to add a lighter triangle near the base of each ear for the inner-ear color. With Dark Brown, add a few short satin stitches right at the tip of each ear.

Fold the bottom corners of each ear slightly toward the center to cup it, and sew in place along the top of the head, angled outward, roughly a third of the way back from the face.

Muzzle

Using Cream (B)

A small stuffed ball, same technique as a mini sphere:

CO 6 sts, join in the round.

Rnd 1: *Kfb; rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnds 2–3: Knit

Rnd 4: *K2tog; rep from * around (6 sts)

Cut yarn, stuff lightly, close as before.

Sew the muzzle to the lower-center of the face as a small rounded bump. With Dark Brown, embroider a small satin-stitch triangle at the tip for the nose, and a short vertical stitch with a gentle curved line beneath it for the mouth.

Face

Attach safety eyes (or embroider ovals in black) above the muzzle, spaced about $\frac{3}{4}$ in / 2 cm apart. With Dark Brown, add two short angled stitches above the eyes for eyebrows — this is what gives River his thoughtful, slightly furrowed expression.

Legs (make 2)

Using Rust (C), then Black (E)

With Rust, CO 8 sts, distribute over DPNs, join in the round.

Rnds 1–6: Knit (this forms the paw)

Switch to Black.

Rnds 7–10: Knit (this forms the lower leg/pants)

On the second leg only: do not cut yarn. Instead, knit across the 8 sts of leg 2, then knit across the 8 held sts of leg 1 onto the same needle, so all 16 sts are joined onto one round to begin the body. (Leave the first leg's tail long enough to close its top seam, or simply let the body rounds close it as you continue.)

Lightly stuff each foot before joining.

Body

Continuing in Black (E), then Cream (B)

Working over the combined 16 sts from both legs:

Rnds 1–8: Knit even in Black (this is the torso/pants, mostly hidden under the cloak)

Switch to Cream.

Rnds 9–10: Knit (a small peek of "collar" showing above the cloak neckline)

Rnd 11: *K2tog; rep from * around (8 sts)

Stuff the body firmly. Cut yarn, thread through rem sts, pull closed. This closed top will sit just under the head — sew the head securely on top of it, using the tails to reinforce the join.

Arms (make 2)

Using Olive (D), then Rust (C)

With Olive, CO 8 sts, join in the round.

Rnds 1–5: Knit (sleeve)

Switch to Rust.

Rnds 6–9: Knit (mitt/paw)

Rnd 10: *K2tog; rep from * around (4 sts)

Cut yarn, stuff lightly, thread tail through rem sts, and close. Leave the Olive tail at the shoulder end long for sewing.

Sew the arms to either side of the body, just below the neck.

Cloak

Using Olive (D)

A simple garter-stitch cape, worked flat.

CO 40 sts loosely.

Rows 1–8: Knit every row (garner stitch, for the same soft ridged texture as Shroom's stem)

Row 9 (shape the back): K18, k2tog, k2tog, k18 (38 sts)

Rows 10–14: Knit

Row 15: K17, k2tog, k2tog, k17 (36 sts)

Rows 16–18: Knit

Bind off loosely.

Wrap the cloak around River's shoulders with the cast-on edge at the neck, overlapping slightly at the front so it drapes like a small cape. Sew the neckline edge in place around the back and sides, leaving the front open. If you'd like a closure, sew a small bead or button near the top of the opening, with a little yarn loop on the opposite side to catch it.

Assembly

Weave in all loose ends.

Sew ears onto the head, sew the muzzle and embroider the face.

Sew the head onto the closed top of the body.

Sew both arms to the sides of the body, just below the neck, angled slightly forward.

Fit and sew the cloak around the shoulders.

Steam-block lightly if you'd like the ears and cloak edges to hold their shape a little crisper.

A note on props

The bow, quiver, lantern, and coin pouch in the reference photo are lovely finishing touches, but they're built from non-fiber materials (wire, wood-tone floss, tiny beads) rather than knitting, so they're outside the scope of this pattern. If you'd like to add your own version:

Bow: bend a short length of floral wire into a curve, wrap it in brown embroidery floss, and string a strand of white thread taut between the ends.

Quiver: roll a small cone of felt or leather scrap, glue the seam, and tuck in a few toothpick "arrows" with a dab of paint on the tips.

Lantern: a small bead or bell wrapped in fine wire, with a wire loop handle.

These are typically made separately and simply tucked into the fox's paws or propped beside him rather than sewn on permanently, so he can be posed differently each time.

Notes & variations

This pattern hasn't been physically test-knit — treat the stitch counts as a solid starting point, and adjust as you go if your gauge runs different from the sample.

Swap Olive for any cloak color, or omit the cloak entirely for a plain woodland fox.

For a bigger or smaller finished size, go up or down a needle size rather than changing stitch counts — it's the easiest way to scale amigurumi without re-doing the shaping math.