

Shroom — A Knit Amigurumi Mushroom

A small, huggable toadstool with a polka-dot cap, a soft cream stem, sleepy embroidered eyes, and a tiny flower tucked at his feet. Worked in the round on double-pointed needles — no seaming except attaching the pieces together at the end.

Skill level: Beginner–Intermediate (comfortable with knitting in the round, increases, and decreases) **Finished size:** Approx. 4 in / 10 cm tall **Gauge:** Not critical — aim for a firm, dense fabric so stuffing doesn't show through. A needle one size smaller than you'd normally use for the yarn weight works well.

Materials

- Worsted weight (Aran) yarn:
 - **Cream (MC)** — stem, small amount
 - **Red (A)** — cap, small amount
 - **White (B)** — polka dots + flower petals, small amount
 - **Yellow (C)** — flower center, scrap amount
 - **Green (D)** — base, small amount
 - **Black (E)** — eyes, scrap amount (or use two 6mm safety eyes instead)
- Set of 4–5 double-pointed needles (DPNs), US 3 / 3.25mm, or size needed to get a firm fabric
- Tapestry needle
- Stitch marker
- Polyester fiberfill stuffing
- Small scissors

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)	round(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
rem	remaining
RS / WS	right side / wrong side



A note on texture: this pattern alternates knit and purl rounds on the stem to create the soft, ridged "garter in the round" texture seen in the reference photo. If you'd prefer a smooth finish, just knit every round (stockinette) instead — both look great.

Stem

Using Cream (MC)

Cast on 24 sts. Distribute evenly across 3 DPNs (8/8/8). Join in the round, being careful not to twist. Place marker for start of round.

- **Rnd 1:** Purl
- **Rnd 2:** Knit

Repeat Rnds 1–2 six more times (14 rnds total, forming the ridged stem body — approx. 1.5 in / 4 cm tall).

Shape the top:

- **Rnd 15:** *K2tog, k2; rep from * around (18 sts)
- **Rnd 16:** Knit
- **Rnd 17:** *K2tog, k1; rep from * around (12 sts)
- **Rnd 18:** Knit
- **Rnd 19:** *K2tog; rep from * around (6 sts)

Cut yarn, leaving a long tail. Stuff the stem firmly, working the stuffing down to the base as you go. Thread the tail through the remaining 6 sts, pull tight to close the top, and secure — but don't cut the tail yet, as you'll use it to attach the cap. Leave the bottom of the stem open for now (it will be sewn to the base at the end).

Cap

Using Red (A)

Worked top-down, starting from a small closed circle at the crown.

Cast on 6 sts using your preferred small-circle cast-on (e.g. Judy's Magic Cast-On, or simply CO 6 and join, tightening the center hole when you weave in ends). Distribute over DPNs and join in the round.

- **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)
- **Rnd 9:** Knit
- **Rnd 10:** *K4, kfb; rep from * around (36 sts)
- **Rnds 11–14:** Knit even (this builds the dome and the slight overhanging brim)
- **Rnd 15:** Purl (adds a small ridge right at the cap's edge, echoing the ribbed hem in the photo)

Bind off all stitches **loosely** (a stretchy bind-off, like knitting two together through the back loop before binding off each stitch, keeps the edge from pulling in).

Polka dots: Using White (B) and a tapestry needle, embroider 7–9 small dots scattered across the cap using satin stitch or French knots — irregular spacing looks the most natural, just like the reference photo.

Stuff the cap **lightly** — just enough to hold the dome shape, not packed hard, so the edge keeps its soft overhang.

Flower

Using White (B) and Yellow (C)

A simple rolled-petal flower.

With White, CO 40 sts loosely.

- **Row 1:** Knit
- **Row 2:** Purl

Bind off all sts knitwise, leaving a long tail.

Starting from the cast-on edge, roll the strip into a loose spiral (like a cinnamon roll), letting the top edge fan out into petal-like ruffles. Stitch through the base of the spiral a few times with the tail to hold its shape, then flatten slightly.

With Yellow, work a small cluster of 4–5 French knots in the center of the rolled flower to form the middle.

Base

Using Green (D)

CO 10 sts.

- **Row 1:** *Kfb; rep from * across (20 sts)
- **Rows 2–4:** Knit
- **Row 5:** *K2tog; rep from * across (10 sts)

Bind off, leaving a long tail. Gather the two short edges together slightly with the tail so the piece cups into a small rounded pad, and stuff lightly.

Assembly

1. Weave in all loose ends except the stem's top tail and the base's tail.
 2. **Attach cap to stem:** Center the closed top of the stem against the inside crown of the cap. Using the stem's tail, whip-stitch around the join so the cap sits snugly on top like a hat, with its edge overhanging the stem.
 3. **Face:** About a third of the way down from the top of the stem, embroider two eyes in Black using satin stitch (small ovals, angled slightly toward each other), then add a tiny white French knot highlight to each eye for sparkle — this is what gives Shroom his sleepy, sweet expression.
 4. **Base:** Sew the green base to the open bottom of the stem, stuffing the stem a little more through the gap if needed before closing it up, so Shroom can stand upright.
 5. **Flower:** Stitch the flower to the base, tucked against the stem, angled outward the way it sits in the reference photo.
 6. Weave in all remaining ends. Give the cap a gentle steam-block if you'd like extra help holding its dome shape.
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Notes & variations

- Swap the red/white cap for any color combination — this shape works for any mushroom variety.
- For a firmer, more child-safe toy, use safety eyes instead of embroidered ones (insert before stuffing the stem).
- The rolled flower is optional and easy to omit, or substitute a small crocheted or felt flower if you prefer.