

# Mermaid Tail Blanket

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## - ABBREVIATIONS -

K - Knit

P - Purl

Sl - Slip stitch

K2tog - Knit 2 stitches together

Twist Yarn - Pick up yarn A and bring under yarn B before knitting the stitch

## - PATTERN -

Cast on 129sts in A using 6mm circular needle.

Knit 7 rows (knitting back and to, not in the round).

Pattern worked over 12 rows as follows -

1) K5 in A, K7 in B \*sl, k7\* rep \*to\* to last 5sts, k5 in A (using 2nd ball of yarn A). Twist yarn to prevent hole.

2) K5 in A, p7 in B \*sl, p7\* rep \*to\* to last 5sts, k5 in A.

3+4) As rows 1 & 2.

5+6) K5 in A, K yarns A+C together to last 5sts, k5 in A.

7) K5 in A, k3 in B \*sl, k7\* rep to last 8sts, k3 in B, k5 in A.

8) K5 in A, p3 in B \*sl, p7\* rep to last 8sts, p3 in B, k5 in A.

9) +10) As rows 7 & 8.

11) +12) As row 5 & 6.

You must now consider the length you require (continue in full 12 row pattern sets) until you have length required, ending in row 12.

This section = top of blanket to back of knee.

Work rows 1 - 10 from pattern.

Next row k5 in A working yarns A+C together, k2tog. \*k3, k2tog, k1, k2tog\* rep \*to\* to last 10sts, k3, k2tog. K5 in A. (99 sts)

## - YOU WILL NEED -

6mm, 80cm circular needle

A - 3 balls Stylecraft Special Chunky  
- shade 1422 (Aspen)

B - 3 balls Stylecraft Special Chunky  
- shade 1062 (Teal)

C - 2 balls King Cole Cosmos

## - FINISHED SIZE -

110cm long x 50cm wide

## - NOTES -

• You can adjust the length of the mermaid tail in two sections to make it the size you require.

Next row as row 12.

Continue in pattern rows 1 – 4 (K5 in between slip stitch, not k7).

Next 4 rows of pattern dec 1st at each end of each row, this will reduce border to 1st each end. (91sts)

Changing to knitting in the round.  
Row 1 – 5 k and 7 – 11 k. Row 6 & 12 p.

Next row as row 5 of patt to last st (sts are now on circular needle). Join by k2tog (last and 1st st) (90sts). Place a stitch marker at this point.

Next row p to maintain pattern as now working on circular needles.

Continue in patt row 1 – 12.

At this point the length can be adjusted here. Measure the length required from knee to ankle.

When length is reached we need to return to 6mm needles for the tail.

Tail

Working in A+C together.  
Returning to 6mm straight needles starting from stitch marker.

Returning to knitting back and to.  
K2, p2, rib for 22sts. P1, turn.  
Increase in 1st st. Rib for a further 45sts (46sts).

Place remaining stitches on stitch holder.

Working on 46sts rib for 27 rows. Increase at each end of every row (100sts).

\*Rib 50sts, place them on a stitch holder.  
Continue on remaining st by casting off 2st at centre rib to end.

Work 4 rows dec 1st at centre edge whilst increasing 1st at side edge (48sts).

Continue decrease 1st at centre edge whilst keeping side edge straight for 8 rows (40sts).

Cast off in rib.\*

Working on 50sts from holder rep reversing shapings from \*to\*. This completes the back half of the tail.

Repeat all the above on 50sts on holder to complete front of tail.

Stitch tail together.

