

18" American Doll or Preemie Size Mermaid Tail Blanket



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***This Doll size Mermaid Tail Blanket was inspired by **MJ's Off the Hook Design's**
It works up very quickly. Uses basic stitches and of course it will depend on your speed/skill of crocheting. It can take up to 2 hours to finish.

Supplies:

Hooks: Size P for body & Size K for Fin

Mermaid Body& Fin: Country Loom by Loops & Threads #6 (super bulky weight) (3 oz)
Worsted Weight Yarn #4 – Any brand

*You'll be using 2 strands of each held together for the body.

*You'll be using 2 strands of #4 yarn held together for the Fin

Tapestry Needle – large enough for the bulky yarn

Measuring Tape

Abbreviations:

Ch – chain

St – Stich

Sl St – Slip Stich

SC - Single Crochet

HDC – Half Double Crochet

HDC Dec – Half Double Crochet Decrease

DC – Double Crochet

DC Dec – Double Crochet Decrease

DC Inc – Double Crochet Increase

BLO – Back Loop Only

FO – Finish Off

Gauge:

Finished Blanket Measurements:

Approx. 13" wide x 16" length (not including Fin)

Directions:

****NOTE - Ch 1 does NOT count as a stitch****

Using your P Hook and holding 1 strand of your #4 yarn and #6 together –

Row1: Ch 24, HDC in 2nd chain from hook and in each ch across, ch1 turn (22 HDC)

Row 2-9: HDC in each st across, ch1 turn after each row EXCEPT row 9.

*****at this point the length is approx. 7 ½” & the width is also approx. 13 ½ to 14”**

Here you'll join your row with a sl st to form a ring ch 1 then **TURN** your work.

From this point on you'll be working in the round forming the cocoon part of the blanket.



Cocoon Part:

Row 1 – 3: HDC in each st around, join, ch 1, turn (22 hdc) ***please note you'll be adding a HDC into where you slip stitched – this can easily be missed so count your stitches)**

*****Decreasing starts*****

Row 4: *HDC in next 4 st, HDC Dec, *repeat 2 more times – HDC in next 2 st, HDC Dec in last 2 st, join, ch 1, turn (18 hdc)

Row 5: HDC in each st around, join, ch1, turn (18 hdc)

Row 6: *HDC in next 4 st, HDC Dec - *repeat around, join, ch1, turn (15 hdc)

Row 7: HDC in each st around, join, ch1, turn (15 hdc)

Row 8: *HDC in next 3 st, HDC Dec - *repeat around, join, ch1, turn (12 hdc)

Row 9: *HDC in next 4 st, HDC Dec - *repeat around, join, ch1, turn (10 hdc)

Row 10: HDC in each st around, join, ch1 (10 hdc)



*****at end of round 10 you'll be slip stitching across the bottom to close it up. Make sure you turn the piece with the back part facing you (see pic) so that it lays even.**

(You may have to sl st a few stitches to the end) FO – leave a long strand for sewing on the FIN part.

Fin Part:

Use K/6.50mm Hook (BLO) Use 2 strands of worsted yarn OR you can use the same #6/#4 you've used for the body – this part is up to you. I've only done this version so far!
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Start with a Ch 17, ****Ch 2 does not count as a stitch****

Row 1: DC in 3rd ch from hook and in each ch across, ch2 turn (15 dc) **Measures 5 ½"**
approx. but will change at the gathering part.

Row 2: DC Dec, Dc in last 13 st, ch 2 turn (14 dc)

Row 3: DC in next 12 st, DC Dec in last 2, ch 2, turn (13 dc)

Row 4: DC Dec, Dc in last 11 st, ch 2 turn (12 dc)

Row 5: DC in next 10 st, DC Dec in last 2, ch 2, turn (11 dc)

Row 6: DC Dec, Dc in last 9 st, ch 2, turn (10 dc) CENTER part of FIN

Row 7: DC in next 9 st, DC Inc in last st, ch 2, turn (11 dc)

Row 8: DC Inc, Dc in last 10 st, ch 2, turn, (12 dc)

Row 9: DC in next 11 st, DC Inc in last st, ch 2, turn (13 dc)

Row 10: DC Inc, DC in next 12 st, ch 2, turn (14 dc)

Row 11: DC in next 13 st, DC Inc in last st, **ch1, turn** (15 dc) Don't Finish Off

***we are starting the edging around the Fin using SC stitches**

Edging for Fin – SC in each stitch across **ADDING 2** in your last st (16 sc)

That extra sc is the starting stitch at the top of the Fin.

SC across the top – skipping everyother row – (**See pic for where to place your st**) This part makes the gathering for the top of the Fin then add **2 sc** at the end which is your foundation row – (7 sc) this count is for the **TOP** of the **FIN** only **AFTER** adding the 2sc. Hope this makes sense. Continue to SC down the Fin and FO here. Which is what I do.



If you are doing the entire Fin with worsted or the same as you did for the body then continue to SC over the bottom of the Fin as well. It's really up to you! Have fun with it!

I end up edging the entire Fin with a single strand of #6 yarn that I used for the body **AFTER** I attach to the body. I love how that looks. See pic below.





Edging for Body with K Hook – Using 2 strands of #4 yarn started at bottom with sl st, sc evenly up the body and across the top of the top and back down. Adding 2 sc in each corner. On the top I also added a sc in between the stitches – I liked the look of it.

Sewing the Tail to the Body:

With the Front part of the Fin & the Front of the body sew together see pics. You'll notice in the 2nd pic where you see the needle. There's a little hole from when we gathered – you can put your needle up in that area to bring it down into the tail. It's real small so it won't matter if you don't do this part.



That's it you are done! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask. As mentioned before this was inspired by MJ's Off the Hook Designs.

Please don't sell this pattern as it's free, but feel free to make, sell what you make etc. Most of all ENJOY!!! These are SUPER addicting to make!!