

Mermaid Tail Cocoon (Seashell top separate)

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Pattern can be found at <http://www.ravelry.com/designers/erin-wood-jannello>



So, I have been noticing this trend for mermaid tails for babies. Then I was asked to make one for a friend to give away at a baby shower... I tried a few patterns and didn't care for them. I just couldn't make them work for me. So I tweaked a free pattern I found and am offering it for free. It wouldn't be right to charge. The top is separate since it is my own brainchild. You can make this larger by extending the expanding section and you can make it longer by extending the shell section.

Supplies:

1 ball of Red Heart Soft in green

J hook, yarn needle, scissors

Abbreviations:

SS-slip stitch SC-single crochet DC-double crochet Ch-chain BO-bind off Shell-5DC

Pattern:

Chain 3, ss

R1-Ch3, 5 DC in the ring formed, ss in 3rd of beginning chain (6DC)

R2-Ch3, DC in each stitch around, ss (6DC)

R3- Ch3, DC in same stitch, 2DC in each stitch around, ss (12DC)

R4-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1DC in next, 2DC in next..., ss (18DC)

R5-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1 DC ea in next 2 stitches, 2DC...

R6-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1 DC ea in next 3 stitches, 2DC...

R7-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1 DC ea in next 4 stitches, 2DC...

R8-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1 DC ea in next 5 stitches, 2DC...

R9-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1 DC ea in next 6 stitches, 2DC...

R10-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1 DC ea in next 7 stitches, 2DC...

R11-Ch3, DC in same stitch, 1 DC ea in next 8 stitches, 2DC...

R12-<beginning shell pattern> Ch1, SC in same stitch, skip 2 stitches and shell, skip 2 stitches and SC, repeat this pattern around, ss into the beginning SC

R13-Ch3, 2DC in same stitch<half a shell>, skip 2 stitches and SC, skip 2 stitches and shell, repeat around to beginning and 2DC in the beginning chain to complete the shell, ss in 3rd of beginning chain

R14, 16, 18, 20-repeat row 12

R15, 17, 19 and 21- repeat row 13, bind off and weave in ends.

Fin-

Ch17

R1-DC in 4th stitch and next 13 (14DC) turn

R2-Ch3, 2DC in same stitch, 1DC in next 5, 3DC in next 2 stitches, 1DC in next 5 and 3DC in final stitch, turn

R3-Ch3, 2DC in same stitch, 1 DC in next 9, 3DC in next 2, 1DC in next 9 and 3DC in final, turn

R4-CH3, 1DC in each stitch up to the 2(3)DC, SC in all 6 of those stitches, 1DC in rest of row. Bind off and weave in ends.

Cut a 12" length of yarn and lay point of tail over center of fin and sew it on. Turn tail inside out to weave in ends and trim off excess. There you have it, a gorgeous mermaid tail in no time flat!