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Mermaid tail in UK terms



I don't know about you, but I have really struggled to find a nice quick and easy mermaid tail, anywhere! And just one week before Christmas I was given an order for 4 tails, so I needed a nice quick pattern. I specifically wanted a nice waist band and an elegant tail, and preferably in UK terms. So I put together my own.

Materials

6mm Hook

10 x James C Brett Party time yarn

Needle for sewing in ends.

Tail

(worked in rounds)

Round 1 - CH 21

Round 2 – DC in the 2nd CH from hook, until you get to the end (20 DC) continue to work along the other side, join with ss into the first DC (40 DC)

Round 3- CH3 (counts as 1TR), 2TR in the 1st ST, skip the next 2 ST in the (in the 3rd ST 1 TR Cluster). Continue until you reach the 40th DC from R2, in that stitch place (2TR CH1 2TR) then continue with TR Cluster, until back to the start. SS over to the top of the CH 3 to join.

NB. The 2TR, CH1, 2TR at each side of the tail will create your increase.

Round 4 - CH3 (counts as 1 TR), 1TR, CH1, 2TR over where you have SS, TR cluster in-between each TR cluster from the previous round. Until you reach the 2TR, CH1, 2TR from the previous round then 2TR, CH1, 2TR, in CH1 space from the previous round, then continue with TR Clusters until you get back to the start again, SS over the top of the CH3.

Round 5- CH3 (counts as 1 TR), 1TR, Ch1, 2TR over where you have SS, TR cluster in-between each TR cluster from the previous round. Until you reach the 2TR, CH1, 2TR from the previous round then, 2TR, CH1, 2TR, in CH1 space from the previous round, then continue with TR Clusters until you get back to the start again, SS over the top of the CH3.



Continue working in this pattern until you have achieved the correct width required for your tail.

Once you have achieved the required width follow the next instruction, until you have completed your required length:

(CH3, (counts as 1TR), then 2 TR, this will count as 1 TR cluster. Then 1TR Cluster in between each TR Cluster from the previous for all further rounds. SS into the top of the previous Rounds CH3)

Once you have reached your desired length of the tail you will then move onto the waist band.

Waist band

(Worked in rounds)

Round 1 – CH1, 1DC in each ST all the way around SS to join.

Round 2 – CH3, in next ST work a BPTR, in next ST work a FPTR, in next ST work a BPTR, alternating each ST with a FPTR and BPTR. SS to join.

Round 3 - CH3, in next ST work a BPTR, in next ST work a FPTR, in next ST work a BPTR, alternating each ST with a FPTR and BPTR. SS to join.

Round 4 - CH3, in next ST work a BPTR, in next ST work a FPTR, in next ST work a BPTR, alternating each ST with a FPTR and BPTR. SS to join.

Round 5 - CH3, in next ST work a BPTR, in next ST work a FPTR, in next ST work a BPTR, alternating each ST with a FPTR and BPTR. SS to join.

Round 6 – CH3, in next ST work a BPTR, in next ST work a FPTR, in next ST work a BPTR, alternating each ST with a FPTR and BPTR. SS to join.

Fasten off and weave in any loose ends.

Well done! You now have the tail and waist band completed. Now for your fin.

Fin

Make 2, these will be crocheted together later

Round 1: CH 48, HTR in the third chain from hook and in each stitch across (46 HTR)

Round 2: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 44 stitches

Round 3: CH 2, turn, HTR in each stitch across

Round 4: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 42 stitches

Round 5: CH 2, turn, HTR hdc in each stitch across

Round 6: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 40 stitches

Round 7: CH 2, turn, HTR hdc in each stitch across

Round 8: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 38 stitches
Round 9: CH 2, turn, HTR in each stitch across
Round 10: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 36 stitches
Round 11: CH 2, turn, HTR in each stitch across
Round 12: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 34 stitches
Round 13: CH 2, turn, HTR in each stitch across
Round 14: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 32 stitches
Round 15: CH 2, turn, HTR in each stitch across
Round 16: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 30 stitches
Round 17: CH 2, turn, HTR in each stitch across
Round 18: CH 2, turn, HTR in next 28 stitches
Round 19: CH 2, turn, HTR in each stitch across
Fasten off the first side, but don't fasten off the second.

Once the second fin is complete, lay both tails together with the shorter sides adjacent to each other and join using a SS until you reach the top.

Place the bottom of your tail to the top of your fin, so that the centre of the tail is central the centre of your fin. Sew the fins to the bottom of the tail.

You will now have a side on each fin that is free, join each corner of each side onto the tail, see picture below:

