

mary maxim

Mermaid Tail Throw

No. 98999N

Size: 42 x 54"

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SHOPPING LIST

Yarn (Worsted Weight)

Mary Maxim Best Value



[6 ounces, 342 yards

(170 grams, 312 meters) per skein]:

- Green 3 skeins
- Wisteria 2 skeins
- Blue 2 skeins

Crochet hooks:

- Size H-8 (5.00 mm)
- Size I-9 (5.50 mm)

or any size needed for gauge

sp(s)	space(s)
st(s)	stitch(es)
rep	repeat or repeating
rnd(s)	round(s)
cm	centimeters
mm	millimeter
rem	remain or remaining
tog	together
yo	yarn over hook
dc2tog	[Yo, insert hook in next st and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook] twice, yo and draw through all loops on hook.
Shell	8 dc in indicated st.
Beg V-st	(Ch 3 (counts as hdc, ch 1), hdc) all in st or sp indicated.
V-st	(hdc, ch 1, hdc) in indicated st or sp.

Notes:

- 1) On model shown, colors not in use were carried **loosely** up the side of work. The border worked around outside edge of Throw will hide and secure the yarn strands.
- 2) When working hdc in back of posts of Shell, work as follows: yo, insert hook under *1 loop only* at top of each of center 2 dc of Shell (pic 1), then slide hook under the ch-5 loop (pic 2), and draw up a loop (ch-5 will be caught in st, not hanging loose, pic 3), yo and draw through all 3 loops on hook. Working in this manner keeps the yarn from showing on the right side of Shell, and top of hdc will be at same level as last dc of last Shell made.
- 3) When pattern says to work in V-st, work in ch-1 sp of V-st.

INSTRUCTIONS

Using larger hook and Green, ch 172.

Row 1: (right side) Sc in 2nd ch from hook, *skip next 4 ch, Shell in next ch, skip next 4 ch, sc in next ch; rep from * across, turn. (17 Shells)

Row 2: Beg V-st in first sc, *ch 5, V-st in next sc; rep from * across, changing to Wisteria in last st, turn.

Row 3: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc, now and throughout), 4 dc in 1st V-st, *hdc in back of posts at center of next Shell**, Shell in next V-st; rep from * across, ending last rep at **, 4 dc in last V-st, dc in last hdc, turn.

Row 4: Ch 1, sc in 1st dc, ch 3, *V-st in next hdc**, ch 5; rep from * across, ending last rep at **, ch 3, sc in last dc, changing to Blue, turn.

Row 5: Ch 1, sc in first sc, *Shell in next V-st**, hdc in back of posts at center of next Shell; rep from * across, ending last rep at **, sc in last sc, turn.

Row 6: Beg V-st in first sc, *ch 5, V-st in next hdc; rep from * across, working last V-st in last sc, changing to Green in last st, turn.

Rows 7 and 8: Repeat Rows 3 and 4. Change to Wisteria in last st of Row 8.

Rows 9 and 10: Repeat Rows 5 and 6. Change to Blue in last st of Row 10. Continue in pattern as set, repeating Rows 3-6 and keeping color sequence as set (changing color after every 2 rows), until piece measures approximately 13" [33 cm], ending after a Row 6.

Now decrease as follows:

Row 1: Using correct color, ch 1, *hdc in back of posts at center of next Shell, Shell in next V-st; rep from



* across to last Shell, hdc in back of posts at center of next Shell, sl st in last V-st, turn.

Row 2: Ch 1, sc in 1st dc of next Shell, *ch 5, V-st in next hdc; rep from * across to last Shell, ch 5, sc in last dc of last Shell, changing to next color, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, *hdc in back of posts at center of next Shell**, Shell in next V-st; rep from * across, ending last rep at **, sc in last sc, turn. (15 Shells)

Row 4: Beg V-st in same st, ch 5, *V-st in next hdc, ch 5; rep from * across, ending last rep with V-st in last dc of last Shell changing color, turn. (15 Shells and 16 V-sts)

Note: Throw should now measure approximately 31" [78.5 cm] across. Continuing with correct color sequence, rep Rows 3-6 of pattern until piece measures 28" [71 cm] from beg, ending after a Row 6.

Using correct colors, rep Dec Rows 1-4 once.

(14 V-sts and 13 Shells after Dec Row 4)

Repeat Rows 3-6 of pattern until piece measures 38" [96.5 cm] from beg, ending after a Row 6.

Using correct colors, rep Dec Rows 1-4 once. (12 V-sts and 11 Shells after Dec Row 4)

Repeat Rows 3-6 until piece measures 44" [111.5 cm], ending after a Row 6.

Using correct colors, rep Dec Rows 1-2 once, but do not change color.

Note: Throw should now measure approximately 21 x 46" [53.5 x 117 cm].

Next Row: Using same color as last 2 rows, ch 1, sc in same st, *hdc in back of posts at center of next Shell**, Shell in next V-st; rep from * across, ending last rep at **, sl st in last sc.

Note: If last color worked was Green, Do Not Fasten off. If last color was Wisteria or Blue, fasten off. Weave in ends.

Border:

Using Green, sl st in last sc worked, now working across side of piece, sc in ends of rows, spaced evenly across to next corner (be sure edge does not pucker from too few sts or ripple from too many sts), now working across foundation ch at top of Throw,

*work 4 sc around next skipped ch, 3 sc at base of Shell, 4 sc around next skipped ch; rep from * to next corner, working into ends of rows around colors that were carried, sc spaced evenly across to next corner but Do Not work into last row.

Fold piece in half with wrong sides tog.

Place a marker on side edge 28" [71 cm] from top of Throw.

Still using Green, crochet sides edges tog, making a seam to marker.

Now working into side facing you only, *sc in next sc, skip next sc, 4 dc in next sc, skip next sc; rep from * to corner, adjusting skipped sts if necessary to end with a sc in 2nd sc before corner, skip next sc, 6 sc in corner st, now working across top of throw, * skip next 2 sc, sc in next sc, skip next 2 sc, 4 dc in next sc; rep from * across to next corner, ending with 6 sc in corner sc, now working down side edge, * skip next sc, sc in next sc, skip next sc, 4 dc in next sc; rep from * to top of seam, adjusting skipped sts to end with a sc in last sc. Fasten off and weave in ends.

To Complete:

Lay narrow end flat, with seam at center, facing upwards .

Pinch first 2 Shells to left of seam, back to back (wrong sides tog).

Pinch next 2 Shells tog in the same manner, thus forming a pleat at side edge.

Now hold these 2 groups of Shells tog (piece is 4 Shells thick), and using Green, sew through all layers securely. Sew next Shell at center Front to back seam.

Now using 4 Shells on right side of Throw, pinch and form pleats as on left side, then sew tog as before.

Base of Throw should measure approximately 6.5" [16.5 cm] wide when sewn together.

Fasten off and weave in ends.

Tail:

Using smaller hook and Green, ch 54.

Row 1: (*right side*) Dc in 3rd ch from hook (skipped ch count as 1st dc) and each rem ch to end, turn. (53 dc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (counts as 1st dc, now and throughout), working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 30 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of next 9 dc, changing to Wisteria in last sc, turn. (53 sts)

Note: Carry colors not in use loosely on side of work. This will be hidden later by a border.

Row 3: Ch 3, dc in *back loops only* of each st to end, turn.

Row 4: Repeat Row 2, changing to Blue in last sc, turn.

Row 5: Repeat Row 3.

Row 6: Repeat Row 2, changing to Green in last sc.

Rows 7 and 8: Using Green, repeat Rows 3 and 4, changing to Wisteria in last st of Row 8.

Rows 9 and 10: Using Wisteria, rep Rows 3 and 4, changing to Blue in last st of Row 10.

Rows 11 and 12: Using Blue, rep Rows 3 and 4, changing to Green in last st of Row 12.

Row 13: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each dc to last 4 sts, [dc2tog] twice, turn. (51 dc)

Row 14: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each dc to last 22 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Wisteria in last st, turn.

Rows 15-26: Keeping color sequence correct as set, rep Rows 13 and 14 six times more. (39 dc after Row 25 and changing to Blue in last st of Row 26)

Note: The last 2 rows of Green are the center point of the Tail. Place a marker in the last st of Row 26.

Now inc instead of dec, and note that the color sequence will be worked in reverse to mirror the first half.

Row 27: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each st to last 2 sts, 2 dc in each of last 2 sts, turn. (41 dc)

Row 28: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 18 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Wisteria in last st, turn.

Row 29: Repeat Row 27. (43 dc)

Row 30: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 20 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Green in last st, turn.

Row 31: Repeat Row 27. (45 dc)

Row 32: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 22 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Blue in last st, turn.

Row 33: Repeat Row 27. (47 dc)

Row 34: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 24 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Wisteria in last st, turn.

Row 35: Repeat Row 27. (49 dc)

Row 36: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 26 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Green in last st, turn.

Row 37: Repeat Row 27. (51 dc)

Row 38: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 28 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Blue in last st, turn.

Row 39: Repeat Row 27. (53 dc)

Row 40: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 30 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Wisteria in last st, turn.

Row 41: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each st to end, turn.

Row 42: Ch 3, working in *back loops only*, dc in each of next 30 dc, hdc in each of next 13 dc, sc in each of last 9 dc, changing to Green in last st, turn.

Rows 43 and 44: Repeat Rows 41 and 42, changing to Blue in last st of Row 44.

Rows 45 and 46: Repeat Rows 41 and 42, changing to Wisteria in last st of Row 46.

Rows 47 and 48: Repeat Rows 41 and 42, changing to Green in last st of Row 48.

Rows 49 and 50: Repeat Rows 41 and 42, but Do Not Turn and Do Not Change color at end of Row 50.

Tail Border:

Still using Green, working in ends of rows (covering strands of colors carried along side), sc evenly across to next corner, 3 sc in corner, working in unused loops of beg ch, sc in each ch to next corner, 3 sc in corner, working in ends of rows, sc evenly to next corner, 3 sc in corner, sc in each st of Row 50, join with sl st in 1st corner.

Fasten off, leaving a long tail.

To Complete:

Match marker at center of short end of Tail to seam at center back of Throw. Pin in place.

Now sew short end of Tail to folded end of Throw, gathering to fit.

Weave in all ends.

We have made every effort to ensure that these instructions are accurate and complete. We cannot be responsible for misinterpretation or errors in individual work. Any corrections that are discovered, will be posted on our website.

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