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RED HEART

CRAFT SKILL LEVEL
EASY

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Loop-it™:
4 balls 9915 Ok Coral **A**, 2 779 Cosmopolitan **B**

Yarn needle

Gauge is not necessary for this project

7 JUMBO

RED HEART® Loop-It™, Art. E884 available in 3.5 oz (100 g), 7.6 yd (7 m) balls

Loopy Mermaid Tail Blanket

Let your imagination run wild! Your little mermaid will love to snuggle up in this pretty little tail.

Mermaid Tail measures 26″ [66 cm] waist x 53″ [134 cm].

NOTES
Finger looping fun ™ - No tools required
1. Begin work on a flat surface. Stitches are worked by pulling loops of yarn through a row of previous loops. Right side will be facing throughout.
2. To join balls of yarn, overlap three loops from the end of first ball with three loops from the beginning of second ball and work overlapping loops as one.
3. Tail is worked in the round from the waist down to Fins. Fins are worked back and forth in rows with right side facing throughout.

SPECIAL ABBREVIATIONS
K2tog Knit 2 (together): Pull one loop of working yarn through next 2 loops of previous row – 1 st decrease.

TAIL
With **A**, measure 44 loops (approximately 26″ [66 cm]) and create a circle to create base round. Place marker in first loop for beginning of round.

Beginning Border
Rounds 1-3 (Right Side): Working from left to right around circle, pull loops of working yarn through loops of previous round, working from back to front – knit round formed – 44 sts. Do Not Turn Work.
Rounds 4-17: Working from left to right, pull loops of working yarn through loops of previous round to last 2 loops, k2tog – 30 sts remain on last row worked. Do Not Turn Work.

Round 18: Working from left to right, pull loops of working yarn through loops of previous round. Do Not Turn Work. Repeat Round 18 until piece measures 34″ [86 cm] from beginning. Cut **A**.

Fin
Lay tail flat with beginning marker positioned in center of back. Piece will be worked back and forth in rows.
Row 1: Working with **B**, beginning at first front loop on left and working from left to right, [pull next loop of working yarn through front st of previous round, pull next loop of working yarn through back st of previous round] across until all 30 loops have been worked.
Row 2: Working from right to left, pull loops of working yarn through loops of previous row, working from back to front – knit row formed. Do Not Turn Work.
Row 3: Working from left to right, pull loops of working yarn through loops of previous row, working from back to front – knit row formed. Do Not Turn Work.
Repeat Rows 2 and 3 four more times for a total of 10 rows.

Shaping Fin
Both sides of Fin are worked separately.

Right Fin
Row 1: Working from right to left, pull loops of working yarn through next 13 loops, k2tog, leave remaining loops unworked for Left Fin – 14 sts. Do Not Turn Work.

Row 2: Working from left to right, k2tog, pull loops of working yarn through loops of previous row – 13 sts. Do Not Turn Work.
Repeat Rows 1-2 until there is only one loop remaining. Pull working yarn through loop to fasten off.

Left Fin

Row 1: Working with **B**, beginning at first loop on left and working from left to right in unworked loops of Row 1 of Right Fin, pull loops of working yarn through next 13 loops of previous row, k2tog – 14 sts. Do Not Turn Work.
Row 2: Working from right to left, k2tog, pull loops of working yarn through loops of previous row – 13 sts. Do Not Turn Work.
Repeat Rows 1-2 until there is only one loop remaining. Pull working yarn through loop to fasten off.

FINISHING

Weave in ends. You can tack ends down with sewing thread to help camouflage them in back of the work.

ABBREVIATIONS

A, B, C = Color A, B, C; **cm** = centimeters; **k** = knit; **k2tog** = knit 2 sts together; **mm** = millimeters; **st(s)** = stitch(es); **[ ]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.