



#### FINISHED MEASUREMENTS

Length: 49" from nose to tail

Width: approx 20" excluding fins

#### MATERIALS

Premier<sup>®</sup> Yarns *Couture Jazz* (81% Acrylic, 19% Polyamide; 100g/16.5 yds)

- #26-14 Black - 7 balls
- #26-10 Mist - 4 balls

#### TIPS:

To learn how to arm knit, try watching the "How to Arm knit a Mermaid Blanket" video on the SimplyMaggie YouTube Channel here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LMAbqbemifE>

#### GAUGE

Work evenly and consistently throughout. Try to keep your stitches as tight as you can on your arm to avoid large holes in your work.

## BLANKET

### Top of body/whale's back

With Black, cast on 6 sts using the long tail cast on method

**Rows 1-3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** \* K1, M1R; repeat from \* to last st, k1 - 11 sts.

**Row 5:** Knit all sts.

**Row 6:** K1, M1R, k9, M1R, k1 - 13 sts.

**Rows 7-8:** Knit.

**Row 9:** K1, M1R, k1, M1R, k9, M1R, k1, M1R, k1 - 17 sts.

**Row 10:** Knit.

**Row 11:** K1, M1R, k1, M1R, k13, M1R, k1, M1R, k1 - 21 sts.

**Row 12-20:** Knit.

**Row 21:** K1, k2tog, k14, k2tog, k1 - 19 sts.

**Row 22:** Knit.

**Row 23:** K1, k2tog, k2tog, k9, k2tog, k2tog, k1 - 15 sts.

**Row 24:** Knit.

**Row 25:** K1, k2tog, k2tog, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k2tog, k1 - 9 sts.

**Row 26:** K2, k2tog, k2tog, k3 - 7 sts.

**Row 27:** K2tog, k2tog, k1, k2tog - 4 sts.

**Row 28:** K1, k2tog, k1 - 3 sts.

**Row 29:** Bind off and secure the end of the yarn with a knot. Weave the tail.

### 2 side fins

With Black, cast on 5 sts using the long tail cast on.

**Rows 1-3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** K1, k2tog, k2 - 4 sts.

**Rows 5-7:** Knit.

**Row 8:** K1, k2tog, k1 - 3 sts.

**Row 9:** Knit.

**Row 10:** Bind off and secure the end of the yarn with a knot. Weave in the bind off tail (you'll use the cast on tail for attaching the fins to the body).

Repeat for the second side fin.

### Tail Fin

With Black, cast on 16 sts using the long tail cast on.

**Rows 1-2:** Knit.

**Row 3:** \* K1, k2tog; repeat from \* to last st, k1 - 11 sts.

**Row 4:** \* K1, k2tog; repeat from \* to last 2 sts, k2 - 8 sts.

**Row 5:** K2tog 4 times - 4 sts.

**Row 6:** Bind off. Do not weave in ends.

### Bottom of Body/Whale's Belly

With Mist, cast on 6 sts using the long tail cast on.

**Rows 1-3:** Knit.

**Row 4:** K1, M1R, k4, M1R, k1 - 8 sts.

**Row 5:** Knit.

**Row 6:** \* K1, M1R; repeat from \* to last st, k1 - 15 sts.

**Rows 7-8:** Knit.

**Row 9:** K1, M1R, k13, M1R, k1 - 17 sts.

**Rows 10-16:** Knit.

**Row 17:** K1, k2tog, k11, k2tog, k1 - 15 sts.

**Row 18:** Knit.

**Row 19:** K1, k2tog twice, k5, k2tog twice, k1 - 11 sts.

**Row 20:** Knit.

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**Row 21:** K1, k2tog 5 times - 6sts.

**Row 22:** Knit.

**Row 23:** K1, k2tog twice, k1 - 4 sts.

**Row 24:** K2tog twice - 2 sts.

**Row 25:** Bind off, secure the ends with knots and weave in all ends.

## ASSEMBLY

### Body

Place the top and bottom parts of the body together wrong sides out. Note: The belly piece is shorter than the back piece.

Line up the edges at the tail end of both pieces. Use the cast on tail from the black piece and sew both the cast on edges together. Knot the tail and cut the excess.

Starting at the opening of one side of the mouth, using a knot to attach black yarn and use this yarn to sew the side edges together until you get to the tail. Cut yarn leaving a 4 inch tail. Secure with a knot it and weave in the excess.

Repeat for the other side of the whale.

### Side Fins

Use the photo as a guide for placement, sew cast on edge of fins to the sides of the upper body using the cast on tail or some left over black yarn. Attach them approximately 3 sts away from the side seam and approximately 2 sts away from the mouth opening. Secure ends with a knot and weave the excess into the inside of the blanket.

### Tail Fin

Attach the tail fin using leftover black yarn. Make a knot and weave in the excess.

To shape the curved edge of the fin, cut the excess tail from the cast on edge and attach the tail to the center of the cast on edge with a knot. Weave it up through a few sts, toward the body. Pull it up toward the body to "cinch" the sts. Make a knot and weave in the excess.

### Eyes

Cut a strand of Mist yarn approx. 4 yards long for each eye.

Using the photo as a guide for placement, use duplicate st to make 2 columns of 5 sts each. Start with the center of the strand of yarn at the top of the eye, and work each column of sts with one end of the yarn. At the bottom of the eye, knot the ends together on the inside of the blanket and trim excess.

## ABBREVIATIONS

**k** knit

**k2tog** knit 2 stitches together

**M1R** Make 1 Right leaning: Use your left hand to lift the strand of yarn running between the stitch just worked and the next stitch on your left arm. Twist this strand to make a loop, reach through this loop with your right hand and pull the yarn through to make a new stitch. Place this new stitch on your right hand.

**st(s)** stitch(es)

For more photos of the Arm Knit Orca, and lots of arm-knitting tips and techniques, visit [SimplyMaggie.com](http://SimplyMaggie.com).