

FINFOLK'S FABRIC TAIL

Congratulations! You are now a Finfolk mermaid/merman/mer and the owner of your very own Finfolk fabric tail! Before you dive in, we have some tips and tricks to help you enjoy your fabric tail safely and comfortably for years to come.

Your tail is made out of a 4 way stretch scuba knit body with a two piece vinyl casing insert to encase your monofin and help your fluke hold its shape. It also has a hidden zipper near the ankles for easy monofin installation.

BEFORE PUTTING ON YOUR TAIL, PLEASE NOTE: YOU **MUST PLACE A MONOFIN INSIDE OF YOUR TAIL PRIOR TO SWIMMING. FABRIC TAILS CANNOT BE USED FOR SWIMMING WITHOUT A MONOFIN.**

Putting On Your Tail

You will notice small velcro strips in your vinyl monofin casing. These velcro strips are used to stabilize monofins of various sizes while swimming but are not required for use on dry land. Monofin information such as what type of monofin to use in your Finfolk fabric tail, recommended monofins, monofin dimensions, and fluke dimensions can be found on the FAQ page and in the photo section of every fabric tail listing on our website at www.finfock.com. The monofin casing is an important part of your tail as it gives the fluke (bottom fin area) a rigid shape in the water and should be kept inside your tail during use but can be removed for drying. To install a monofin in your tail, slide the monofin between the two pieces of casing and secure with provided velcro strips. You may trim the top of your casing if it rubs your ankles.

Be sure you always get in and out of your tail on a soft surface, such as a towel. Hard or rough surfaces may scuff or damage your tail. Remember; tails are made for swimming! Your tail is made of entirely waterproof and water-worthy materials.

Start with your tail front side up. You can roll your tail down part way, or feel with your hands to find your foot pockets. You can also unzip your tail near the ankles to help get in and out. Place one foot at a time into the foot pockets and secure the foot straps over your feet. Pull the remaining part of the body up around your waist. You may need help zipping the zipper up near the ankles. Avoid standing or kneeling in your tail on rough surfaces. To prevent air bubbles from forming in your fluke, it is suggested that you put your tail on dry before you get in the water. Once you are in your tail, put your tail in the water fluke first, this allows any trapped air to move upwards and escape before you begin your swim.

Tail Care

Your tail is safe to use in freshwater, saltwater, or chlorine. After each use it should be properly rinsed and dried to prevent mildew or mold growth. Thoroughly rinse with cool or warm water, drain completely, lightly towel off excess moisture, and then lay flat to dry. A small fan can be used to accelerate drying. Fabric tails should be stored flat, at room temperature out of direct sunlight. If storing for a longer period of time, it is suggested that the vinyl casing be removed and both pieces thoroughly dried before storing to prevent mold or mildew growth. Fabric tails should be hand rinsed or turned inside out and washed on a gentle cycle with cold water **ONLY**. **DO NOT** machine wash with warm/hot water or tumble dry your tail. Excessive heat or cold may permanently damage or alter your tail. Tails exposed to the cold (after shipping in winter months, or after being left in a cold car, etc) should be allowed time to warm to room temperature before use. You may notice that the monofin casing inside of your tail will crease or curl if it is cold or not stored flat. Simply lay your tail flat in a warm or room temperature area and the monofin casing will flatten back to its natural shape (usually within a couple of hours). All fabric tails will show wear and tear with use. This, including pilling, are normal and to be expected with use.

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Safety

Safety is of the utmost importance when swimming with a mermaid tail. While all fabric tails are constructed with the ability to be used in the water with a monofin, safety precautions should always be a top priority. Tails are for **CONFIDENT SWIMMERS ONLY**. They are not intended as swimming aides or lifesaving devices. Even experienced swimmers should **NEVER SWIM ALONE**. Do not swim in ocean conditions or open bodies of water if you are an inexperienced ocean swimmer or are unfamiliar with the location. Practice "WHEN IN DOUBT, DON'T GO OUT" in all bodies of water. Finfolk Productions is not responsible for injury or death associated with unsafe use of these products. Tails are a wonderful form of exercise, entertainment, and imagination - please always use safely!

We also request that if you are swimming in open water with wildlife that you do not touch, harass, or otherwise interrupt any animal's natural environment and behavior.

About Finfolk Productions

Founded in 2012 by twin sisters, Abby and Bryn Roberts, Finfolk Productions specializes in realistic, fully swimmable mermaid tails and accessories. From the lakes of Minnesota, to the beaches of Hawaii, and now the mountains of North Carolina, the studio location has changed through the years but our commitment to quality, handcrafted art is unwavering.

Thank you for allowing our small team of artisans to sprinkle magic wherever the tides may carry you.

Sincerely,

Abby, Bryn, & Finfolk Team

