Rainbow ripple mermaid tail

Toddler · US terms



Finished size

About 25¾ in (65 cm) around at the waist and 18½ in (47 cm) around at the ankles, 25¾ in (65 cm) long without the fin, measured straight down through a point; fin about 8¾ in (22 cm) long and 22½ in (57 cm) across from tip to tip

To fit ages 1 to 3, a height of 2 ft 6 in (76 cm) to 3 ft 2 in (97 cm)

Skill

Easy

Increases and decreases in single crochet, and color changes

Yarn

Bulky (5), 7 colors

Hook

6.5 mm (US K-10½)

Gauge

10 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In single crochet ripple.

What you need

Yarn A: dusty rose, color A	**about 60 yd (55 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: terracotta, color B	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn C: honey, color C	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn D: sage, color D	**about 80 yd (73 m), an estimate**
Yarn E: lagoon, color E	**about 85 yd (78 m), an estimate**
Yarn F: denim, color F	**about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn G: plum, color G	**about 115 yd (105 m), an estimate**

By weight: about 460 g in all, an estimate, where 100 g is 130 yd (119 m).

Hook: 6.5 mm (US K-10½), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors, a tape measure and a stitch marker.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Fits	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate

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Toddler (this file)	**ages 1 to 3, a height of 2 ft 6 in (76 cm) to 3 ft 2 in (97 cm)**	**25¾ in (65 cm) around at the waist, 18½ in (47 cm) around at the ankles, 25¾ in (65 cm) long without the fin**	**about 595 yd (544 m)**
Child	ages 4 to 7, a height of 3 ft 3 in (99 cm) to 4 ft (122 cm)	29½ in (75 cm) around at the waist, 18½ in (47 cm) around at the ankles, 32 in (81 cm) long without the fin	about 795 yd (727 m)

Gauge

10 stitches and 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet ripple.

10 stitches and 11½ rows to 4 in (10 cm) in straight rows of single crochet, as in the lobes of the fin; in the ridged ripple, where the rows lie on the slant, 9 rows to 4 in (10 cm) straight down, from point to point. Check it on the tail itself when 8 rows are done, laid flat and not stretched: a ripple, measured across from the tip of one point to the tip of the next, is about 4¼ in (11 cm) wide in Toddler, where it has 14 stitches, and 4 7/8 in (12.5 cm) in Child, where it has 16, and the 8 rows are about 3½ in (9 cm) deep, measured straight down through a point. If they measure more, start again with a smaller hook; if they measure less, with a larger one.

Notes

- For sitting or lying in while awake, with a grown-up near a child. It holds both legs: it is not for sleep, for walking or for stairs.
- The tail is one flat piece, worked from the waist down; every second row is a wrong side row. The two long edges are sewn to each other afterward, at the back.
- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch: the first stitch of the row goes into the st it rises from, and a sc2tog that begins a row begins in that st.
- "3 sc in next st" puts all three into that one stitch, at the tip of a point. "2 sc in first st" and "2 sc in last st" put two into that stitch. At the edges of the tail they are half of a point, and the seam makes it whole; in a lobe of the fin they widen it at its outer edge.
- In most rows of the tail the 3 sc go into the middle one of the 3 sc of the row below. The first row of a band whose heading says "its first row narrows the ripples" has nothing at the tips of the points. In the row after it the 3 sc go into the middle one of the sc that lie between two sc3tog.
- In row 1 of the tail each sc3tog is worked over the next 3 chains. In the rows of the tail after it, each sc3tog is worked over three stitches, with the sc3tog of the row below in the middle of them.
- Row 1 of a lobe of the fin begins at the inner edge, so odd rows end at the outer edge and even rows begin there. The ridged rows look alike on both sides, so the second lobe is simply turned over.
- After row 1 of the tail, and of a lobe of the fin, the single crochets that are named "in BLO" go into the back loop only, which leaves ridges along the rows. The sc2tog, the sc3tog and the 2 or 3 sc in one st are worked under both loops, and so are all the stitches of the foot.
- To change yarn, work the last yarn over of the last stitch of the row before with the new yarn. If the old yarn is needed again after only 2 or 4 rows of another yarn, leave it hanging at the edge and bring it loosely up the side when you need it. Otherwise cut it, leaving a tail of about 6 in (15 cm), and leave a tail of the same length on the new yarn.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.

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- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under both loops of a stitch on one edge and under both loops of the stitch that lies against it on the other edge, and pull the yarn through. Do the same in the next stitch of each edge. On a foundation chain edge, pass the needle under the lower strands of each chain that holds a stitch of row 1. On a side edge there are no loops: pass the needle through the end stitch of the row on one side and the end stitch of the row that lies against it on the other. Fasten a length where the sewing begins and where it ends: sew 2 or 3 times into the same place.
- Buy whole balls from one dye lot.

Instructions

Toddler. US terms.

ch chain, **sl st** slip stitch, **sc** single crochet (UK double crochet), **hdc** half double crochet (UK half treble), **dc** double crochet (UK treble), **tr** treble crochet (UK double treble), **st** stitch.

sc2tog 2 sc made into one, **sc3tog** 3 sc made into one. **BLO**: only the loop away from you. **yo** yarn over the hook, **RS** right side, the one that shows.

3 sc in next st: all in one stitch. **sc in next 2 sts**: one in each.

[ ] 5 times: work what is inside 5 times in all.

(79 sc, 6 sc3tog): the stitches you have when the row is done. **How to read a pattern**.

Tail

Yarns in order of use: A, dusty rose; B, terracotta; C, honey; D, sage; E, lagoon; F, denim; G, plum.

☐ **Foundation** — With A, ch 86.

Band 1, in A with a stripe of B

☐ **Row 1 (RS)** — 2 sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in next 5 chs, sc3tog, sc in next 5 chs,
[3 sc in next ch, sc in next 5 chs, sc3tog, sc in next 5 chs**] 5 times**, 2 sc in last ch
(79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Rows 2 to 4** — Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 5** — With B, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 6** — Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 7** — With A, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 8**

Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

Band 2, in B with a stripe of C

☐ **Row 9**

With B, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Rows 10 to 12**

Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 13**

With C, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 14**

Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 15**

With B, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 16**

Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

Band 3, in C with a stripe of D

☐ **Row 17**

With C, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Rows 18 to 20**

Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 21**

With D, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 22** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 23** With C, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 24** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 5 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (79 sc, 6 sc3tog)

Band 4, in D with a stripe of E; its first row narrows the ripples

☐ **Row 25** With D, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 6 sts, sc3tog,
[sc in BLO of next 11 sts, sc3tog**] 5 times**, sc in BLO of next 6 sts (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Rows 26 to 28** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 29** With E, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 30** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 31** With D, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 32** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

Band 5, in E with a stripe of F

☐ **Row 33** With E, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Rows 34 to 36** Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 37**
With F, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 38**
Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 39**
With E, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 40**
Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 4 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 4 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (67 sc, 6 sc3tog)

Band 6, in F with a stripe of G; its first row narrows the ripples

☐ **Row 41**
With F, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 5 sts, sc3tog,
[sc in BLO of next 9 sts, sc3tog**] 5 times**, sc in BLO of next 5 sts (55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Rows 42 to 44**
Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Row 45**
With G, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 3 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 46**
Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 47**
With F, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 3 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

☐ **Row 48**
Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

Band 7, in G

☐ **Row 49**
With G, ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog,
sc in BLO of next 3 sts,
[3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 5 times**,
2 sc in last st (55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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☐ **Rows 50 to 56**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, **[**3 sc in next st, sc in BLO of next 3 sts, sc3tog, sc in BLO of next 3 sts**] 5 times**, 2 sc in last st	(55 sc, 6 sc3tog)

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Foot, in G

☐ **Row 57**	Ch 1, turn; sl st in first st, **[**sc in next 2 sts, hdc in next st, dc in next st, tr in next st, dc in next st, hdc in next st, sc in next 2 sts, sl st in next st**] 6 times**	(7 sl sts, 24 sc, 12 hdc, 12 dc, 6 tr)
☐ **Row 58**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**] 11 times**, sc in next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(35 sc, 13 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 59**	Ch 1, turn; sc in each st across	(48 sc)
☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 66 in (168 cm) to sew the foot with.	

Fin lobe: make 2

Yarns in order of use: G, plum; F, denim; E, lagoon; D, sage.

☐ **Foundation**	With G, ch 13.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across	(12 sc)
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 11 sts	(13 sc)
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 12 sts, 2 sc in last st	(14 sc)
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 13 sts	(15 sc)
☐ **Row 5**	With F, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 14 sts, 2 sc in last st	(16 sc)
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 15 sts	(17 sc)
☐ **Row 7**	With G, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 16 sts, 2 sc in last st	(18 sc)
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 17 sts	(19 sc)
☐ **Row 9**	With F, ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 18 sts, 2 sc in last st	(20 sc)
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 19 sts	(21 sc)
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; sc in BLO of next 20 sts, 2 sc in last st	(22 sc)
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 17 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(19 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 13**	With E, ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 17 sts	(2 sc2tog, 17 sc)
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 14 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(16 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 15**	With F, ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 14 sts	(2 sc2tog, 14 sc)
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 11 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(13 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 17**	With E, ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 11 sts	(2 sc2tog, 11 sc)
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 8 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(10 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 8 sts	(2 sc2tog, 8 sc)

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☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 5 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(7 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 21**	With D, ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 5 sts	(2 sc2tog, 5 sc)
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; 2 sc in first st, sc in BLO of next 2 sts, **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(4 sc, 2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**, sc in BLO of next 2 sts	(2 sc2tog, 2 sc)
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; **[**sc2tog**] 2 times**	(2 sc2tog)
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; sc2tog	(1 sc2tog)
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Assembly

1. Weave in the ends of the tail, all but the long one at the foot, and those of the two lobes. Fold the tail in half with the wrong side out, so that its two long edges, the ends of the rows, meet. Put a marker through both edges at the end of row 7, counted from the foundation chain.

2. Back seam: cut two lengths of D, each about 46 in (117 cm) long. With the first, begin at row 7, where the marker is, and whip stitch the two edges to each other, row end to row end, toward the foot; go on with the second to the last row, row 59: 53 pairs of row ends. Above the marker the edges stay open, at the back of the waist, so that the tail is easy to slip into. Take out the marker and turn the tail right side out.

3. Foot: lay the tail flat with the seam in the middle of the back. The last row is now doubled: its stitches 13 to 36 in front lie on its stitches 12 to 1 and 48 to 37 behind, 24 pairs. The long tail of G hangs at stitch 48, beside the seam. Lead it through stitches 48 to 37 of the back to the fold beside them. With it whip stitch the 24 pairs to each other: stitch 36 with stitch 37 first, and so on across the foot to stitch 13 with stitch 12 at the other fold. Fasten off.

4. Fin: the straight inner edge of a lobe is the one where rows 1 to 11 have no 2 sc in one st. With the front of the tail up, lay the two lobes below the closed foot, foundation chains along it, inner edges together in the middle: the lobe on the right lies right side up (row 1 is a right side row), the lobe on the left is turned over. The 12 chains of the lobe on the left lie against the 12 pairs on the left, the 12 chains of the lobe on the right against the 12 pairs on the right. Cut a length of G, about 36 in (91 cm), for the lobe on the left and whip stitch each of its chains to the pair that lies against it, through both layers of the foot: 12 stitches. Fasten off.

5. Cut a length of G, about 36 in (91 cm), for the lobe on the right and sew its 12 chains to the 12 pairs on the right in the same way, beginning at the fold and ending in the middle. With what is left sew the inner edges of the two lobes to each other from the foot down, the ends of rows 1 to 11 of one to the ends of rows 1 to 11 of the other, 11 pairs of row ends, and fasten off.

Finishing

- Weave in what is left of the ends with the yarn needle.
- Use the tail for sitting and resting, with the legs inside and the waist open. Do not walk in it.

In all: 3 pieces; 5,021 stitches (4,341 in the tail, 340 in each fin lobe).

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