

Follow the Herring and knit one for the shoal



Needles: 3.00mm or 3.25mm & 4mm
Yarn: DK/4 ply oddments, white, pale grey or silver (metallic yarns may need to be used double)
Extras: 2 small buttons, white grey or pearl, preferably with 4 holes
White or pale grey thread to sew pieces together
Silver yarn for the blanket stitching on the fins (optional)
Stuffing material

Kfb: increase by knitting in front and back of stitch

Pfb: increase by purling in front and back of stitch

For the body - KNIT 2

Using 3.00mm or 3.25mm needles, cast on 5 st.

R1: Knit (K)

R2: Purl (P)

R3: Kfb, K3, Kfb, (7 st)

R4: P

R5: Kfb, K5, Kfb, (9 st)

R6: P

R7: Kfb, K7, Kfb, (11 st)

R8: P

R9: Kfb, K9, Kfb, (13 st)

R10: P

R11: Kfb, K11, Kfb, (15 st)

R12: P

R13: K

R14: P

R15: Kfb, K13, Kfb, (17 st)

R16: P

R17: K

R18: P

Rows 19 - 50: Knit

R51: K1, K2 tog., K11, K 2 tog., K1 (15 st)

Rows 52 - 58: Knit

R59: K1, K2 tog., K9, K 2 tog., K1 (13 st)

Rows 60 - 64: Knit

R65: K1, K2 tog., K7, K 2 tog., K1 (11 st)

Rows 66 - 68: Knit

R69: K5, K2 tog., K4, (10 st)

R70: K

R71: K1, Kfb, K6, Kfb, K1 (12 st)

R72: K

R73: K1, Kfb, K8, Kfb, K1 (14 st)

R74: (K1,P1), 7 times to end

R75: (K1,P1) three times, Kfb, Kfb, (K1, P1) three times (16 st)

R76: (K1,P1) eight times to end

R77: (K1,P1) three times, K1, Pfb, Pfb, P1, (K1, P1) three times (18 st)

R78: (K1,P1) four times, K1, then TURN, leaving 9 st** unworked until later

R79: P1, K1) four times, P1

R80: (K1, P1) four times, K1

R81: (P1, K1) four times, P1

R82: (K1, P1) three times, K1, P2 tog (8 st)

R83: P2 tog., (K1, P1) three times (7 st)

R84: (K1, P1) twice, K1, P 2 tog (6 st)

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R85: Cast off 3, K1, P1 (3 st)

R86: K1, P2 tog (2 st)

R87: K 2 tog, finish off

** Return to 9 unworked st left on needle from row 78

R88: (P1, K1) four times, P1

R89: (K1, P1) four times, K1

R90: (P1, K1) four times, P1

R91: (K1, P1) four times, K1

R92: K2 tog., (P1, K1) three times, P1 (8 st)

R93: (K1, P1) three times, K2 tog. (7 st)

R94: K2 tog, (P1, K1) twice, P1 (6 st)

R95: (K1, P1) twice, K2 tog (5 st)

R96: Cast off 2, K1, P1 (3 st)

R97: K1, P2 tog (2 st)

R98: K2 tog, finish off yarn

For the side fins - KNIT 2

Use 4mm (size 8) needles

Cast on 6 st

R1: K1, P1

Repeat Row 1 three times

Cast off loosely

Gather the cast on edge when sewing in the yarn ends

For the top fin

Use 3.00mm or 3.25mm needles

Cast on 12 st

R1: (K2,P2) three times

R2: (K2,P2) three times

R3: (K2,P2) three times

R4: K2 tog, (P2,K2) twice, P2 (11 st)

R5: (K2, P2) twice, K1,K2 tog (10 st)

R6: P2 tog, (K2, P2) twice (9 st)

R7: K2, P2, K2, P1, P2 tog (8 st)

R8: K2tog, P2, K2, P2 (7 st)

R9: K2, P2, K1, K2 tog (6 st)

R10: P2 tog, K2, P2 (5 st)

R11: K2 tog, P1, P2 tog (4 st)

R12: K2 tog, P2 (3 st)

R13: K1, K2 tog.(2 st)

R14: P2 tog, Finish off

For the bottom fin

Use 3.00mm or 3.25mm needles

Cast on 16 st

R1:!(K2, P2) four times

R2:!(K2, P2) four times

R3:! Cast off 2, P2 tog, (K2, P2) 3 times

Cast off ribwise.

For the mouth

Use 3.00mm or 3.25mm needles

Cast on 24 st

Work three rows of garter stitch

Cast off

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Making Up

(See notes and illustration below)

1. Using black thread, sew on small buttons for the eyes.
2. Stitch top and bottom fins in place on one of the body pieces.
3. Sew the two body pieces together round the tail end between the top and bottom fins.
4. Stuff the tail end.
5. Continue stitching body pieces together, inserting stuffing.
6. Stitch the mouth in place so it curves over the top of the of the pointed end of the face.
7. Stitch the side fins in place.
8. Using a different yarn (grey, white, metallic) work irregular blanket stitch at the ends of the fins and tail



Notes:

- Herring are known as “the silver of the sea” which is the reason for restricting the colours used.
- Smaller needles are used for the top and bottom fins and the mouth to make the fins stiffer and the mouth

