

Seahorse

The body of the seahorse is knitted in one piece, casting on at the tail end. The seam is along the front. Stitches are picked up along the centre back to knit the fin. The knitting is easy to moderate in difficulty. The sewing up is a little more fiddly.

Only small quantities of yarn are needed - the finished seahorse is 12-14 cm long (curled), depending on the yarn and needle size used.

Materials:

- Yarn, in main colour, plus a small amount of contrasting colour
PLEASE REFER TO THE PROJECT COLOUR PALETTE
- 1 or 2 pipe cleaners
- 2 small beads or sequins
- wadding

Kfb: increase by knitting in front and back of stitch

Pfb: increase by purling in front and back of stitch

Yarn	Needle size
3 ply	14
4 ply	13
Metallic	14



FOR THE BODY

	Cast on 7 st
Rows 1-12	Stocking stitch
Row 13	K3, Kfb, K3 (8 st)
Row 14	Purl
Row 15	Knit
Row 16	Purl
Row 17	K3, Kfb, Kfb, K3 (10 st)
Rows 18-20	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 21	K4, Kfb, Kfb, K4 (12 st)
Rows 22-24	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 25	K5, Kfb, Kfb, K5 (14 st)
Rows 26-28	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 29	K6, Kfb, Kfb, K6 (16 st)
Rows 30-32	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 33	K7, Kfb, Kfb, K7 (18 st)
Rows 34-36	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 37	Kfb, K16, Kfb (20 st)
Row 38	Purl

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Row 39	Kfb, K18, Kfb (22 st)
Row 40	Purl
Row 41	Kfb, K20, Kfb (24 st)
Row 42	Purl
Row 43	Kfb, K22, Kfb (26 st)
Row 44	Purl
Row 45	Kfb, K24, Kfb (28 st)
Row 46-48	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 49	Kfb, K26, Kfb (30 st)
Rows 50-56	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 57	K2 tog, K26, K2 tog (28 st)
Row 58	P2 tog, P24, P2 tog (26 st)
Row 59	Knit
Row 60	P2 tog, P22, P2 tog (24 st)
Row 61	Knit
Row 62	Purl
Row 63	K2 tog, K20, K2 tog (22 st)
Rows 64-66	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 67	K2 tog, K18, K2 tog (20 st)
Row 68-70	As rows 14-16 (stocking stitch)
Row 71	Kfb, K18, Kfb (22 st)
Row 72	Purl
Row 73	Kfb, K8, K2 tog, K2 tog, K8, Kfb (22 st)
Row 74	Purl
Row 75	Kfb, K8, K2 tog, K2 tog, K8, Kfb (22 st)
Row 76	P14, TURN, K6, TURN, P14
Row 77	K15, TURN, P8, TURN, K15
Row 78	P15, TURN, K8, TURN, P15
Row 79	Cast on 5 st and K 26 (27 st)
Row 80	Cast on 5 st and P 30 (32 st)
Row 81	K13, K2 tog, K2 tog, K2, TURN, P6, TURN, K to end (30 st)

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Row 82	P12, P2 tog, P2 tog, P1, TURN, K4, TURN, P to end (28 st)
Row 83	Cast off 2, knit to end (26 st)
Row 84	Cast off 2, purl to end (24 st)
Row 85	Cast off 4, knit to end (20) st
Row 86	Cast off 4, purl to end (16 st)
Row 87	Cast off 4, knit to end (12) st
Row 88	Cast off 4, purl to end (8 st)
Row 89	Cast off 8, leaving 30 cm of yarn for sewing up.

FOR THE BACK FIN - use one size larger needles

Row 1	About 9 cm from end of tail, working towards the head, pick up and knit 18 stitches along centre of spine.
Row 2	(Kfb, Pfb) 9 times (36 st)
Rows 3-5	(K2, P2) 9 times
	Cast off

FOR SIDE FINS

	Cast on 6 st
Rows 1-4	(K1, P1) 3 times
Row 5	Cast off in rib

FOR THE HEAD FINS

	Cast on 4 st
Rows 1-2	(K1,P1) twice
Row 3	Cast off in rib

Sewing Up

Stitch in the ends of the fin back fin.

Stitch the side fins central to the back fin and the front and back of the body. (Check photo)

Stitch the head fins behind the eyes.

Begin at the tail end. Place a pipe cleaner inside and stitch edges using **mattress stitch***, stuffing as you stitch up as far as the bottom of the head.

With the wrong sides of the head together, use small stab stitch to sew the mouth and face edges together.

Stitch under the line of the cast off edge

- Stitch sequins, or embroider, an eye on either side of the head (see photo).

Curl the tail as shown.

*Mattress stitch

RIGHT SIDES FACING - Pick up stitches, alternatively, from near the edge on either side, using a running stitch, pulling the thread firmly as you sew.