

Jean Lafitte's Mermaid

(Lap Blanket / Sack)



Size: Kids to adults (*I made it for my kids but sized it to me. I'm 5'4" and I made it big enough to fit me comfortably*)

You will need:

- 1) Bulky weight yarn, approximately 1090 yards (I used Loops & Threads Charisma). The piece is knit holding 2 strands of bulky yarn together.
- 2) 1 24in (60cm) or longer circular needle in size US 19 (16mm).
- 3) 1 additional 19mm needle (for 3 needle decrease.)
- 4) Tapestry needle

*Gauge isn't terribly important but mine was 7 st x 8 rows over 4" (10cm).

The finished blanket measures:

40 inches around at the biggest point.

46 inches long from tip to the beginning of the tail (20 inches from the top till the tail is joined in the round).

57 inches from tip to tail.

Glossary:

k Knit
p Purl
sl1yf Slip 1st as if to purl with yarn held to the front of the work (gives a nice chain edge)
slm Slip marker
kfb Knit into the front and then the back of the next stitch (creates 2 stitches).
st, sts Stitches

Pattern Notes:

It works great with variegated yarn due to the simple stitch pattern.

The blanket is knit top down and has a simple seed stitch "V" pattern at the top of the mermaid blanket that becomes a stockinette stitch, followed by a garter stitch tail utilizing short rows.

Co 63 Stitches

- 1) k3, then (k1, p1) to last three stitches (should end on a k). k2, sl1yf.
- 2 – 5) Repeat Row 1 for 4 more rows (5 rows total)
- 6) k3, p2, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 5 sts, p2, k2, sl1yf.
- 7) k6, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 6 sts, k5, sl1yf.
- 8) k3, p4, (k1, p1 ending on a k1) to last 7 sts, p4, k2, sl1yf.
- 9) k8, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 8 sts, k7, sl1yf.
- 10) k3, p6, (k1, p1 ending on a k1) to last 9 sts, p6, k2, sl1yf.
- 11) k10, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 10 sts, k9, sl1yf.
- 12) k3, p8, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 11 sts, p8, k2, sl1yf.
- 13) k12, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 12 sts, k11, sl1yf
- 14) k3, p10, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 13, p10, k2, sl1yf.
- 15) k14, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 14 sts, k13, sl1yf

16) k3, p12, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 15, p12, k2, sl1yf.

17) k16, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 16 sts, k15, sl1yf.

18) k3, p14, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 17 sts, p14, k2, sl1yf.

19) k18, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 18 sts, k17, sl1yf.

20) k3, p16, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 19 sts, p16, k2, sl1yf.

21) k20, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 20 sts, k19, sl1yf.

22) k3, p18, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 21 sts, p18, k2, sl1yf.

23) k22, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 22 sts, k21, sl1yf.

24) k3, p20, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 23 sts, p20, k2, sl1yf.

25) k24, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 24 sts, k23, sl1yf.

26) k3, p22, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 25 sts, p22, k2, sl1yf.

27) k26, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 26 sts, k25, sl1yf.

28) k3, p24, (k1, p1, ending on a k1) to last 27 sts, p24, k2, sl1yf.

29) k28, (p1, k1, ending on a p1) to last 28 sts, k27, sl1yf.

30) k3, p26, (k1, p1, k1, p1, k1) p26, k2, sl1yf

31) k30, (p1, k1, p1) k29, sl1yf.

32) k3, p28, k1, p28, k2, sl1yf.

33) k62, sl1yf.

34) k3, p56, k2, sl1yf

35 – 38) Repeat 33 & 34 twice more.

39) k3, k2tog, k51, k2tog, k3 (61 st)

40) k3, p55, k2, sl1yf

41) k60, sl1yf

42) k3, p55, k2, sl1yf

43 – 44) Repeat (41 & 42) once more.

45) Join work in the round by slipping 1st stitch of row over last stitch of row, place marker, k all stitches (60 st).

46 – 49) k all stitches.

50) slm, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k24, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4, k2tog, k4 (54st).

51 -59) k all stitches.

60) slm, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k24, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3, k2tog, k3 (48st)

61 – 69) k all stitches

70) slm, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k24, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2, k2tog, k2 (42st)

71 – 79) k all stitches.

80) slm, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k24, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1, k2tog, k1 (36st)

81 – 89) k all stitches.



90 – 109) *Begin Ribbing.* K2, p1 all the way around for 19 rows.

110) k1, k2tog till marker (24st)



111) Lay body of tail flat and centered on the ground with the opening in the back and the seed

stitch V on top. Match up the 24 stitches one in front and one in back so that there are 12 pairs of stitches.

You will now use a 3 needle decrease to close the bottom of the body before working the tail.

Grab your extra needle and pull your yarn so that it is sticking out of the left side of the tail.

Using a 3 needle decrease, hold both the needles on the tail in your left hand. With your extra needle, stick it through the stitch on the front needle as if to knit and then stick it through the stitch on the back needle as if to knit. Knit both stitches together. Do this for all 12 stitches (**There are quite a few tutorial's on line to quickly walk you through the process.**)

Once the tail is closed, now work on the fin:

112) k1, kfb 10 times, sl1yf. (22st)

113) k 21, sl1yf

114) k21, sl1yf

115) k1, kfb 20 times, sl1yf. (42)

116 – 135) k41, sl1yf.

136) *Begin short rows.* K 21.

135) *Turn work* (leaving last 21 stitches on the left needle), k back over prior 20 stitches, sl1yf

136) K19

137) *Turn work*, k 18, sl1yf

138) k17

139) *Turn work*, k16, sl1yf

140) k15

141) *Turn work*, k14, sl1yf

142) k13

143) *Turn work*, k12, sl1yf

144) k11

145) *Turn work*, k10, sl1yf

146) k9

147) *turn work*, k8, sl1yf

148) k7

149) *turn work*, k6, sl1yf

150) k5

151) *turn work*, k4, sl1yf

152) k4

153) *Turn work*, k3, sl1yf

154) k3

155) *Turn work*, k2, sl1yf

156) k2

157) *Turn work*, k1, sl1yf

158)kfb

Bind off 21 stitches. Slip last bind off stitch over the first stitch in the other half of the row we have not yet knitted. K 20 st, sl1yf,



Create the 2nd tail point by repeating the pattern, rows 135 - 158. Bind off (I recommend using a Super Stretchy bind off.)

Weave in ends and you're finished! Crawl in, get cozy and start knitting your next project.

