

Hazel the Humpback

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The pattern uses only simple stitches and increases. The only tricky thing is keeping track of where you are, since almost every row is different. It helps to think of the top side of the head and the bottom ribbed side separately, as such I've placed this character in between the top and the bottom for every row: •

I worked the contrasting color using a circular intarsia technique. I didn't keep track of it – every whale has a different pattern of light color, so there's no messing it up! Uses 300-340 yards of DK weight yarn, on #3 needles. Finished whale is 26" long. Of course you could scale up and down as you please with different weight yarn.

BODY:

Make sure to stuff while the opening is still big enough. And then right before closing, top off the tip of the tail.

Cast on 6 stitches, divide on 3 or 4 DP needles, and join in the round.

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| 1.) knit all stitches | 6.) KFB 4 times • P, K, MIL, K2, MIL, K, KFB, K2, MIR, K2, MIR, K, P |
| 2.) K, M1R, K • P, MIR, K, M1R, K, MIR, P | 7.) K8 • P, K15, P |
| 3.) K3 • P, K5, P | 8.) K8 • P, K3, MIL, K2, MIL, K2, KFB, K2, M1R, K2, M1R, K3, P |
| 4.) K, KFB, K • P, M1L, K, KFB 3 times, K, M1R, P | |
| 5.) K4 • P, K10, P | |

- 9.) K8 • P, K9, K2tog, K9, P
- 10.) K, M1L, K6, M1R, K • (P, K4) 4 times, P
- 11.) K10 • P, K4, P, K2, MIL, P, MIL, K, P, K, MIR, P, MIR, K2, P, K4, P
- 12.) K10 • P, K4, P, K3, P, K2, P, K2, P, K3, P, K4, P
- 13.) K, M1L, K8, M1R, K • P, K, M1L, P, K2, P, K, M1L, K2, P, SSK, P, K2tog, P, K2, M1R, K, P, K2, P, M1R, K, P
- 14.) K12 • (P, K2) twice, P, K4, (P, K) twice, P, K4, (P, K2) twice, P
- 15.) K12 • (P, K2) twice, P2, K3, (P, K) twice, P, K3, P2, K2, P, K2, P
- 16.) K12 • P, K2, P, M1L, K2, P2, K3, (P, K) twice, P, K3, P2, K2, M1R, P, K2, P
- 17.) K12 • P, (K2, P2) twice, K3, (P, K) twice, P, K3, (P2, K2) twice, P
- 18.) K, M1L, K10, M1R, K • P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K, P, K, (P2, K2) 3 times, P
- 19.) K14 • P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K, P, K (P2, K2) 3 times, P
- 20.) K14 • P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K, M1L, PFB, M1R, K, (P2, K2) 3 times, P
- 21.) K14 • P (K2, P2) 7 times, K2, P
- 22.) K, M1L, K12, M1R, K • P, (K2, P2) twice, MIL, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, M1R, (P2, K2) twice, P
- 23.) K16 • P, (K2, P2) twice, K3, (P2, K2) twice, P2, K3, (P2, K2) twice, P
- 24.) K, M1L, K14, M1R, K • P (K2, P2) twice, K2, M1L, K, M1L, (P2, K2) twice, P2, M1R, K, M1R, K2, (P2, K2) twice, P
- 25.) K18 • P (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, K2, (P2, K2) 3 times, P, K2, (P2, K2) twice, P
- 26.) K, M1L, K16, M1R, K • P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, M1L, K2, (P2, K2) 3 times, M1R, P, K2, (P2, K2) twice, P
- 27.) K20 • P, (K2, P2) 9 times, K2, P
- 28.) K, M1L, K18, M1R, K • P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, M1L, P, K2, P2, K2, P, M1R, P, K2, P2, K2, P, M1R, P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 29.) K22 • P (K2, P2) twice, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P3, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 30.) K, M1R, K20, MIL, K • P (K2, P2) twice, K2, P3, K2, P2, K2, P, M1L, KFB, P, M1R, K2, P2, K2, P3, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 31.) K24 • P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P3, (K2, P2) 4 times, K2, P3, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 32.) K11, KFB, KFB, K11 • P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, M1L, P2 (K2, P2) 4 times, K2, P2, M1R, P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 33.) K26 • P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, K, (P2, K2) 5 times, P2, K, P (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 34.) K11, KFB, K2, KFB, K11 • P (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, M1L, K, (P2, K2) 5 times, P2, K, M1R, P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 35.) K28 • P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, (K2, P2) 6 times, K2, P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 36.) K11, KFB, K4, KFB, K11 • P (K2, P2) twice, K2, P, M1L, (K2, P2) 6 times, K2, M1R, P, (K2, P2) twice, K2, P
- 37.) K30 • P, (K2, P2) 12 times, K2, P
- 38.) K11, KFB, K6, KFB, K11 • P (K2, P2) 6 times, KFB, K, P2 (K2, P2) 5 times, K2, P
- 39.) K32 • P (K2, P2) 6 times, K, P, K, P2 (K2, P2) 5 times, K2, P
- 40.) K11, KFB, K8, KFB, K11 • P, (K2, P2) 6 times, KFB, PFB, KFB, (P2, K2) 6 times, P
- 41.) K34 • P, (K2, P2) 13 times, K2, P
- 42.) Repeat row 41
- 43.) Repeat row 41
- 44.) K, M1L, K10, SSK, K8, K2tog, K10, M1R, K • P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, M1L, P2, (K2, P2) 6 times, M1R, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P

- 45.) K34 • P (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P3 (K2, P2) 6 times, P (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P
- 46.) Repeat row 45
- 47.) Repeat row 45
- 48.) K, M1L, K11, SSK, K6, K2tog, K11, M1R, K • P (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, M1L, P2, (K2, P2) 6 times, M1R, P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P
- 49.) K34 • P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, K, P2, (K2, P2) 6 times, K, P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P
- 50.) Repeat row 49
- 51.) Repeat row 49
- 52.) K, M1L, K12, SSK, K4, K2tog, K12, M1R, K • P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, K, M1L, P2 (K2, P2) 6 times, M1R, K, P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P
- 53.) K34, P (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, (K2, P2) 7 times, K2, P, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P
- 54.) Repeat row 53
- 55.) Repeat row 53
- 56.) K, M1L, K13, SSK, K2, K2tog, K13, M1R, K • P (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, M1L, (K2, P2) 7 times, K2, M1R, P (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P
- 57.) K34 • P (K2, P2) 15 times, K2, P
- 58.) Repeat row 57
- 59.) Repeat row 57
- 60.) K, M1L, K14, SSK, K2tog, K14, M1R, K • P (K2, P2) 7 times, K2, PFB, P, (K2, P2) 7 times, K2, P
- 61.) K16, P2tog, K16 • P (K2, P2) 7 times, K2, P, K, P, (K2, P2) 7 times, K2, P
- 62.) K, M1L, K31, M1R, K • P, SL1, K2tog, PSSO, P, (K2, P2) 6 times, K2, P, KFB, P (K2, P2) 6 times, K2, P, K3tog, P
- 63.) K, M1L, M1L, K33, M1R, M1R, K • P, SL1, K2tog, PSSO, K, P2, (K2, P2) 5 times, (K2, P) twice, (K2, P2) 6 times, K, K3tog, P
- 64.) K, M1L, M1L, K37, M1R, M1R, K • P, SL1, K2tog, PSSO, P (K2, P2) 5 times, K2, PFB, K2, PFB (K2, P2) 5 times, K2, P, K3tog, P
- 65.) K, M1L, M1L, K41, M1R, M1R, K • P, SSK, (K2, P2) 12 times, K2, K2tog, P
- 66.) K47 • P, K (K2, P2) 12 times, K3, P
- 67.) K8, M1L, K31, M1R, K8 • P, K (K2, P2) 12 times, K3, P
- 68.) K49 • P, K, (K2, P2) 12 times, K3, P
- 69.) K8, M1L, K33, M1R, K8 • P, K, (K2, P2) 6 times, KFB, K, P2 (K2, P2) 5 times, K3, P
- 70.) K51 • P, K (K2, P2) 6 times, K3, P2 (K2, P2) 5 times, K3, P
- 71.) K51 • P, K4, P (K2, P2) 4 times, KFB, K, P2, K3, P2, K, KFB, P2 (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, K4, P
- 72.) K51 • P, K4, P, (K2, P2) 4 times, (K3, P2) 3 times, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, K4, P
- 73.) K8, M1L, K35, M1R, K8 • P, K4, P, (K2, P2) 4 times, K3, P2, K3, P2, K3, P2, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, K4, P
- 74.) K53 • P, K4, P, (K2, P2) 4 times, K3, P2, K2, P2, K3, P2, (K2, P2) 3 times, K2, P, K4, P
- 75.) K53 • P, K7, P2 (K2, P2) twice, KFB, K, P2 (K3, P2) 3 times, K, KFB, P2, (K2, P2) twice, K7, P
- 76.) K53 • P, K7, P2, (K2, P2) twice, (K3, P2) 5 times (K2, P2) twice, K7, P
- 77.) K53 • P, K8, P, (K2, P2), KFB, K, P2, (K3, P2) 5 times, K, KFB, P2, K2, P, K8, P
- 78.) K53 • P, K8, P, K2, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times K2, P, K8, P
- 79.) K8, M1L, K37, M1R, K8 • P, K8, P, K2, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, K2, P, K8, P
- 80.) K55 • P, K8, P, K2, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, K2, P, K8, P
- 81.) Repeat row 80
- 82.) K55 • P, K11, P2 (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, K11, P
- 83.) K55 • P, K11, M1L, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, M1R, K11, P

- 84.) K55 • P, K12, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, K12, P
- 85.) K8, M1L, K39, M1R, K8 • P, K12, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, K12, P
- 86.) K57 • P, K12, P2 (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, K12, P
- 87.) Repeat row 86
- 88.) Repeat row 86
- 89.) K57 • P, K12, M1L, P2 (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, M1R, K12, P
- 90.) K57 • P, K13, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, K13, P
- 91.) K8, M1L, K41, M1R, K8 • P, K13, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, K13, P
- 92.) K59 • P, K13, P2, (K3, P2) 7 times, P2, K13, P
- 93.) Repeat row 92
- 94.) Repeat row 92
- 95.) Repeat row 92
- 96.) Repeat row 92
- 97.) SSK, K55, K2tog • P, K18, (P2, K3) twice, P1, SSK, K, K2tog, P1, (K3, P2) twice, K18, P
- 98.) K57 • P, K18 (P2, K3) twice, P1, K3, P1, (K3, P2) twice, K18 P
- 99.) Repeat row 98
- 100.) Repeat row 98
- 101.) SSK, K53, K2tog • P, K18 (P2, K3) twice, SSK, K, K2tog, (K3, P2) twice, K18, P
- 102.) K55 • P, K18, (P2, K3) twice, K3, (K3, P2) twice, K18, P
- 103.) Repeat row 102
- 104.) Repeat row 102
- 105.) SSK, K51, K2tog • P, K18, P2, K3, P2, K2, SSK, K, K2tog, K2, P2, K3, P2, K18, P
- 106.) K53 • P, K18, P2, K3, P2, K7, P2, K3, P2, K18, P
- 107.) Repeat row 106
- 108.) Repeat row 106
- 109.) SSK, K49, K2tog • K24, P2, K1, SSK, K, K2tog, K, P2, K24
- 110.) K51 • K24, P2, K5, P2, K24
- 111.) Repeat row 110
- 112.) Repeat row 110
- 113.) SSK, K47, K2tog • K24, P2, SSK, K, K2tog, P2, K24
- 114.) K49 • K24, P2, K3, P2, K24
- 115.) Repeat row 114
- 116.) Repeat row 114
- 117.) SSK, K45, K2tog • K24, P, SSK, K, K2tog, P, K24
- 118.) K47 • K24, P, K3, P, K24
- 119.) Repeat row 118
- 120.) Repeat row 118
- 121.) SSK, K45, K2tog • K24, SSK, K, K2tog, K24
- 122.) Knit all stitches (98 stitches)
- 123.) Knit
- 124.) Knit
- 125.) SSK, K43, K2tog • K23, SSK, K, K2tog, K23
- 126.) Knit all stitches (94 stitches)
- 127.) Knit
- 128.) Knit
- 129.) SSK, K41, K2tog • K22, SSK, K, K2tog, K22
- 130.) Knit all stitches (90 stitches)
- 131.) Knit
- 132.) Knit
- 133.) SSK, K39, K2tog • K21, SSK, K, K2tog, K21
- 134.) Knit all stitches (86 stitches)
- 135.) Knit
- 136.) Knit
- 137.) SSK, K37, K2tog • K20, SSK, K, K2tog, K20
- 138.) Knit all stitches (82 stitches)
- 139.) Knit
- 140.) Knit
- 141.) SSK, K35, K2tog • K19, SSK, K, K2tog, K19
- 142.) Knit all stitches (78 stitches)
- 143.) Knit
- 144.) Knit
- 145.) SSK, K33, K2tog • K18, SSK, K, K2tog, K18

146.) Knit all stitches (74 stitches)
 147.) Knit
 148.) Knit
 149.) SSK, K31, K2tog • K17, SSK K K2tog, K17
 150.) Knit all stitches (70 stitches)
 151.) Knit
 152.) Knit
 153.) SSK, K29, K2tog • K16, SSK, K, K2tog, K16
 154.) Knit all stitches (66 stitches)
 155.) Knit
 156.) Knit
 157.) SSK, K27, K2tog • K33
 158.) Knit all stitches (62 stitches)
 159.) Knit
 160.) Knit
 161.) K29 • K14, SSK, K, K2tog, K14
 162.) Knit all stitches (60 stitches)
 163.) Knit
 164.) Knit
 165.) SSK, K25, K2tog • K31
 166.) Knit all stitches (58 stitches)
 167.) Knit
 168.) Knit
 169.) K27 • K13, SSK, K, K2tog, K13
 170.) K13, M1L, K, M1R, K13 • K29
 171.) Knit all stitches (58 stitches)
 172.) Knit
 173.) SSK, K25, K2tog • K29
 174.) Knit all stitches (56 stitches)
 175.) Knit

176.) K13, M1L, K, M1R, K13 • K29
 177.) K29 • K12, SSK, K, K2tog, K12
 178.) K13, M1L, K3, M1R, K13 • K27
 179.) Knit all stitches (58 stitches)
 180.) SSK, K27, K2tog • K27
 181.) Knit all stitches (56 stitches)
 182.) Knit
 183.) K29 • K11, SSK, K, K2tog, K11
 184.) K11, place 7 stitches on holder, K11 • K25
 185.) Knit all stitches (54 stitches)
 186.) SSK, K18, K2tog • K25
 187.) Knit all stitches (45 stitches)
 188.) Knit
 189.) K20 • K10, SSK, K, K2tog, K10
 190.) Knit all stitches (43 stitches)
 191.) Knit
 192.) SSK, K16, K2tog • K23
 193.) Knit all stitches (41 stitches)
 194.) Knit
 195.) K18 • K9, SSK, K, K2tog, K9
 196.) Knit 39
 197.) SSK, K14, K2tog • K21
 198.) Knit 37
 199.) K16 • K8, SSK, K, K2tog, K8
 200.) Knit 35
 201.) SSK, K12, K2tog • K19
 202.) Knit 33
 203.) K14 • K7, SSK, K, K2tog, K7
 204.) Knit 31

- Continue decreasing in pattern until 20 stitches remain. K2tog all the way around, break yarn and thread through remaining 10 stitches. Pull yarn to the inside.
- Take the 7 stitches that are on the holder and whip stitch them together to form the little fin on the back of the whale's body.

FINS:

Knit 2. These are identically shaped, but with the contrasting color on opposite sides.

- Cast on 24 stitches, divide on #3 dp needles, Join in the round.
- Knit 12 rows

13.) K11, M1L, K2, M1R, K11	39.) – 41.) Knit
14.) K26	42.) K13, M1L, K2, M1R, K13
15.) K12, M1L, K2, M1R, K12	43.) Knit
16.) K28	44.) K, M1R, K28, M1L, K
17.) K13, M1L, K2, M1R, K13	45.) Knit
18.) K30	46.) K15, M1L, K2, M1R, K15
19.) K14, M1L, K2, M1R, K14	47.) Knit
20.) K32	48.) Knit
21.) K15, M1L, K2, M1R, K15	49.) – 50.) SL1, K2TOG, PSSO, knit until last 3 stitches, K3tog
22.) K, M1R, K15, M1L, K2, M1R, K15, M1L, K	51.) K12, M1L, K2, M1R, K12
23.) K17, M1L, K2, M1R, K17	52.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog
24.) K38	53.) – 58.) Repeat rows 51 – 52 three times
25.) K, M1R, K17, M1L, K2, M1R, K17, M1L, K	59.) SSK, K10, M1L, K2, M1R, K10, K2tog
26.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog	60.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog
27.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog	61.) SSK, K9, M1L, K2, M1R, K9, K2tog
28.) K38	62.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog
29.) K18, M1L, K2, M1R, K18	63.) SSK, K8, M1L, K2, M1R, K8, K2tog
30.) – 34.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog	64.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog
35.) – 37.) Knit	
38.) SSK, Knit until 2 from end of row, K2tog	

- Continue until 14 stitches left. Graft together with kitchener stitch.
- Sew onto the body in the spot underneath the line of the mouth and above where the ribbing stops. I folded in a bit of the top as I sewed, to make it angle back a bit, and to give the fin a bit of body at the join.

TAIL:

The tail is 2 pieces, stitched together for a few stitches. Knit 2 of the following:

- Cast on 46 stitches, divide on #3 dp needles, join in the round.

1.) Knit 23, place midpoint marker, Knit 23	26.) – 27.) Knit
2.) K, M1L, K until 3 stitches from the middle, K2tog, K2, SSK, K until 1 stitch from end, M1R, K	28.) K, SSK, K til 3 stitches from the end, K2tog, K
3.) K, M1L, K until 1 stitch from end, M1R, K	29.) Knit
4.) Repeat row 2	30.) Repeat row 28
5.) Repeat row 3	31.) Knit
6.) K until 3 stitches from middle, K2tog, K2, SSK, K until end of row	32.) Repeat row 2
7.) Knit	33.) Knit
8.) Repeat row 2	34.) Repeat row 28
9.) Knit	35.) Knit
10.) Repeat row 6	36.) Repeat row 6
11.) – 12.) Knit	37.) – 38.) Knit
13.) Repeat row 6	39.) Repeat row 6
14.) – 16.) Knit	40.) Knit
17.) Repeat row 2	41.) – 50.) Repeat rows 39 and 40 five times
18.) – 24.) Knit	51.) Repeat row 6
25.) Repeat row 6	52.) Repeat row 2
	53.) – 54.) Repeat row 6
	55.) Repeat row 2

- Repeat row 6 until 6 stitches left. Graft together with kitchener stitch.
- Sew tails onto the body. I stitched the first 5 knitted rows of the tail fins (where they meet) to each other, but that is a judgment call.

FINISHING:

- To add the characteristic bumps of the humpback whale, I used a doubled-up piece of yarn and a tapestry needle. I had the yarn poke up from inside, knotted it loosely against the body of the whale, and then ran the tail back into the body. Similar to doing a french knot, but you make a standard knot instead. I'm sure french knots would work, I'm just not very good at them.
- I just sewed eyes on using black DK weight yarn.

- Please let me know if you find any errors! My Ravelry username is becbrittain.