Dugong disguised as a shark

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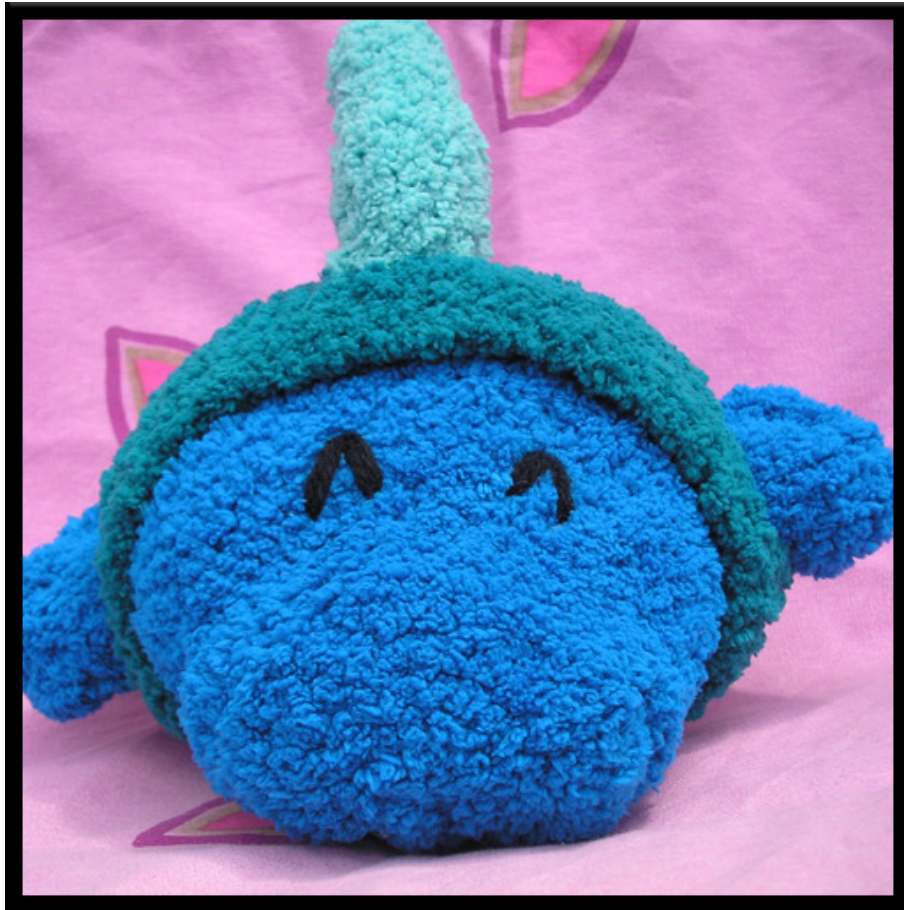
Pattern Information

Description

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Henry the Dugong has lived a happy life floating on the tides and whiffling the sea grass around his blue home. But lately he has been dreaming of adventure. If only he was as swift and strong as a shark...

Henry is a quick knit, the only complicated bit being the large increases around the snout area which can been a little tedious when using fuzzy wool. For this reason I suggest starting with the fins, then moving on to the body.

This was my first knitting pattern, created in 2009 - it's a little eclectic but a fun idea.

Abbreviations

- St - Stitch
- K - Knit
- P - Purl
- KFB - Knit into the front and back of next st to increase
- K2tog - Knit two stitches together to decrease
- P2tog - Purl two stitches together to decrease
- St-St - Stockinette stitch (alternate rows of knit and purl)

Materials

- Knitting needles (3mm)
- Colour 1: ball of fuzzy wool (50g)
- Colour 2: ¼ ball of fuzzy wool for the shark fin
- Colour 3: ½ ball of fuzzy wool for the jumper
- Scrap of black wool (non-fuzzy - for the eyes)
- Sewing needle
- Stuffing

Rights

Contact and version updates

The most recent version of this pattern is available from Ravelry or my Blog:
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Pattern

Fins (make 2)

Using Colour1…

Row 1. Cast on 24
Row 2. Knit to end
Row 3. Purl to end
Row 4. Kfb, knit to last st, kfb = 26
Row 5. Purl to end
Row 6. Knit to end
Row 7. Purl to end
Row 8. Knit to end
Row 9. Purl to end
Row 10. (k2tog, k1) repeat 8 times, k2tog = 17
Row 11. Purl to end
Row 12. k2tog four times, k1, k2tog four times = 9
Row 13. Purl to end
Row 14. k2tog twice, k1, k2tog twice = 5

Cut thread leaving a long tail. Thread tail through the sts on needle. Pull tight.

Fold the fin in half with the cast off thread at the top of the fin

Cast off row

Cast on row

Sew along here

Sew this edge to Dugong
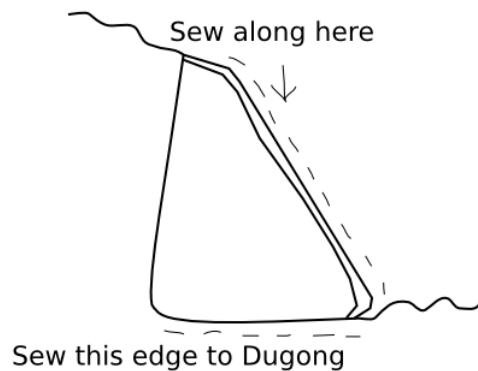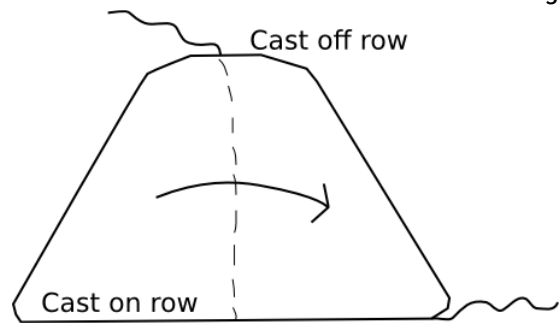
Body

The body and nose are made all in one piece. Starting at the nose end and progressing towards the tail. The seam will run underneath the Dugong as shown in the picture to the right.

Starting at the nose...
Using colour1
Row 1. Cast on 3
Row 2. Inc every stitch = 6
Row 3. P to end
Row 4. kfb to end = 12
Row 5. P to end
Row 6. kfb to end = 24
Row 7. P to end
Row 8. kfb to end = 48
Row 9. P to end

Row 10. K to end

Row 11. P to end (end of snout)

Row 12. (k3, k2tog) repeat 9 times, k3 = 39

Row 13. P to end

Row 14. (K4, k2tog) repeat 6 times, k3 = 33

Row 15. P to end

Row 16. K8, (kfb, k3) repeat 4 times, kfb, k8 = 38

Row 17. P to end

Row 18. K10, kfb, k4, kfb, k6, kfb, k4, kfb, k10 = 42

Row 19. P to end

Row 20. k12, kfb, k4, kfb, k6, kfb, k4, kfb, k12 = 46

Row 21. P to end

Row 22. Cast off 6, k6, kfb, k5, kfb, k8, kfb, k5, kfb, k12 = 44

Row 23. Cast off 6, purl to end = 38

Row 24. k8, kfb, k3, kfb, k4, kfb, k2, kfb, k4, kfb, k3, kfb, k8 = 44

Row 25. P to end

Row 26. K13, kfb, k16, kfb, k13 = 46

Row 27. P 1 row

Row 28. K2tog, knit until last two sts, k2tog = 44

Row 29 - 33. Starting with a P row, st-st 5 rows

Row 34. Kfb, knit until last st, kfb = 46

Row 35. P to end

Row 36. Kfb, knit until last st, kfb = 48

Row 37-41. Starting with a P row, st-st 5 rows

Row 42. k2tog, knit until last 2 sts, k2tog = 46

Row 43. P to end

Row 44. K2tog, knit until last 2 sts, k2tog = 44

Row 45. P to end

Row 46. K2tog, knit until last 2 sts, k2tog = 42

Row 47-51. Starting with a P row, st-st 5 rows

Row 52. K2tog, knit until last 2 sts, k2tog = 40

Row 53. P to end

Row 54. K2tog, knit until last 2 sts, k2tog = 38

Row 55. P to end

Row 56. K2tog, knit until last 2 sts, k2tog = 36

Row 57. P to end

Row 58. K to end

Row 59. P to end

Row 60. K2tog, knit until last 2 sts, k2tog = 34

Row 61. P to end

Row 62. K2tog twice, k11, k2tog twice, k11, k2tog twice = 28

Row 63. P2tog twice, purl until last 4 sts, p2tog twice = 24 (Start of tail)

Row 64. K4, kfb four times, k8, kfb four times, k4 = 32

Row 65. P to end

Row 66. K4, kfb five times, k14, kfb five times, k4 = 42

Row 67. Purl to end

Row 68. K to end

Cast off leaving a long tail.

Using another long piece of thread, sew up the middle seam from the tail to about an inch below the snout, leaving the end of the tail open as shown.

Pinch the base of the snout and bring it down to meet the bottom of the hole.

Secure this position by sewing the two points together.

Carefully sew the holes on either side closed, tucking any corners inside the model as you go to get a smooth finish

Take hold of the top of the Dugong's snout and pull it down towards his chest so as to tuck his nose more underneath his body.

Sew this point in place and add a few stitches to either side to close any gaps that might be showing

Eyes

Thread some black/dark wool onto your sewing needle, and tie a knot or three at the end to secure it in place.

Enter through the hole you have left in the tail and create two ^ shapes above the snout.

Stuff the body firmly and sew up the tail seam.

Take your two fins and sew them to the sides of your dugong.

The image at the bottom of the pattern should help you in seeing where to attach the fins.

The body is complete!!

Shark Disguise

Jumper (Make 2)
The jumper supports the shark fin. Because
it will depend on where you sewed the fins,
you will need to have your Dugong body on
hand when knitting this section.

Using Colour3…
Row 1. Cast on 16
Row 2. Knit to end
Row 3. Purl to end
Row 4. K2tog, k12, K2tog = 14

Continue knitting and purling alternate
rows until you have almost reached the fin
on the other side of the body (ending in a
purl row). This will depend on exactly
where you sewed the fins on to the body.
Then…

Row 5. Kfb, k12, kfb = 16
Row 6. Purl to end
Row 7. Knit to end
Cast off

Make the underside in the same way,
stretching your jumper to reach the other
fin to make sure it is a firm fit.

Now that you have the two sections, sew
the corner of the cast-on row to the cast-on
row of the other piece, and the same with
the cast-off rows.

Check that the jumper fits on the Dugongs
body, fitting the fins into the holes in the
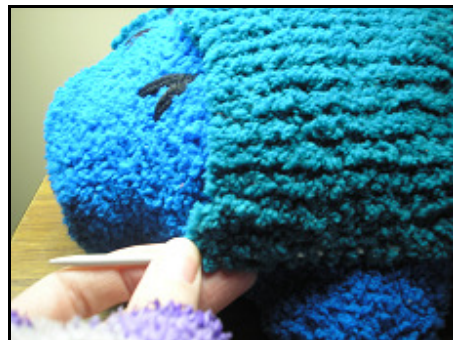
sides.

Shark fin

Using Colour2…

Row 1. Cast on 24
Row 2. Knit to end
Row 3. Purl to end
Row 4. Knit to end
Row 5. Purl to end
Row 6. Knit to end
Row 7. Purl to end
Row 8. K2tog, k20, k2tog = 22
Row 9. K2tog, p18, k2tog = 20
Row 10. K2tog twice, k5, kfb twice, k5, k2tog twice = 18
Row 11. K2tog, p14, k2tog = 16
Row 12. K2tog twice, k3, kfb twice, k3, k2tog twice = 14
Row 13. K2tog, p10, k2tog = 12
Row 14. K2tog, k3, kfb twice, k3, k2tog twice = 12
Row 15. K2tog, p8, k2tog = 10
Row 16. K2tog, k2, kfb twice, k2, k2tog twice = 10
Row 17. K2tog, p6, k2tog = 8

Thread sewing needle through remaining stitches and pull tight.
Fold the fin in half with the cast off stitches at the top. Using your sewing needle, sew up the side seam.
Add a little stuffing to the inside of the fin before sewing it the top of his jumper.
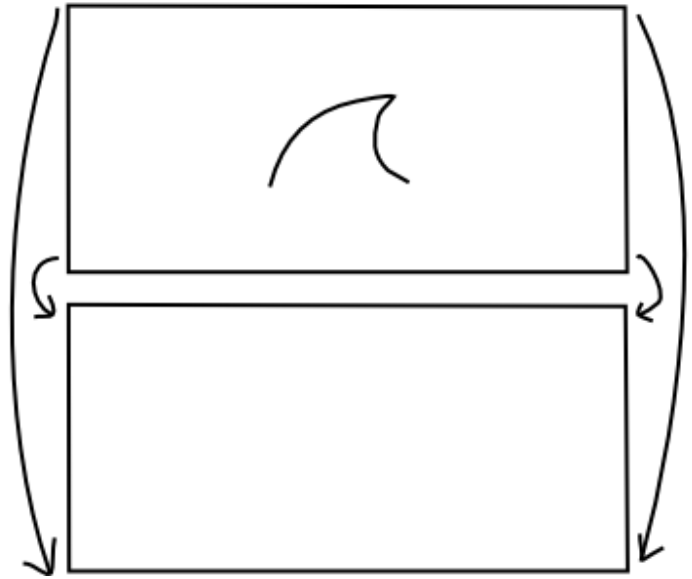
That's it! You're done!
I hope you enjoyed this pattern
Happy Knitting!