

MERMAID TAIL LAP BLANKET – CROCHET PATTERN

Materials

Crochet Hook: 5 mm (USA H-8)

Yarn: Your favorite soft worsted weight yarn

Stitch Markers (optional)

Tapestry needle for weaving in ends

Special Stitch

Crocodile Stitch

Worked around the two posts of a V-stitch:

Ch 3, 4 dc around the first post of the V-stitch.

Ch 1, then 5 dc around the second post.

This forms one full scale.

Foundation Row

Sizes: Adult (Teen/Preteen, Child)

Ch 30 (24, 18).

Without twisting the chain, join to the first ch with a sl st.

Ch 2, work hdc in each chain around, join with sl st.

Ch 1, turn.

(30 [24, 18] hdc)

Row 1: V-Stitch Foundation + First Crocodile Scales

V-Stitch Base

Ch 3.

Dc between the two posts below the ch-3.

Ch 3.

Skip 3 posts, 2 dc between the next posts, ch 3.

Repeat around.

(10 [8, 6] V-stitches)

Crocodile Stitch Layer

Turn the work to the side.

Sl st into the first post of the first V-stitch.

Ch 4, 4 tr around the first post.

Ch 1, turn to the other side, 5 tr around the second post.

Skip next V-stitch, work crocodile stitches (5 tr around first post, ch 1, 5 tr around second post) around.

Join at the edge of the first scale and the space between the next V-stitch.

(5 [4, 3] scales)

Row 2: Standard Repeat

V-Stitch Foundation

Ch 3.

Dc in the V-stitch below.

Ch 2.

2 dc in the center of the crocodile stitch below, ch 2, 2 dc in the next V-stitch and around the sides of both crocodile stitches below, ch 2.

Repeat around.

Join with sl st.

(10 [8, 6] V-stitches)

Crocodile Stitch Layer

Repeat the same crocodile sequence as Row 1.

(5 [4, 3] scales)

Row 3: Increase Row

V-Stitch Foundation with Increases

Ch 3.

Dc in V-stitch below.

Ch 2.

2 dc in horizontal bar, ch 2;

2 dc in center of crocodile stitch, ch 2;

2 dc in next horizontal bar, ch 2;

2 dc in next V-stitch and around crocodile sides, ch 2.

Repeat around.

Join with sl st.

(20 [16, 12] V-stitches)

Crocodile Stitch Layer (Increase Version)

Ch 3, 4 dc around first post, ch 1, 5 dc around second post.

Continue crocodile stitches across.

(10 [8, 6] scales)

Row 4 – Standard Pattern Row

Repeat the standard Row 2 sequence (no increases).

(20 [16, 12] V-stitches / 10 [8, 6] scales)

Rows 5–8

Repeat Row 4.

Row 9 – Increase Row

Follow the established increase pattern:

Work V-stitches into

horizontal bars,

centers of crocodile stitches,

and regular V-stitches.

Increase spacing until you reach

24 (20, 16) V-stitches.

Then work crocodile stitches around.

(12 [10, 8] scales)

Rows 10–11

Repeat Row 4.

Row 12 – Increase Row

Repeat Row 9 for another increase.

(28 [24, 20] V-stitches / 14 [12, 10] scales)

Rows 13–15

Repeat Row 4.

Your piece should measure approx. 11.5" tall.

Row 16 – Turning Row with Slit

Work the standard foundation and scale row, but do not join at the end.

Instead:

Work 2 dc in the same space as the last dc.

Turn and work your scales backward.

At the final two V-stitches:

Skip the next V-stitch.

Sl st into the second-to-last V-stitch.

This creates the opening needed for the mermaid tail shape.

Row 17

Turn, Ch 3 and work into the same space.

Continue standard pattern.

Stop in the middle of the last scale, ch 1, work the scale in the previous V-stitch, and finish the row with a scale in the last V-stitch.

Ch 3, sl st into the center of that scale.

Row 18

Ch 3, dc in same space.

Follow the standard sequence until the last increases.

The first scale begins in the V-stitch just behind the previous scale.

Work to the end, finishing with a sl st.

Rows 19–24

Repeat Rows 17 and 18.

Row 25

Repeat Row 17.

Row 26 – Increase Row

Start the row at the right corner of the last scale.

Follow standard V-stitch sequence with increases, then work crocodile stitches backwards.

End by making the last scale in the first V-stitch made.

Row 27 – Increase Row

Ch 3, sl st into the center of the previous scale, ch 3, dc in same space.

Continue normally, adding:

2 dc in center of last scale,

1 extra V-stitch in the left corner.

Turn and work crocodile stitches around.

Rows 28–31

Repeat Rows 18 and 17.

Rows 32–33

Repeat Rows 26–27.

Continuing the Blanket

Repeat these sequences:

Increase row every 4 rows.

Continue until the blanket reaches your desired width.

Work standard rows until reaching approx. 42" tall for adults.

Finishing the Top

Work 6 dc in the center of each shell, sl st in each V-stitch between shells.

Mermaid Tail (Fin)

Foundation

FHDC 40–60 stitches, depending on blanket size.

Row 2

Ch 1 and turn.

Skip first stitch, sl st into BLO of next stitch.

Sc BLO of next, Hdc BLO in the 4th stitch.

Hdc BLO across to end.

Row 3

Ch 2, turn.

Hdc BLO across, ending in the 4th stitch of previous row.

Ch 1, turn.

Repeat

Rows 2–3 until the fin width is half the blanket length.

Make two identical panels.

Shaping

Leave a long tail at the top.

Weave in and out to gather (drawstring effect).

Pull to create folds.

Secure tightly.

Join the Fin

Place panels side-by-side.

Match short sides with points facing down.

Sew together.

Insert finished fin into the bottom tube of the blanket.

Sew securely.

Your enchanted mermaid tail is complete!