

Mr. T. - Tiktaalik
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Finished Toy Size: Approximately 14" (36 cm)

Yarn:

Cascade 220 Superwash (100% Superwash Wool; 220 yards / 200 meters per 100g / 3.5oz)
870 Straw (1 skein)

Yardage:

110 – 120 yards / 101 – 108 meters.

Recommended Needle Size: Double Pointed Needles (DPN) US #5/3.75mm (set of 5) or your preferred needles for knitting in the round.

Notions: Yarn needle, scissors, stitch holders, stitch marker, polyester fiberfill (1 small bag), two safety eyes, or you can embroider the eye with black yarn.

Abbreviations:

SSK - Slip stitch, slip stitch and knit the two stitches together, this decreases two stitches to one stitch.

KFB - Knit in front and back of the same stitch, this creates two stitches from one stitch.

K2tog - Knit two stitches together, this decreases two stitches to one stitch.

R - Rounds

DPN – Double Pointed Needles

Gauge: 21 sts & 27 rows = 4" in stockinette stitch.

INSTRUCTIONS:

The Tiktaalik is knitted in the round from the mouth to the tail. The stitches for the tail fin are picked up and knitted in ribbing K1, P1. The legs are knitted separately and sewn to the body. When casting on

allow for extra yarn to be used for sewing.

Body:

With the yarn and three double pointed needles, cast on 10 sts. Place the stitch marker on the first st and begin working in the round.

R 1: Knit around (10 sts total)

R 2: *KFB, knit 3, KFB; repeat from * around (14 sts total)

R 3: Knit

R 4: * KFB, knit 5, KFB; repeat from * around (18 sts total)

R 5: Knit

R 6: *KFB, knit 7, KFB; repeat from * around (22 sts total)

R 7: Knit

R 8: *KFB, knit 9, KFB; repeat from * around (26 sts total)

R 9: Knit

R 10: * KFB, knit 11, KFB; repeat from * around (30 sts total)

R 11: Knit

R 12: * KFB, knit 13, KFB; repeat from * around (34 sts total)

R 13, 14: Knit

R 15: * KFB, knit 15, KFB; repeat from * around (38 sts total)

R 16, 17: Knit

R 18: * KFB, knit 17, KFB; repeat from * around (42 sts total)

R 19, 20: Knit

R 21: * KFB, knit 19, KFB; repeat from * around (46 sts total)

R 22, 23: Knit

R 24: * KFB, knit 21, KFB; repeat from * around (50 sts total)

R 25, 26: Knit

R 27: * SSK, knit 21, K2tog; repeat from * around (46 sts total)

R 28: * SSK, knit 19, K2tog; repeat from * around (42 sts total)

R 29 - 32: Knit

R 33: * SSK, knit 17, K2tog; repeat from * around (38 sts total)

R 34 - 38: Knit

Thread the tail from the cast on stitches on a yarn needle. Stitch through all of the cast on stitches, pull up tight to close the hole and stitch to secure. Begin to stuff the body with fiberfill. Apply the safety eyes (if using them).

R 39: * SSK, knit 15, K2tog; repeat from * around (34 sts total)

R 40 - 44: Knit

R 45: * SSK, knit 15; repeat from * around (32 sts total)

R 46 - 50: Knit

R 51: * knit 14, K2tog; repeat from * around (30 sts total)

R 52 - 56: Knit

R 57: * SSK, knit 13; repeat from * around (28 sts total)

R 58 - 62: Knit

R 63: * knit 12, K2tog; repeat from * around (26 sts total)

R 64 - 68: Knit. Continue stuffing the body.

R 69: * SSK, knit 11; repeat from * around (24 sts total)

R 70 - 74: Knit

R 75: * knit 10, K2tog; repeat from * around (22 sts total)

R 76 - 80: Knit

R 81: * SSK, knit 9; repeat from * around (20 sts total)

R 82 - 86: Knit

R 87: * SSK, knit 3; repeat from * around (16 sts total)

R 88: Knit

R 89: * SSK, knit 2; repeat from * around (12 sts total)

R 90: Knit

Finish stuffing the body. Cut the yarn, leaving long enough tail, and thread the end on a yarn needle. Pull the end through the remaining stitches on needles, gather up and close the hole, stitch to secure.

Tail Fin (make 2):

You may pick up the stitches directly on the body of the Tiktaalik; or, if preferred, knit them separately and then sew them onto the body (following the picture as a guide).

Cast on 15 sts. (10 sts directly on the body, 5 sts behind the body)

Work in 1x1 Ribbing back and forth (Knit 1, Purl 1).

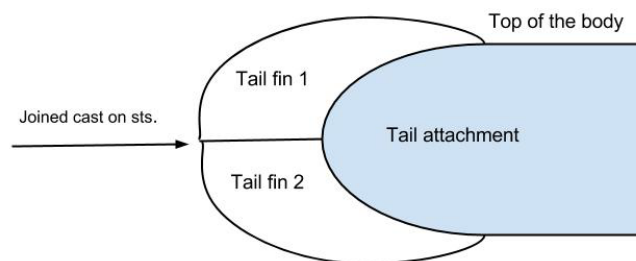
Row 1: * Knit 1, Purl 1; repeat from * to the end, last Knit 1 (15 sts total)

Row 2: * Purl 1, Knit 1; repeat from * to the end, last Purl 1 (15 sts total)

Row 3: K2tog, *Knit 1, Purl 1; repeat from * to the end, last Knit 1 (14 sts total)

Row 4: * Purl 1, Knit 1; repeat from * to the end (14 sts total)

Row 5: K2tog, and continue Bind off in ribbing pattern. Repeat for other side. Sew the two parts of the tail fin together. Weave in all ends.



Legs with fins (make 4):

With the yarn and three double pointed needles cast on 12 sts. Place a stitch marker and begin working in the round.

R 1 – 15: Knit

Position the stitches onto 2 DPN needles (6 sts each needle) and knit together the stitches from front and back. This decreases the stitches to 6 sts.

The following rows are worked in 1x1 Ribbing back and forth (Knit 1, Purl 1).

Row 16: KFB, (Knit 1, Purl 1) twice, KFB (8 sts total)
Row 17: (Knit 1, Purl 1) four times
Row 18: (Knit 1, Purl 1) four times
Row 19: K2tog, (Knit 1, Purl 1) twice, K2tog (6 sts total)
Row 20: (Purl 1, Knit 1) three times
Row 21: K2tog, Purl 1, Knit 1, K2tog (4 sts total)
Row 22: Bind off in ribbing pattern.

Stuff the leg with fiberfill. Thread the tail from the cast on sts on a needle and carefully sew the leg to the side of the body, leaving the fins facing forward. Repeat for the other legs.

Finishing:

If not using the safety eyes, embroider two eyes on the face of Tiktaalik, using the picture as a guide. Weave in the ends.



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