

# Wee Tiny Mermaid Sock

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## Materials

- Top: fingering weight flesh-colored yarn  
(I tea-dyed KnitPicks Bare Merino Wool/Silk Sock Yarn)
- Tail: fingering weight yarn in color of your choice
- Optional:
  - metallic thread to carry with tail yarn (I used Crystal Palace Sparkle Plenty, DROPS Glitter is another choice)
  - shells or shell-shaped buttons
- Set of size 1 US double point needles

## Abbreviations

k – knit            kfb – knit front & back    k2tog – knit 2 stitches together  
p – purl            ssk – slip, slip, knit        p2tog – purl 2 stitches together  
sts – stitches    rnd - round                rs – right side

## Leg

With flesh yarn, cast on 24 sts

Rnd 1:            purl  
Rnd 2-12:        knit (with flesh)  
Rnd 13:         change to tail yarn, knit  
Rnd 14-22:      knit

## Heel flap

Row 1:           sl1 k11, turn  
Row 2:           sl1, p11, turn  
Rows 3-8        repeat rows 1-2 3 more times

## Turn heel

Row 1:           sl1, k6, k2tog, k1, turn  
Row 2:           sl1, p3, p2tog, p1, turn  
Row 3:           sl1, k4, k2tog, k1, turn  
Row 4:           sl1, p5, p2tog, p1, turn (8 sts), turn

## Gusset

Rnd 1:           knit across 8 heel sts, then pick up and knit 4 sts along the side of heel flap. With second needle, knit across the 12 instep sts. With a third needle, pick up and knit 4 sts along the other side of the heel flap and knit 4 sts from the heel. Stitch arrangement is now 8/12/8 (28 sts).

Rnd 2:           knit

Rnd 3:           k6, k2tog, k12, ssk, k6        (26 sts)

Rnd 4:           knit

Rnd 5:           k5, k2tog, k12, ssk, k5        (24 sts)

Rnd 6-12:        Knit 6 rounds (or until foot measures 1½" from center back of the heel)



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### Toe

Rnd 1:	k4, k2tog	ssk, k8, k2tog	ssk, k4	(20 sts)
Rnd 2:	knit all sts			
Rnd 3:	k3, k2tog	ssk, k6, k2tog	ssk, k3	(16 sts)
Rnd 4:	knit all sts			
Rnd 5:	k2, k2tog	ssk, k4, k2tog	ssk, k2	(12 sts)
Rnd 6:	knit all sts			
Rnd 7:	k1, k2tog	ssk, k2, k2tog	ssk, k1	(8 sts)

### Tail

Rnd 1:	k1, kfb, k2, kfb, k2, kfb (11 sts)			
Rnd 2:	kfb around (22 sts)			
Rnd 3:	knit around			
Rnd 4:	K17; place last 11 sts worked on small stitch holder. First half of tail will be worked back and forth over remaining 11 sts on needles (last 5 sts of current round and first 6 sts of next round).			

Row 1: (rs)	s1, [kfb, k2] to last st, k1	(14 sts)
Row 2:	s1, purl across	
Row 3:	s1, kfb, [k2, kfb] to last st, k1	(18 sts)
Row 4:	s1, purl across	
Row 5:	s1, kfb, [k2, kfb] to last st, k1	(24 sts)
Row 6:	s1, purl across	
Row 7:	s1, knit across	
Row 8:	s1, purl across	
Row 11:	s1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1	(22 sts)
Row 12:	s1, purl across	
Row 13:	k1, k2tog, k to last 3 sts, ssk, k1	(20 sts)
Row 14:	s1, purl across	
Row 15:	s1, k2tog, k4, ssk, k2, k2tog, k4. ssk, k1	(16 sts)
Row 16:	s1, purl across	
Row 17:	s1, k2tog, k2, ssk, k2, k2tog, k2. ssk, k1	(12 sts)
Row 18:	s1, p2tog twice, p2, p2tog twice, p1	(8 sts)
Row 19:	[k2tog, ssk] twice	(4 sts)

Break yarn, leaving an 8" tail, thread through remaining 4 sts. Using the tail yarn, sew halves together. Place held sts onto two needles and rejoin yarn with RS facing. Work Rows 1-19 as for first half of tail.

### Finishing

Weave in all ends. Sew shell buttons to top if desired.

### Notes

Tail: The mermaid's tail is a modification of the Fish Hat [Dead or Alive?] by Thelma Egberts.

Shells: I found several sea shell buttons at fabric and craft stores, including JHB #23117 ([www.buttons.com](http://www.buttons.com)), Favorite Findings "Shells" ([www.blumenthallansing.com](http://www.blumenthallansing.com)), and Dress It Up "Tiny Seashells" ([www.dressitup.com](http://www.dressitup.com)). You could also knit a tiny bikini top, or let her go *au naturale*.

Blocker: The sea horse sock blocker was custom ordered from [www.etsy.com/shop/bravelittleknitter](http://www.etsy.com/shop/bravelittleknitter).