

Horsey Seals by Ros Wilson



Materials:

25g ball of dark grey DK
50g ball of medium grey DK
50g ball of white DK
Small ball of black 4 ply for embroidery
Pair of 3.5mm needles
Tapestry
Stuffing

Abbreviations:

Inc1 = knit twice into next stitch
K = Knit
P = Purl
St-st = Stocking Stitch
K2tog = knit next two stitches together
sts = Stitches
WS = wrong side

REMINDER! Inc1 = knit twice into next stitch

Mama Seal

Mama's Hind flipper 1

With medium grey cast on 8 sts using 'thumb method'

*Purl 1 row

Next row: increase into every st (16 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, inc1) to end (24 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 3 rows

Next: (K2, inc1) to end (32 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 13 rows

Next: (k2, k2tog) to end (24 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (16 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: k2tog to end (8 sts)*



Break off yarn and slide these sts to the end of the needle to be picked up later.

Mama's Hind flipper 2

Cast on 8 sts onto the needle with flipper 1 on it. Work flipper 2 as flipper 1 from * to *, do not break off yarn

Mama's Body

Slide all 16 sts up towards the point and work as follows:

Purl 1 row (16 sts)

Next: K4, (inc1 8 times), K4 (24 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 3 rows

Next: K4, (K1, inc 1) 8 times, K4 (32 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K4, (K2, inc1) 8 times, K4 (40 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K4, (K3, inc1) 8 times, K4 (48 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K4, (K4, inc1) 8 times, K4 (56 sts)

Starting with a purl row, st-st 19 rows

Next: K5 (K4, K2tog) 3 times, K10, (K4, K2tog) 3 times, K5 (50 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K5 (K3, K2tog) 3 times, K10, (K3, K2tog) 3 times, K5 (44 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K5 (K2, K2tog) 3 times, K10, (K2, K2tog) 3 times, K5 (38 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to last 2 sts, K2 (26 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K2tog to end (13 sts)

Purl 1 row

Using a tapestry needle, draw thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure with an overcast. Leave yarn end for later assembly.

Mama's Head

With medium grey cast on 10 sts.

Purl 1 row

Next: increase into every stitch (20 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, inc1) to end (30 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 3 rows

Next: (K2, inc1) to end (40 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K3, inc 1) to end (50sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 11 rows.

Next: (K3, K2tog) to end (40 sts)

Starting with a purl row, st-st 3 rows

Next: (K2, K2tog) to end (30 sts)

Purl 1 row

Knit 1 row

Change to dark grey

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (20 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K2tog to end (10 sts)

Purl 1 row

Using a tapestry needle, draw thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure with an overstitch. Leave yarn end for later assembly.

Mama's Fore flippers – Make 2

With medium grey cast on 20 sts.

Purl 1 row

Next: (K3, inc1) to end (25 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 3 rows

Next: (K4, inc1) to end (30 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 7 rows

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (20 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K2tog to end (10 sts)

Purl 1 row

Cut yarn end to approx. 30cm. Using a tapestry needle, draw thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure with an overstitch. With WS together overstitch the flipper side seam. Leave remaining end for sewing flipper to body.

Mama Seal Assembly

Body: With WS together overstitch side seam of each hind flipper to the start of the body.

Starting at the bottom of the body, with WS together sew 2/3 of the body seam. Stuff firmly up to this point. Finish seam and arrange stuffing so that the body will sit flat on a surface.

Head: With WS together, oversew 2/3rds of the head seam, starting at the dark grey end. Stuff firmly. Complete seam using toning yarn and close the opening.

Fore Flippers: Using black yarn, embroider 4 claw detail, per photo.

Sew head to body, pushing firmly together with a contact area the size of a 10p coin.

Sew one flipper to either side of the body.

Embroider nose, eyes and whiskers, (as shown in photo) starting and ending with nose for ease of finishing off.

Grey Baby

Grey Baby's Hind Flipper 1

With medium grey cast on 4 sts using thumb method.

Purl 1 row

Next: Inc1 into every stitch (8 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, Inc 1) to end (12 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K2, Inc 1) to end (16 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 5 rows

Next: (K2, K2tog) to end (12 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (8 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K2tog to end (4 sts)**

Break off yarn and slide these sts away from needle points to be picked up later.



Grey Baby's Hind flipper 2

Cast on 4 sts onto the needle which holds flipper 1. Work flipper 2 as flipper 1 from ** to **, do not break off yarn

Grey Baby's Body

Slide all 8 sts up towards the point and work as follows:

Purl 1 row (8 sts)

Next: Inc1 into every stitch (16 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, inc1) to end (24 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 3 rows

Next: (K2, inc1) to end (32 sts)

Starting with a P row, st-st 13 rows

Next: (K2, K2 tog) to end (24 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (16 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K2tog to end (8 sts)

Purl 1 row

Using tapestry needle, thread yarn through these 8 sts pull tight and secure with an overstitch.

Leave yarn end for later assembly.

Grey Baby's Head

With medium grey, cast on 5 sts

Purl 1 row

Next: increase into every st (10 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, inc 1) to end (15 sts)

Purl 1 row
Next: (K2, inc 1) to end (20 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: (K3, inc1) to end (25 sts)
Starting with a P row, st-st 7 rows.
Next: (K3, K2tog) to end (20 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: (K2, K2tog) to end (15 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (10 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: K2tog to end (5 sts)
Using tapestry needle, thread yarn through these 5 sts pull tight and secure with an overstitch.
Leave yarn end for later assembly.

Grey Baby's Fore Flippers (knit 2)

With medium grey cast on 10 sts.

Purl 1 row
Next: K1, (K2, inc1) to end (13 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: K1, (K3, inc1) to end (16 sts)
Starting with a P row, st-st 5 rows
Next: K1, (K1, K2tog) to end (11 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: K1, (K2tog) to end (6 sts)
Purl 1 row
Cut yarn end to approx. 30cm. Using a tapestry needle, draw thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure with an overstitch. With WS together overstitch the flipper side seam. Leave remaining end for sewing flipper to body.

Grey Baby Assembly

Assemble as per Mama Seal but with no whiskers.

Seal Pup

Seal Pup Hind Flipper 1

With white cast on 3 sts using thumb method.

***Purl 1 row

Next: Inc1 into every stitch (6 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, inc1) to end (9 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next :(K2, inc1) to end (12 sts)

Starting with a P row, st st 3 rows

Next: (K2, K2tog) to end (9 sts)



Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (6 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K2tog to end (3 sts) ***

Break off yarn and slide these sts away from the needle points to be picked up later.

Seal Pup Hind Flipper 2

Cast on 3 sts onto the needle which holds flipper 1. Work flipper 2 as flipper 1 from *** to ***, do not break off yarn.

Seal Pup Body

Slide all 6 sts up towards the point and work as follows:

Purl 1 row (6 sts)

Next: Inc1 into every stitch (12 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, Inc1) to end (18 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K2, Inc1) to end (24 sts)

Starting with a P row, st st 17 rows

Next: (K2, K2tog) to end (18sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end 12 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K2tog) to end (6 sts)

Purl 1 row

Draw thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure with an overstitch. Leave yarn end for later assembly.

Seal Pup Head

With white cast on 4 sts

Purl 1 row

Next: Inc1 into every st (8 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, Inc1) to end (12 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K2, Inc1) to end (16 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K3, Inc1) to end (20 sts)

Starting with a P row, st st 5 rows.

Next: (K3, K2tog) to end (16 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K2, K2tog) to end (12 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (8 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K2tog) to end (4 sts)

Draw thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure with an overstitch. Leave yarn end for later assembly.

Seal Pup Fore Flippers (knit 2)

With white cast on 8 sts

Purl 1 row

Next: K1, (K2, Inc1) twice, K1 (10 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: K1, (K3, Inc1) twice, K1 (12 sts)

Starting with a P row, st st 3 rows.

Next: (K1, K2tog) to end (8 sts)

Purl 1 row

Next: (K2tog) to end (4 sts)

Purl 1 row

Cut yarn end to approx. 30cm. Using a tapestry needle, draw thread through the remaining stitches, pull tight and secure with an overstitch. With WS together overstitch the flipper side seam. Leave remaining end for sewing flipper to body.

Seal Pup Assembly

Assemble as per Mama Seal but with no whiskers.