

a free-spirited little merbaby & her clam shell bed



a Merbaby named Pearl

Materials List

1. Wool felt - in a few colours. You'll need a couple of shades for your merbaby's body and fins. I used purple for the body and a pinky shade for the extra fins.

2. 100% wool stuffing - allow about 10 grams per merbaby and 10 grams for the clam shell.

3. Tubular bandage (also called gauze) - Either a small size tubular gauze like 1.5cm - you'll need about 15cms per head **OR** a larger size tubular gauze such as 6cm - you'll need about 12cm (which will be enough for two heads). You can also use a thick stocking.

4. Tricot/cotton interlock fabric - in your choice of skin colour. Allow a piece 4.5cm x 4.5cm to make a head with a 65mm circumference. (63mm once contoured and finished).

5. Cotton quilting thread/strong sewing thread - in a colour tone similar to your doll skin fabric (for making the head) and to match the colour of your body felt. I like to use Gutermann Quilting Cotton. Gutermann polyester thread is a good alternative.

6. Embroidery cotton/floss - in a colour to match your body felt and in a colour for the eyes (& mouth if you'd like to add one).

7. English Leicester or Corriedale wool fibre - for your merbaby's hair. I also added some different coloured mohair yarn to create some wild looking mermaid hair! You could add any other contrasting unique yarns into the hair - using the technique that I share in the videos.

8. 4mm wooden beads - you'll need two wooden beads per merbaby, to make her hands.

9. Red beeswax crayon - to give Pearl her rosy cheeks.

10. Sewing needles - Quilt basting needles are my favourites, (these are very long thin sharp needles but many types of needle will work for this project).

11. Scissors, pins, chopstick for stuffing.

12. Seed beads and small shells - to embellish your little merbaby's tail. You may also like to add some sequins.

About...



Meet Pearl... the sweetest little merbaby resting on her clam shell. A special project to complement the Under the Water series of seasonal makes. Get creative and add more detail/ embellishment to her body and keep her simple without arms/ hands. You could even make a little pouch for her to be carried around by her mama mermaid.

Making a clam shell bed for Pearl

Inspired by the beautiful clam shells from guest contributor Yuki Tomishima, I've created a little clam shell bed for Pearl to rest on. For this project you will need:

- white felt and coloured felt,
- embroidery thread in a colour to complement your coloured felt,
- cotton chenille stick/ pipe cleaner and
- wool stuffing

You'll find a video tutorial for the clam shell bed on the same page as the tutorial for Pearl inside the membership.