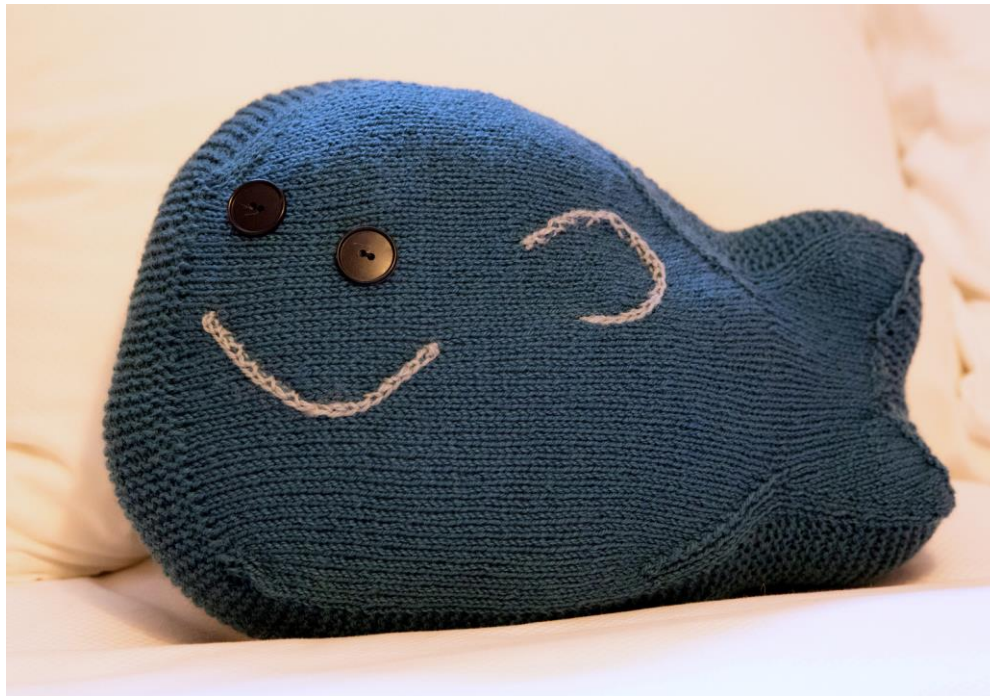


**ENCORE DK**  
**Fish Pillow**



**Approximate Measurements:**  
9” tall x 14” long

**Materials:**  
**Encore DK: 3—50G balls, color 469 Blue/Green plus a small amount of grey Encore DK for the fin**  
**Gauge:** 23 sts, 32 rows= 4” in st st on US Size 5 (3.75mm) *after blocking.*  
**Needles/Notions:** US Size 5 (3.75mm) 24” circular and DPNs, 4 st markers (m), stuffing, 2 buttons (for eyes), US Size F (3.5mm) crochet hook for provisional CO + scrap yarn.

The fish is worked from the head to the tail.

**Begin**

Provisional CO/CH 16 sts with scrap yarn. Switch to circular needle and pick up and k 16 sts along the CH. Work in garter st (k every row), while sl the first st of every row, for 69 rows.

**Next Row:** K16, but do not turn. Instead, rotate the work 90 degrees and pick up evenly and k 34 sts along the side edge, then unravel the provisional CO and k across 16 sts from provisional CO, pick up evenly and k 34 sts along the other side edge. 100 sts on needle.

**Shape Head**

(The 24” circular may seem snug, but it will enlarge after only a few rnds.)

**Rnd 1:** P16, pm, k34, pm, p16, pm, k34, pm.

**Rnd 2:** \*K16, sl m, k2, m1R, k to 2 sts before m, m1L, k2, sl m; rep from \* once more. 104 sts on needle.

**Rnd 3:** \*P16, sl m, k2, m1R, k to 2 sts before m, M1L, k2, sl m; rep from \* once more. 108 sts on needle.

**Rnds 4-7:** Rep rnds 2 and 3. 124 sts on needle.

**Rnd 8:** \*K16, sl m, k to last 2 sts, m1L, k2, sl m, k16, sl m, k2, m1R, k to end. 126 sts on needle.

**Rnd 9:** \*P16, sl m, k to m, sl m; rep from \* once more.

**Rnds 10-15:** Rep rnds 8 and 9. 132 sts on needle.

**Rnd 16:** Rep rnd 2. 136 sts on needle.

**Body**

**Rnd 17:** \*P16, sl m, k to m, sl m; rep from \* once more.

**Rnd 18:** K across, sl m as you get to them.

**Rnds 19-56:** Rep rnds 17 and 18.

**Rnd 57:** \*P16, sl m, k2, ssk, k to 4 sts before m, k2tog, k2, sl m; rep from \* once more. 132 sts on needle.

**Rnd 58:** \*K16, sl m, k to 4 sts before m, k2tog, k1, sl m, k16, sl m, k2, ssk, k to m. 130 sts on needle.

**Rnds 59-78:** (Switch to DPNs when there are too few sts to fit comfortably around.) Rep rnds 57 and 58. 70 sts on needle.

**Rnd 79:** \*P16, sl m, k to 4 sts before m, k2tog, k1, sl m, p16, sl m, k2, ssk, k to m. 68 sts on needle.

**Rnd 80:** K across all sts, sl m as you get to them.

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Rnd 81: \*P16, sl m, k to m, sl m; rep from \* once more.

Tail

Rnd 82: \*K16, sl m, k2, m1R, k to 2 sts before m, m1L, k2, sl m; rep from \* once more. 74 sts on needle.

Rnd 83: \*P16, sl m, k to m, sl m; rep from \* once more.

Rnd 84: Same as rnd 82. 78 sts.

Rnd 85: Same as rnd 83.

Rnd 86: \*K16, sl m, k to 2 sts before m, m1L, k2, sl m, k16, sl m, k2, m1R, k to end of row. 80 sts on needle.

Rnd 87: Same as rnd 83.

Rnds 88-98: Rep Rnds 86-87. 92 sts on needle.

Divide Tail

Rnd 99: \*K16, sl m, k2, m1R, k10, BO 6 sts, k to 2 sts before m, m1L, k2, sl m, k16, sl m, k2, m1R, k10, BO 6 sts, k10, m1L, k2. 42 sts are separated by 2 BO sections.

Bottom Tail

Rnd 100/101: P16, sl m, k11, k2tog, pm to mark new beg of rnd cable CO 16 sts onto your needle, then place the other 42 sts on the other side of the BO gap onto scrap yarn, now, work across what used to be the last 13 sts of the rnd as ssk, k11, sl m (old beg of rnd m), k16, sl m, k12. You are now back to the new beg of rnd m.

56 sts on needle.

Rnd 102: P16, sl m, ssk, k to m, sl m, p16, sl m, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog. 54 sts on needle.

Rnd 103: K16, sl m, ssk, k to m, sl m, k16, sl m, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog. 52 sts on needle.

Rnd 104: P16, sl m, ssk, k to 2 sts before m, m1L, k2, sl m, p16, sl m, k2, m1R, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog.

52 sts on needle.

Rnd 105: Same as row 103. 50 sts on needle.

Rnds 106-117: Rep rnds 102-105. 38 sts on needle.

Rnd 118: P16, remove m, sl-k2tog-ssso, remove m, p1, pass the second st on right hand needle over the p1, p14, k4tog.

32 sts on needle.

Divide the sts so that 16 are on 2 DPNs. Then, work Kitchener st to join the 2 sides tog. Fasten off.

Top Tail

Before starting the top tail, now is a good idea to stuff the body.

With RS facing, pick up and k 16 sts along the cable CO edge of the bottom tail.

Work 12 rows in garter st. Sl the 42 sts from the scrap yarn onto DPNs.

Rnd 100/101: Starting at where the center 6 sts were BO, and with the strand of yarn attached to the picked up 16 sts, ssk, k11, sl m, p16, sl m, k11, k2tog, and p across the 16 sts you picked up, then k12, place beg of rnd m.

56 sts on needle.

Rnd 102: K16, sl m, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, k16, sl m, ssk, k to end. 54 sts on needle.

Rnd 103: P16, sl m, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, p16, sl m, ssk, k to end. 52 sts on needle.

Rnd 104: \*K16, sl m, k2, m1R, k to 2 sts before m, k2tog, sl m, k16, sl m, ssk, k to 2 sts before m, m1L, k2.

52 sts on needle.

Rnd 105: Same as row 103. 50 sts on needle.

Rnds 106-117: Rep rnds 102-105. 38 sts on needle.

Rnd 118: K15, k4tog (remove the m!) k15, sl 2, k2tog, p2sso. 32 sts on needle. Purl 1 more rnd.

Divide the sts so that 16 are on 2 DPNs. Then, work Kitchener st to join the 2 sides tog. Fasten off.

Finishing

Stuff the tails through the center opening and then seam the sides of the garter st tab to the BO edges.

Sew 2 eyes onto the head, if desired. With crochet hook and grey, work SC to form a mouth and a fin.

Weave in all ends.

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