

SERENITY SHIP

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MATERIALS

For my Serenity I used Lion Brand Wool-Ease Solids & Heathers (Color 152 Oxford Grey) held double throughout. You could use any worsted weight yarn held double, or a bulky yarn, but don't obsess since size and gauge is not crucial for this pattern.

- About 142 yards of worsted weight yarn (yarn is held doubled) or about 71 yards of bulky yarn – I used Lion Brand Wool-Ease Solids & Heathers Color 152 Oxford Grey held doubled
- Small amount of darker yarn for detailing – I used Brown Sheep Lamb's Pride Worsted
- Set of 5 US #3 DPNs
- Stitch Marker
- Tapestry Needle
- Stuffing
- Crochet Needle (optional)

GAUGE

20 stitches and 28 rounds =
10 cm / 4" in stockinette stitch.

SIZE

Approx. 10-3/4" Long (from nose to tail) and 8" Wide (from engine pod to engine pod)

ABBREVIATIONS

k – knit
p – purl
sts – stitches
k2tog – knit 2 together
p2tog – purl 2 together
ssk – slip, slip, knit
w+t – wrap and turn
kfb – knit front & back

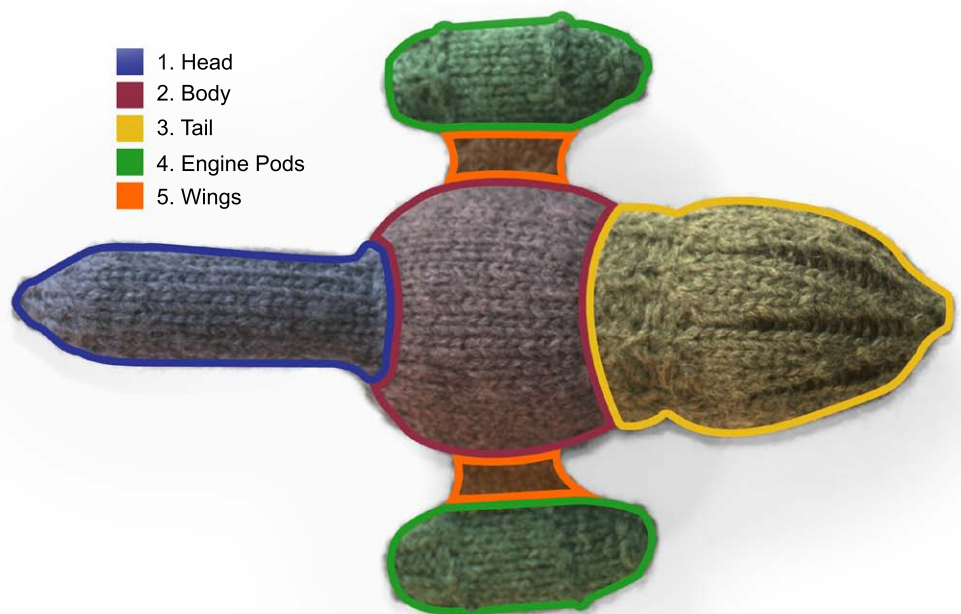
Serenity: *Firefly* class spaceship



I wanted to knit a Serenity ship for a friend, but could not find a pattern online. This is a simplified version of Serenity, but I encourage you to improvise the pattern or add details from the show to make it more realistic. This is the first pattern that I have written, so I have tried to make it easy to understand, but feel free to contact me with any questions and I will try to help.

I knit Serenity with the yarn held doubled on size US 3 needles, creating a very dense fabric. *This can be hard on the hands and needles, especially when increasing, decreasing and picking up stitches, so you may find it helpful to use a crochet needle to help you along.*

I knit Serenity in 5 main components. The head, body, tail, engine pods and wings (in that order). View the image below to see which parts of the ship these correspond to.



HEAD

Using US #3 DPNs and holding yarn doubled throughout, **cast on 18 sts** using your preferred method (I used long tail) and join for working in the round. Leave a long tail (I left about 20") that you can use to sew the head onto the body later.

Rounds 1 – 16	knit
Round 17 (RS)	k 17 sts, w+t
Round 18 (WS)	p 16 sts, w+t
Round 19 (RS)	k 14 sts, w+t
Round 20 (WS)	p 12 sts, w+t
Round 21 (RS)	k 10 sts, w+t
Round 22 (WS)	p 8 sts, w+t
Round 23 (RS)	k 6 sts, w+t
Round 24 (WS)	p 4 sts, w+t
Round 25 (RS)	k 11 sts to end of round (picking up wraps and kitting them together with the wrapped sts - there are 4 wraps)
Round 26	k 1 round (picking up wraps and kitting them together with the wrapped sts - there are 4 wraps)
Round 27	k2, ssk, k3, k2tog, ssk, k3, k2tog, k2
Rounds 28 – 29	knit
Round 30	k2, ssk, k1, k2tog, ssk, k1, k2tog, k2
Rounds 31 – 32	knit
Round 33	k3, k2tog, ssk, k3
Round 34	ssk, k2tog, ssk, k2tog

Cut yarn and pull through remaining 4 sts. Tie yarn inside and stuff.



BODY

Using US #3 DPNs and holding yarn doubled throughout, **cast on 4 sts** using your preferred method (I used long tail) and join for working in the round. (After knitting about half of body (Round 20 or so), sew the head to the body, tie yarn on inside of body and start stuffing while knitting. Make sure you stuff the body all the way before you finish it.)

Round 1	kfb of each sts (8 sts)
Round 2	(k1, kfb) around (12 sts)
Round 3	knit
Round 4	(k1, kfb twice) around (20 sts)
Round 5	knit
Round 6	(k2, kfb, k1, kfb) around (28 sts)
Round 7	knit
Round 8	(k3, kfb, k2, kfb) around (36 sts)
Round 9	knit
Round 10	(k4, kfb, k3, kfb) around (44 sts)
Rounds 11 – 25	knit
Round 26	(k4, k2tog, k3, k2tog) around (36 sts)
Round 27	knit
Round 28	(k3, k2tog, k2, k2tog) around (28 sts)
Round 29	knit
Round 30	(k2, k2tog, k1, k2tog) around (20 sts)
Round 31	knit



Round 32 (k1, k2tog twice) around (12 sts)
 Round 33 (k1, k2tog) around (8 sts)
 Round 34 k2tog around
 Finish stuffing body, cut yarn and pull through remaining 4 sts.

TAIL

Holding yarn doubled throughout, pick up sts at approx 8th round from end of body. I thread a contrasting yarn through the body to help me find and pick up the sts (see image below). Using US #3 DPNs (or a crochet hook), **pick up 36 sts** and distribute them so that you have 9 sts on 4 needles. Add stuffing as you knit, make sure you stuff the tail all the way before you finish it.

Round 1 (k2, p2) around
 Round 2 (k2, p2) around
 Round 3 (k2tog, p2tog) around (18 sts)
 Round 4 (k1, p1) around
 Round 5 (k1, p1) around
 Round 6 (kfb, p1) around (27 sts)
 Round 7 (k2, p1) around
 Round 8 (kfb twice, p1) around (45 sts)
 Round 9 (k4, p1) around
 Round 10 (k4, p1) around
 Round 11 (k4, p1) around
 Round 12 (k2, k2tog, p1) around (36 sts)
 Round 13 (k3, p1) around
 Round 14 (k3, p1) around
 Round 15 (k3, p1) around
 Round 16 (k1, k2tog, p1) around (27 sts)
 Round 17 (k2, p1) around
 Round 18 (k2, p1) around
 Round 19 (k2, p1) around
 Round 20 (k2tog, p1) around
 Round 21 (k1, p1) around
 Round 22 (k1, p1) around
 Round 23 (k1, p1) around
 Round 24 k2tog around (9 sts)
 Round 25 knit
 Round 26 knit
 Round 27 (k2tog) 4 times, k1

Finish stuffing tail, cut yarn and pull through remaining 5 sts.

ENGINE PODS

Make 2

Using US #3 DPNs and holding yarn doubled throughout, **cast on 3 sts** using your preferred method (I used long tail) and join for working in the round. Add stuffing as you knit, make sure you stuff the engine pod all the way before you finish it.



Round 1 kfb of each sts (6 sts)
 Round 2 (k, kfb) around (9 sts)
 Round 3 purl
 Round 4 knit
 Round 5 (k2, kfb) around (12 sts)
 Round 6 knit
 Round 7 (k3, kfb) around (15 sts)
 Round 8 knit
 Round 9 (k4, kfb) around (18 sts)
 Round 10 purl
 Rounds 11 – 19 knit
 Round 20 purl
 Round 21 (k2tog, p1) around (12 sts)
 Rounds 22 – 24 (k1, p1) around
 Round 25 purl
 Round 26 k2tog around (6 sts)
 Round 27 k2tog around (3 sts)
 Finish stuffing engine pod, cut yarn and pull through remaining 3 sts.

WINGS

Using US #3 DPNs (or a crochet hook) and holding yarn doubled throughout, **pick up 7 sts** from front to back along knit side of engine pod, then pick up 7 sts next to the first 7 sts from back to front. (see figure 1) Join for working in the round.

Rounds 1 – 2 knit
 Bind off sts and leave a long tail to sew onto body.
 (After you finish, your engine pod and wing should look like figure 2)

ASSEMBLY

At this point you have the tail and body connected, and each engine pod connected to its own wing.

On the opposite side of the tail, sew the head to the body. I did this a bit above the end so that it angles upwards.

Sew the wings on to each side of the body. I had my engine pods with the ribbed side facing forward. I did this because that side ended up being bigger, although that is not how I originally planned it when first knitting the engine pod.

DETAILS

When my Serenity was finished, I felt like the ribbing in the tail added nice texture, but was a little difficult to see in this yarn. I decided to use a darker yarn to add definition to the knits and purls of the tail. I started on the underside of Serenity at the first row from the end that has both knits and purls (approx row 4). I used a tapestry needle to thread the yarn under the knit sts around the row, and continued in a spiraling pattern until the pattern comes to a point (see photo). Add other detailing as you see fit.

Figure 1

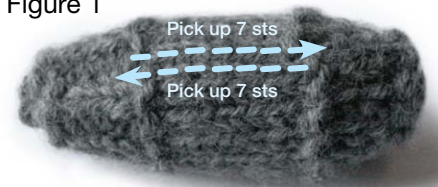


Figure 2

