



LaPrawnda

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LaPrawnda is a cute little shrimpy who makes a nice guard for your stash, a gift for a friend, or a welcome addition to a knitted seafood salad. Once you've made LaPrawnda, don't forget to make husband Shawn and perhaps some of their spawn!

Yarn: Scraps of any weight yarn. For the shrimp shown, I used about fifteen yards of Cascade Sunseeker in 107 Peachy.

Notions: Stitch marker, tapestry needle, two black beads for eyes (optional), and a small crochet hook for attaching the legs.

Needles: The exact size isn't important, but I recommend using dpns a couple of sizes smaller than what the yarn calls for to make a sturdy, structured shrimp. (I used size 3 needles with the Sunseeker).

Gauge: Not important-- it's a shrimp, not a sweater.

Instructions:

Tail (worked flat):

CO 8 sts

Row 1: *P1, K1* across.

Row 2: Sl 1, *K1, P1* until last st, K1.

Rows 3-6: Repeat row 2 four more times.

Row 7: K2tog across (4 sts).

Body:

Row 8: K1, M1R, K2, M1L, K1 (6 sts).

Row 9: Knit.

Row 10: Join in round, Knit.

Row 11: Sl1, K1, M1R, K2, M1L, K2 (8 sts).

Row 12: Knit.

Row 13: Purl.

Row 14: Sl 1, K to end of round.

Row 15: Sl1, K2, M1R, K2, M1L, K3 (10 sts).

Rows 16-17: S1, knit to end of round.

Row 18: Purl.

Row 19: Sl 1, K3, M1R, K2, M1L, K4 (14 sts).

Rows 20-22: Sl 1, K until end of round.

Row 23: Purl.

Rows 24-28: Sl1, K until end of round.

Row 29: Purl.

Rows 30-32: Sl1, K until end of round.

Row 33: Sl1, K4, M1R, K2, M1L, K5.

Row 34: Purl.

Row 35: Sl1, K until end of round.

Row 36: Sl1, K5, M1R, K2, M1L, K6.

Rows 37-40: Sl1, K until end of round.

Row 41: Purl.

Head:

Row 42: K7, M1R, K2, M1L, K7.

Rows 43-44: Knit.

Row 45: SSK, K until last 2 sts, K2tog.

Row 46: Knit.

Repeat rows 45-46 until 4 sts rem, then repeat row 45.

Cut yarn, and pull through remaining two sts. Weave in ends.

Finishing touches:

Stuffing: Use a chopstick to stuff a small amount of stuffing or wool into the tiny gap at the base of the shrimp, where the body was joined in the round. The hole will allow small wads of stuffing to be pushed into the shrimp, but is small enough that the stuffing will not fall out once completed.

Eyes: Use a scrap of yarn and a tapestry needle to attach an eye on each side of your shrimp's head. Secure yarn ends, and tuck them inside of the shrimp body.

Antennae: Fold an 8" long scrap of yarn in half. Use a crochet hook to pull about an inch of the folded center of the yarn through the top center and the bottom center of the BO edge. Pull the two ends of the scrap yarn through the loop of scrap yarn that you have pulled through the head. Pull tightly to secure. Trim antennae to be slightly longer than desired, then tie a knot at the very end of both to finish them off.

Leggies: Fold one 3" piece of yarn in half. Use the crochet hook to pull the center of the folded piece of yarn through one of the slipped stitches on the "stomach" of the shrimp. Pull the two loose ends through the folded end to create a knot over the slipped stitch, securing two "legs" to the shrimp. Repeat this process to attach the remaining 3" pieces of yarn to the slipped stitches on the bottom of the shrimp. Use scissors to trim legs to desired length.

Abbreviations:

K: Knit

K2tog: Knit two together

M1L: Insert left needle tip from front to back underneath bar before the next stitch, then knit into the back of this stitch.

M1R: Insert left needle tip from back to front underneath bar before the next stitch, then knit this stitch.

P: Purl

Sl: Slip

SSK: Slip each of the next two stitches onto the right needle one at a time, as if to knit. Use your left hand needle to slide down into the tops of these two slipped stitches (now on your right needle) and knit them together.

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