Mermaid Tail Instructions

There are 4 sizes of tails. Xtr small is for a baby, total length 19"

Small is a total length of 50"

Medium is total length of 60"

Adult can be worn by someone who wears a size 14 or smaller, length is 72"

Start with the size that is the closet to what you need then adjust the size inside your computer software.

We have made these tails with cotton on outside, fleece on inside with no batting. We have also made them with satin on the outside and minkie on the inside with batting. Both are charming and soft. Use whatever combination of fabrics you want. These are meant to be used like a sleeping bag. Something for the kids to put on to watch TV in or lay around. They are not meant to be costumes.

You will stitch the pieces on your long arm but will be finished on your domestic sewing machine.

All the patterns will pause and allow you to put on a different fabric for the tail. If you don't want to add extra fabric just continue it will work fine. Be sure to trim off the excess tail fabric when it tells you to.

For the xtrsmall, small, and medium tails you will need to stitch out 2 identical pieces. Trim them out right up next to the zig zag stitching. The zig zag stitching is to hold those floppy fabrics together for rugged wear. It takes a bit to stitch but worth the time.
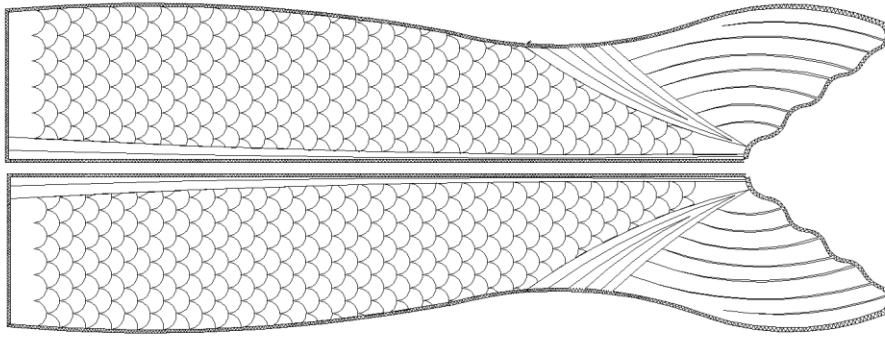
Put right sides together and stich around the outside of the tail, just inside the zig zag stitching.

Clip the curves, especially in the tail fin.

Finish the upper edge by folding the top edge in and then stitch all around to finish the upper edge.

The adult pattern is done in 4 sections. You will need to make 2 as is and then make 2 that are flipped vertically.

Join the center seams for each set.

Then join the top to the bottom.

Turn down the top edge and stitch all the way around. I used a walking foot when I stitched mine together.

Here is what the tail part looks like on the adult tail with the applique.