

THE MERMAID'S TAIL, SCALLOPED MODULAR KNITTING

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This document supports the two YouTube videos I produced that show how to knit and join knitted scallop modules. The fabric is knitted from the bottom up, adding scallops as you go and the basic scallop module is VERY SIMPLE. It's worked in garter stitch and every row is the same.

BASIC SCALLOP

Cast on an even number of sts. Make your cast on edge loose/wide. **Every Row:** Slip the first st of every row purlwise with the yarn in front. Knit across the row. Knit last 2 stitches together. When you have only 2 stitches left at the top of the scallop, knit them together. After the first or bottom tier of scallops, you pick up the sts rather than cast on.

HALF BASIC SCALLOP

These are always picked up rather than cast on. Pick up half the number of sts you had for the full scallop. Work back and forth as you did for the scallop. Begin every row by slipping the st with the yarn in front, but when you reach the outside edge of the piece where you want to create a straight edge, knit the last st of the row rather than knit 2 together. Here is a place where I want you to look at what you're doing rather than follow a step-by-step instruction for right and left sides. You know which side you want straight. Don't decrease there. SEE THE VIDEO HERE: [The Knitted Scallop \(Modular Knitting\)](#)

UPSIDE DOWN "SCALLOP" (THE MERMAID'S BRA)

When it comes time to fill in the gaps at the top of your scallops, with right side facing, pick up 2 sts at the bottom center of a gap, one from both scallops that meet there. Turn your work. Slip the first st purlwise, yarn on the public side. Knit next st. Pick up a st PURLWISE. Turn work. Slip first st. Knit across. Pick up st regularly. Pretty simple. You are adding a st at the end of every row instead of decreasing one.

HALF AN UPSIDE DOWN SCALLOP

(You don't necessarily have to do these to complete a rectangle.) Again, you are going to simply knit the last st and slip the first st at the "outside" edges of your rows, the ones you want to be straight. Otherwise, follow the shaping of the full upside down scallop. To help you decipher this, watch the video: [Knitted Modular Scallops, Part 2](#)

Here's a sketch of the shapes you are making. Enjoy!

