

Octo Crochet Pattern

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Octo made by MaryBrigidTurner

Materials/Equipment:

Approx 25g yarn

Crochet Hook 3mm - 5mm (depending on how big you want your Octo)

Small amount of stuffing. Old socks make a great alternative for stuffing.(optional)

Safety eyes or button or crochet eyes

Abbreviations:

(US terms)

ch - chain

rnd - round

st - stitch

sl st - slip stitch

sc - single crochet

inc - increase (sc 2 in the same stitch)

dec - decrease (sc 2 stitches together, see notes)

Notes:

1) Octo's head is worked in a continual spiral, so you don't need to start new rows. We recommend that to track stitches, you either use a stitch marker of some type (Kat uses bobby pins! It doesn't have to be fancy) or just count, since the numbers are small.

2) To work the decrease stitches, insert hook into stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (2 loops on hook), insert hook into next stitch, yarn over and pull up a loop (3 loops on hook), yarn over and pull through all 3 loops

3) An alternative option for working decrease stitches is the invisible decrease. Insert your hook into the front loop of the next stitch, and then into the front loop of the following stitch, yarn over, and pull through both front loops, yarn over and pull through the remaining two loops on your hook to finish the stitch.

4) To create a magic circle, hold the tail of your yarn between your thumb and first 2 fingers. Wrap your working yarn around 2 fingers, and bring it back to the front, crossing over the tail you're holding. Insert your hook under the bottom leg of the cross you made, grab the top leg of the cross and pull the yarn through, turning your hook as you do so to bring it to the top of the yarn. Ch 1 to secure your circle. Work your stitches into the circle making sure to work over your tail as well.

Make Your Octo

Crochet eyes (use 2.25mm hook):

8 hdc in a magic ring (8)
sl st to join

Head:

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic ring (6)
Pull tail of yarn to close circle, but do not join.
Rnd 2: inc (2sc in each st) every stitch (12)
Rnd 3: sc, inc every second stitch (18)
Rnd 4: 2 sc, inc every third stitch (24)
Rnd 5-12¹: sc around (24)
Rnd 13: 2sc, dec (ie dec every fourth stitch) until you have 8 stitches left

Tentacles:

sc into next st.
ch 15-30 plus 1 extra ch
2sc into the 2nd chain from the hook

¹ This depends on how tall you would like the head.

2 sc², inc until you're back at the start of the ch
sl st into the stitch you started the tentacle from
Repeat 7 times

Fasten off

Attach safety eyes/crochet eyes/button at round 6 or 7 depending on how many rows of 24
sc worked.

You can put a little bit of stuffing into your Octopal if you wish. You can then close the
opening with some yarn and a darning needle.

² 3 sc if you would like it to be less curly.



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