

Crochet Octopus

MATERIALS:

Crochet hook size 3 or 3.5 mm

Cotton yarn 100 % Cotton

Stuffing: Fibre filling - has to be washable at 60°C

Tapestry needle



Abbreviations:

Dc - double crochet

Tc - treble crochet

Sts - stitches

Tg - together

Yoh - yarn over hook

Htc - half treble crochet

St - stitch

Ch - chain

Sl st - slip stitch

Body: working in continuous rounds:

1st round: 6 dc in a magic loop

2nd round: 2 dc in each st (12 sts in total)

3rd round: 2 dc in every other st, 1 dc in the other sts (18 sts in total)

4th round: 2 dc in every 3rd st, 1 dc in all other sts (24 sts)

5th round: 2 dc in every 4th st, 1 dc in all other sts (30 sts)

6th round: 2 dc in every 5th st, 1 dc in all other stitches (36 sts)

7th - 14th round: 1 dc in each st (36 sts each round)

15th round: *1 dc in the first 4 st, dc tg 5th and 6th st* repeat 5 times (30 sts remaining)

16th - 17th round: 1 dc in each st (30 sts)

18th round: *1 dc in each of 3 sts, dc tg 4th and 5th st* repeat 5 times (24 sts remaining)

19th-20th round: 1 dc in each st (24 sts)

21st round: *1 dc in first 2 sts, dc tg 3rd and 4th st* repeat 5 times (18 sts remaining)

22nd round: 1 dc in each st (18 sts)

23rd round: *1 dc in first 7 sts, dc tg 8th and 9th st * repeat once (16 sts remaining)

24th round: 1 dc in each st (16 sts)

25th round: this is where the tentacles starts: *1 dc, chain 50, turn, 2 or 3 dc in each chain (49 chains), 1 dc in next st of the body* repeat 7 times, making 8 tentacles. End with a sl st, cut yarn and sew in the end.

The tentacles must not be longer than 22 cms when drawn out the longest they can, as they may be a choking hazard if longer.

Bottom:

1st round: 5 dc in a magic ring

2nd round: 2 dc in each stitch (10 stitches)

3rd round: 2 dc in every other stitch, 1 dc in the other stitches (15 stitches)

End with a sl st, cut yarn and sew in the end.

Eyes:

Crochet in single white yarn, make 2 (or embroider the eyes)

1st round: 4 dc in a magic loop

2nd round: 2 dc in each st (8 sts)

3rd round: 2 dc in every other st, 1 dc in the other (12 sts)

End with a sl st, cut yarn and sew in ends.

Embroider pupils with black thread.

Assembling the octopus

Stuff the body.

Do not attach any hats, buttons or ribbon for individuals with Dementia.

How to make an Octopus Video Tutorial: crochetforbabies.com