

YIELD: CROCHET OCTOPUS

# How To Crochet An Octopus for a Preemie

If you're a crocheter and feel inspired to make an octopus for a baby in need the hospitals that are taking donations would love your assistance as it's their goal to give every premature baby an octopus of their very own.



## Materials

- Cotton yarn it has to be 100% cotton!
- 4ply cotton is recommended.

## Tools

- Crochet hook size 2mm (US 0) and 3mm (US C/2), use 3mm for tentacles (optional)
- Stuffing: Fibre filling – has to be washable at 60 degrees Celsius, we recommend “supreme toy filling” which can be bought on eBay and Amazon
- Tapestry needle, to embroider the face, and to use it to sew on the bottom.

## Instructions

### Body >

- Working in continuous rounds: Using a 2mm hook.
- 1 st round: 6 sc in a magic ring
- 2 nd round: 2sc in each st (12 sts)
- 3 rd round: \*1sc, 1 inc\* x 6 (18 sts)
- 4 th round: \*2sc, 1inc\* x 6 (24 sts)
- 5th round: \*3sc, 1inc\* x6 (30 sts)
- 6 th round: \*4sc, 1inc\* x 6 (36 sts)
- 7 th round : \*5sc, 1inc\* x 6 (42sts)
- 8 th – 16th round: 1 sc in each st (42 sts)
- 17th round: \*5sc, 1dec\* x6 (36 sts)
- 18th – 19th round: 1sc in each st (36 sts)
- 20th round: \*4sc, 1dec\* x6 (30 sts)

- 21st – 22nd round: 1sc in each st (30 sts)
- 23rd round: \*3sc, 1dec\* x6 (24 sts)
- 24th – 25th round: 1sc in each st (24 sts) Start stuffing the body, will fill it completely later.
- 26th round: \*2sc, 1dec\* x6 (18 sts)
- 27th round: \*7sc, 1 dec\* x2 (16 sts) 28th round: 1sc in each st (16 sts)
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### **There are 3 ways to finish the Octopus**

#### **The first way to finish the octopus >** (recommended for beginners)

Fill Octopus firmly. Make a bottom and attach the bottom using round 29 29th round: work 1dc in each st around (16sts) change to 3mm hook if wishing thicker tentacles, stay with 2mm if wanting slim ones.

This is where the tentacles start: \*1 sc, chain around 50 – chain until you have a 22cm long chain, turn, 2 sc in each chain, make sure to use the top loop for the tentacle to curl. 1 sc in next st of the body. 1sc and then chain again.

#### **The second way to finish the octopus >**

On round 28 change to 3mm hook if wishing thicker tentacles, stay with 2mm if wanting slim ones. This is where the tentacles start – to make tentacles use only the front loops of each of the stitches: \*1 sc, chain around 50 – chain until you have a 22cm long chain, turn, 2 sc in each chain, make sure to use the top loop for the tentacle to curl. 1 sc in next st of the body. 1sc and then around 50 chains again. Make bottom and sew to the body using the back loops stitches and the same yarn.

#### **The third way to finish the octopus >**

On round 28 change to 3mm hook if wishing thicker tentacles, stay with 2mm if wanting slim ones. This is where the tentacles start – to make tentacles use only the front loops of each of the stitches: \*1 sc, chain around 50 – chain until you have a 22cm long chain, turn, 2 sc in each chain, make sure to use the top loop for the tentacle to curl. 1 sc in next st of the body. 1sc and then around 50 chains again. 29th round: close body using decrease.

#### **Bottom >**

1 st round: 5 sc in a magic ring

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

3 rd round: \*1sc, 1inc\* x5(15 stitches) End with a sl st, cut the yarn but leave enough to sew on to the body.

Assembling the octo: Embroider eyes and mouth in your preferred design.

## **Notes**

### **Abbreviations**

sc – single crochet

st – stitch sts – stitches

ch – chain

inc – 2 sc in 1 stitch to increase

sl st – slip stitch

dec – decrease by crocheting \*...\* – repeat the next 2 sc together

**The size of the finished octopus >**

Head **MUST** have a min diameter of 3.5 cm and a length of 3.5 – 8cm from top to bottom when stuffed

Tentacles: Head length 3.5 – 5cm: 10 – 16cm tentacles / Head length 5 – 8cm: 16 – 22cm tentacles

Stuff the body firmly, but not solid. Must have a little spring to it.

**Please note >**

*\*\*Please be aware that the octos featured in this post should meet the standards required by the people campaigning.\*\**

*\*\*Do not make these to give to other babies or young children as the tentacles may pose as a choking hazard.*

*Please use common sense when making and giving these octos.\*\**