

Kathy's Octupod Pattern



A fun animal to make that is easy to crochet, your kids will love it. I made this pattern because I saw a couple octopus patterns that just weren't cute enough. Step by step instructions will make it easy to follow, including how to do the Magic Ring/Loop.

It's a great pattern to use up scrap yarn, the tentacles use a small amount of yarn. If you don't want to use safety eyes, you can always crochet eyes (instructions included)

MATERIALS NEEDED

Worsted weight yarn (I used Red Heart Super Saver)

Crochet Hook: Size F (3.75mm),

Size G (4.00-4.25mm)

15mm or larger safety eyes

Embroidery thread for mouth shape

Tapestry Needle

Fiberfill Stuffing

Stitch Marker

Scissors

TERMINOLOGY

SS-slip stitch

SC-single crochet

CH-chain

St- Stitch

Inc- increase

Dec-decrease

Sc2tog-single crochet 2 together

*Magic Ring (instructions at end of pattern)

You can start on the tentacles first or the body first, just make sure when doing the body, to attach the safety eyes (or crochet eyes) before stuffing the body.

INSTRUCTIONS

OCTUPOD BODY (Use G hook)

Using Magic Ring method, sc 6 around loop and continue with round 2 OR start at Round 1, if unfamiliar with MR.

Round 1: Chain 2, 6 sc in 2nd ch from hook.

Round 2: 2sc in ea st (inc made), repeat around. Place Stitch marker at first sc, and move down each round completed. 12 sc

Round 3: *(2sc in 1st st, sc in next st), *repeat around. 18 sc

Round 4: *(2sc in 1st st, sc in next 2 st), *repeat around. 24 sc

Round 5: *(2sc in 1st st, sc in next 3 st), *repeat around. 30 sc

Round 6: *(2sc in 1st st, sc in next 4 st), *repeat around. 36 sc

Round 7: *(2 sc in 1st st, sc in next 5 st), *repeat around. 42 sc

Rounds 8-17: Sc in each st around for 10 rounds. 42 sc

Now the decrease begins. Don't be afraid with the decreasing, it is easy to do.

Round 18: *(Sc2tog (dec made), sc next 5 sts), *repeat around. 36 sc

Round 19: *(Sc2tog, sc next 4 sts), *repeat around. 30 sc

Round 20: *(Sc2tog, sc next 3 sts), *repeat around. 24 sc Begin stuffing body.

Round 21: *(Sc2tog, sc next 2 sts), *repeat around. 18 sc

At this point, place safety eyes (or crochet eyes), and make smiley face with red embroidery thread. Be sure to knot the ends of smile, on inside of body, so the thread won't pull through. You can place the eyes on the widest part of the body (around round 14).

Round 22: *(Sc2tog, sc next st), *repeat around. 12 sc Stuff body as tight as you want.

Round 23: sc2tog, around. 6 sc

Cut yarn, leaving 12 inches. Now take your tapestry needle and thread it with yarn, and weave through the 6 stitches. Pull tight and slip stitch on first sc. Don't cut the yarn. Take your scissors (closed) and push the yarn tail into the stuffing. No need to cut and throw it away, use it as part of your stuffing.

TENTACLES (Make 8) Use F Hook

The reason why I choose a smaller hook for the tentacles is because in previous versions of my octopod, I ran out of space on underside of body to attach tentacles. Using a smaller hook, I am able to keep all the legs symmetrical.

With Magic Ring, sc 5 in loop and continue with round 2. OR just follow instructions starting with round 1.

Round 1: Chain 2, 5 sc in 2nd chain from stitch. 5 sc

Round 2: 2sc in each stitch. 10 sc

Round 3-20: Sc in each st around. Slip stitch in next st, and cut yarn leaving 10 inches to sew to body.

Turn inside out, and stuff. Then with tapestry needle, weave yarn through the 10 stitches. Pull tight to close.

Now you are ready to **ASSEMBLE** Octupod.

The next step may sound crazy, but it works for me and it should for you. Read it first before sewing tentacles.

You are going to take your tentacles and sew each one to bottom of body spacing them equally apart.

The best way to do this is to think of the numbers on a CLOCK. Look at the photo for guidance as to where to place tentacles. 12 o'clock, 6 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 9 o'clock



Sew each tentacle with those clock positions, then sew the remaining 4 tentacles in between. I always use my sharp scissor points to stuff the tail back into each tentacle, no need to cut and toss strips away.

And there you have it, a very cute Octupod. Written pattern copyright Kathy Bartholomew 2014. Please do not reprint or repost this pattern, but please do link to this page to share this pattern with others. If you wish to make items for sale from this pattern, please visit the Shop page for details.

I hope you enjoy making this animal as I have in creating it. Please ask questions if unsure what to do or if my instructions are not clear. You can email me at BunyCrochet@aol.com

Thanks for choosing my pattern,

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Magic Ring

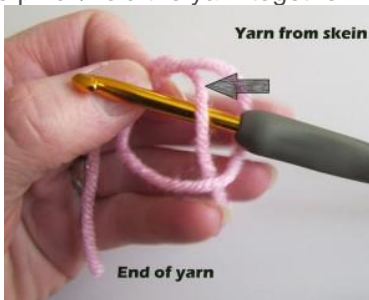
Here are the steps to making the magic ring. It may take some practice, so don't give up!

Step 1: Begin by making a backwards "J" with the end of your yarn.



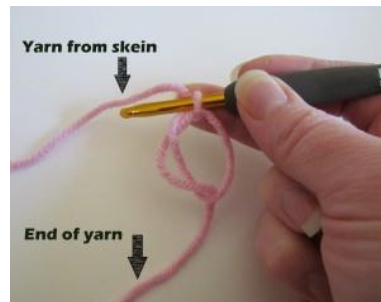
Step 2: Cross end of yarn **behind** your yarn coming from the skein.

Step 3: At this point you will need to pinch/hold the yarn together where they cross.



Step 4: Let yarn from skein fall behind loop. Insert hook and pull yarn through your ring.

Step 5: Pull loop all the way through, and up to top of ring. (this may be the part that feels the most awkward, and takes some practice)



Step 6: Using your middle finger (or any finger that is comfortable) continue to hold the loop you just made, to the top of the ring. You can now let go of the ring with your left hand, where the 2 ends cross.

Step 7: Chain 1 for sc & hdc patterns. Chain 2 for dc patterns.



Step 8: Crochet as many stitches in the ring as your pattern calls for.



Step 9: Pull yarn end to seal circle.

