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Dapper Octopus

A little octopus, made one stitch at a time.

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Before you begin

Make your octopus with the written instructions and original construction pictures in this pattern.

Read through the materials, stitch terms and finishing steps before you begin. Keep the yarn colours and hook size together so you can follow each section in order.

Small parts need care. For an item intended for a young child, use securely embroidered features and leave off detachable accessories.

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Materials

One small skein of colorful yarn Some leftover black yarn Polyester stuffing Some (vegan) black felt A pink thread One pair of safety eyes Your favourite crochet hook Your favourite sewing needle

For the octopus in the step-by-step pictures I used:

4.5 mm safety eyes

2.25 mm (size B) hook

mercerized cotton yarn (50 g / 125 m) yarn in:

82059 Red 82056 Black



Original pattern reference

Abbreviations:

sc = single crochet

inc = increase

dec = decrease

BLO = back loop only

FLO = front loop only fo = finish off (...) = repeat whatever is in between the brackets [..] = total amount of stitches in that round

Tips:

+ Stuff really firmly!

+ Stitch very tightly, so no holes show when stuffing. You can do this by using a smaller hook than your yarn label recommends, and by pulling your thread a little after every stitch.

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Pattern instructions

Main Body



Use yarn color of your choice

1. 6 sc in a magic circle [6]

2. (inc) x 6 [12]

3. (sc, inc) x 6 [18]

4. (2 sc, inc) x 6 [24]

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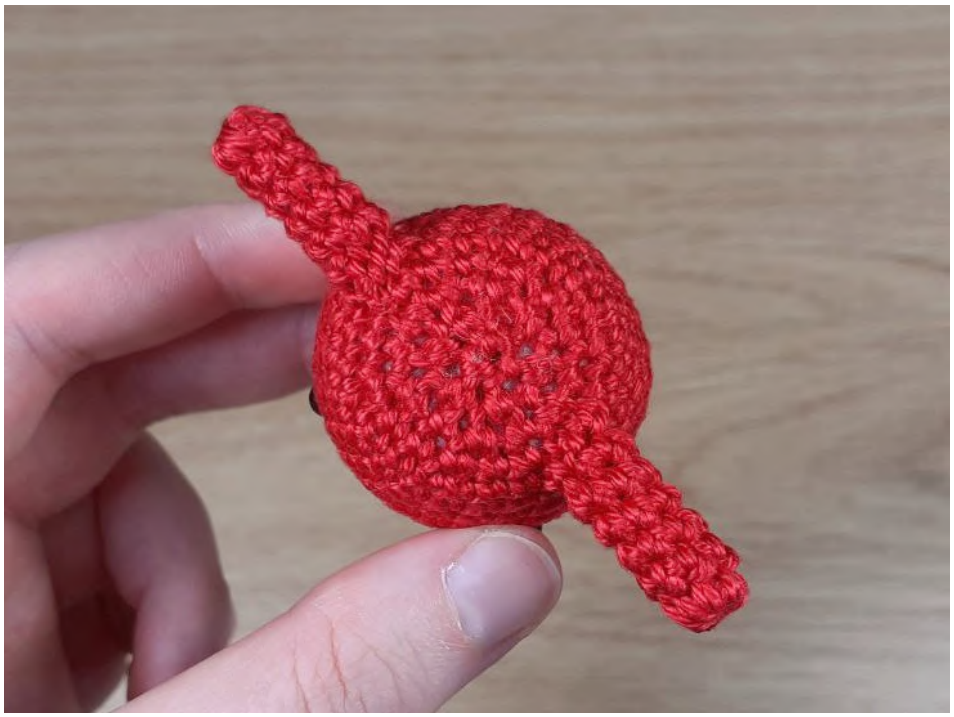
5. (3 sc, inc) x 6 [30]

6-11. sc around [30]

12. (3 sc, dec) x 6 [24]

13-14. sc around [24] Place the safety eyes between row 8 and 9 with 7 stitches between them



15. (2 sc, dec) x 6 [18] Slowly start stuffing while crocheting along

16. (sc, dec) x 6 [12]

17. (dec) x 6 [6] Fo, close, and work away your thread

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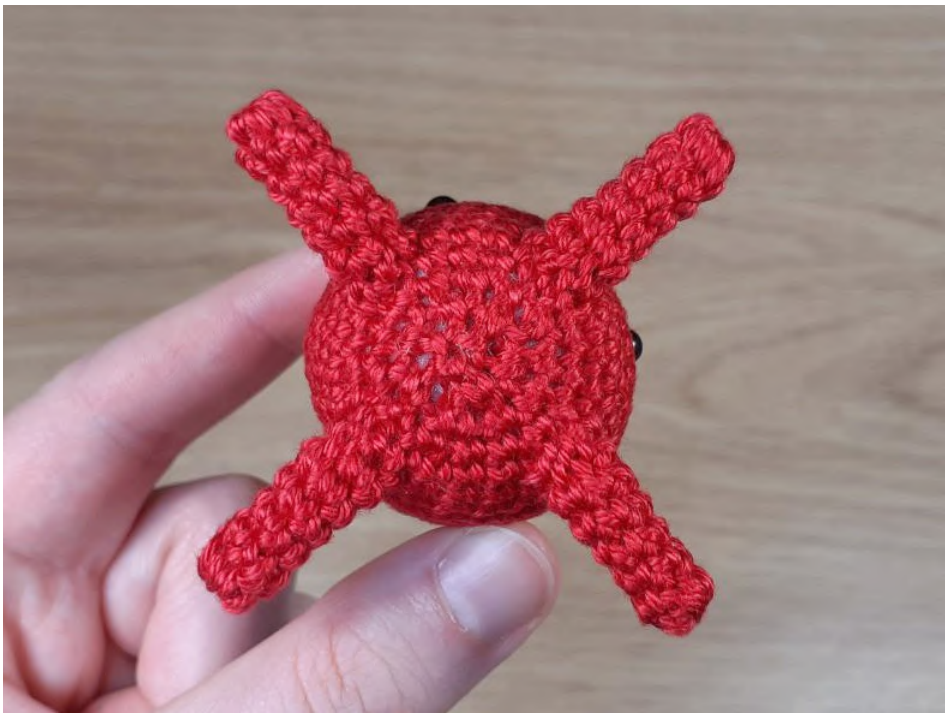
Remember for the next steps: You have crocheted the octopus body from top to bottom, so row 1 is the top of the octopus and row 17 is on the bottom.



Leg (make 8)

Use yarn color of your choice

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic circle (6). Rnds 2-6: sc around (6). Fasten off, stuff, do not close, and leave a long thread.

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Time to attach the legs. They'll be sewn onto the body over

rows 12-14.

Attach the first two legs to the lower side of the body: to make sure all the legs will be attached evenly, start with two legs and sew them opposite of each other. You can use pins to guide yourself to be sure you've put them in the right place.



Next, attach the third and the fourth leg, opposite of each other again.

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Pattern instructions

Be sure to check from the top to see if every leg is visible. This way you can see if they all stick out about evenly.



Attach the four leftover legs in the four spaces that are left between the four legs that you've attached earlier.

Hat

Use black yarn.

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Pattern instructions

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a magic circle (6).

Rnd 2: inc x 6 (12).

Rnd 3: BLO, sc around (12).

Rnds 4-7: sc around (12).

Rnd 8: FLO, (sc, inc) x 6 (18). Fasten off, do not close, and leave a long thread.



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Pattern instructions

Invisibly weave the end thread of the hat back towards

round 7, where the bottom of the hat starts.

Put a little stuffing inside the hat and sew it on top of the head. Make sure that while sewing the hat onto the head, you sew using the tiny holes in between round 6 and 7 of the hat. This way the end result will look more natural, because the rim of the hat (round 7 and 8) can move freely and part from the head a little.



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Pattern instructions

If you would like the hat to be removable, you don't have to stuff it or sew it onto the head. Be sure to work away your end thread, though.

Moustache

Cut out a little moustache from a sheet of black (vegan) felt.

Don't worry, it's going to be a weird shape sometimes. Practice makes perfect, but a moustache is never going to be perfectly the same on both sides. That's okay, it gives your octopus character!



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Put a little glue on one side of the moustache and place it on the body, between the two eyes or a little lower.



Optional: you can give your octopus some blushing cheeks by embroidering a pink horizontal line under each eye!

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