Crochet Plush Octopus

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Supplies:

- Blanket Yarn in desired colors for body and tentacles (small amounts of worsted yarn for eyes and mouth)
- Crochet Hook (1-2 sizes smaller than yarn suggests)
- Polyfil or other stuffing
- Yarn needle
- Scissors
- (optional) Safety eyes

Abbreviations:

ch chainslst slip stitch

• sc single crochet

hdc half double crochetdc double crochet

• **st/sts** stitch/stitches

• **inv dec** invisible decrease – working in the front loops only, decrease

• BLO Back loop only

• [] repeat instructions with brackets

Body

Row 1: 8 sc in Magic Ring (8 sts)

Row 2: 2 sc in each st around (16 sts)

Row 3: [sc in next sc, 2 sc in next st] around (24 sts)

Row 4: [sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st] around (32 sts)

Row 5: [sc in next 3 sts, 2 sc in next st] around (40 sts)

Row 6-10: sc around (32 sts)

Row 11: [sc in next 3 sts, inv dec] around (32 sts)

Row 12-13: sc around (32 sts)

Row 14: sc in the next 31 sts, slst in next st, ch 1 (32 sts)

Row 15: Working in the BLO, [sc in the next 2 sts, dec] around (24 sts)

Row 16: [sc in the next st, inv dec] around (16 sts)

Row 17: inv dec around (8 sts)

Fasten off, leaving tail to sew the circle closed.

Tentacles (crocheted directly onto the body)

Working in the front loops remaining on the body, changing colors if desired.

Row 1: ch 18, sc in next st, hdc in each of the next 4 sts, 2 dc in next st, dc in remaining sts, skip 2 sts/loops and slst into the next st (front loop) on body (17 sts)

Repeat around until you have 8 tentacles then fasten off

Magic Ring

Scan this QR code for video instructions for magic ring if





Eyes (make 2 or use safety eyes)

Row 1: With outer color, 12 dc in Magic Ring (12)

Row 2: [sc in next st, 2 sc in next st] around (18)

Fasten Off leaving tail for sewing

Row 1: With black (or inner color), 10 hdc in Magic Ring Fasten off leaving tail for sewing

* With white, or light color, stitch a highlight on each eye

Finishing:

Stack the eye center on top of the outer color and sew too attach, then attach to the body where desired. I placed them across rows 9-11 about 2 the outside, but I like the depth it sts apart. Stitch on mouth as desired.



Note: You could do the black center then crochet the outer color around adds by doing them separately.



