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## Pattern: Sleepy Octopus

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Although not innovative, this pattern was created by me last year to satisfy a personal desire. The goal was to have a soft and cuddly little octopus that could be easy to crochet but not too small and that also could be used as a toy for older children. This pattern does not follow the

safety standards established for crochet octopus that is used in the treatment of premature babies. So if your goal is to crochet a little octopus to donate in hospitals, I recommend looking for the various patterns and tips that already exist on YouTube.

If you choose not to use plastic eyes (safety eyes), this cutie is perfectly safe for babies and can be a great gift for future moms! Let's go?

### **Materials:**

- 100% cotton yarn in three colors (main color for body/head and 4 tentacles, another color for the other 4 tentacles, and the third one to make the flower, or the bowl, etc);
- crochet hook according to the yarn weight you are using (I used a 3,5 mm);
- stitch markers;
- polyester fiber;
- scissors;
- tapestry needle;
- embroidery floss.

### **Abbreviations:**

inc - increase

dec - invisible decrease

ch - chain

sl st - slip stitch

sc - single crochet

hdc - half double crochet

dc - double crochet

[ ] total number of stitches at the end of each round

### **Final size:**

With the materials I used, my octopus was approximately 9.8"/25 cm.

**Notes:**

The whole octopus is made in one piece. That's why I think it's a good first project suggestion for beginners who want to learn how to make amigurumis. Especially for those who have no experience crocheting.

Always remember to crochet in rounds. Use a stitch marker at the end of each round. This octopus is all worked in sc, except for the tentacles, that are worked in ch and dc.

**Body/Head:**

Start with the color chosen to make the body.

Round 1) 6 sc in the magic ring [6]

Round 2) 6 inc [12]

Round 3) 1 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [18]

Round 4) 2 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [24]

Round 5) 3 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [30]

Round 6) 4 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [36]

Round 7) 5 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [42]

Round 8) 6 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [48]

Round 9) 7 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [54]

Round 10) 8 sc, 1 inc - repeat 6 times [60]

Rounds 11 - 18) 1 sc in each one of the 60 stitches [60]

Round 19) 8 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [54]

Round 20) 7 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [48]

Round 21) 6 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [42]

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Round 22) 5 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [36]

Round 23) 4 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [30]

Round 24) 3 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [24]

Start stuffing the body using polyester fiber. Continue stuffing while crocheting until the end.

Round 25) 2 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [18]

Round 26) 1 sc, 1 dec - repeat 6 times [12]

Round 27) 4 dec [8]

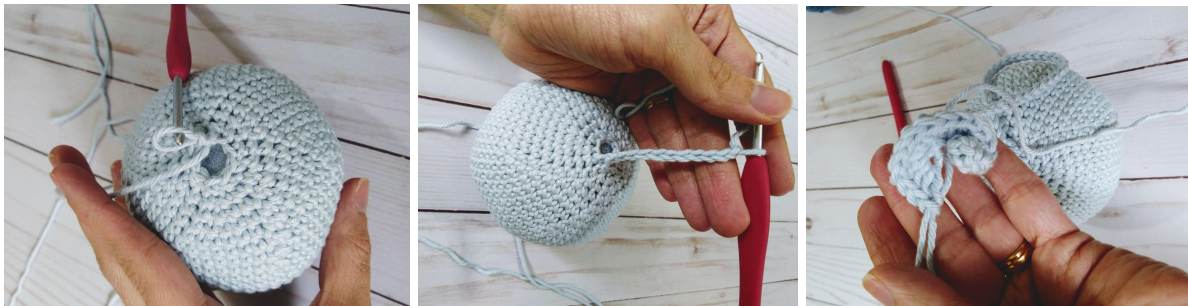
Remove the stitch marker. Do not fasten off. The tentacles will be worked on these 8 sc.



### **Tentacles:**

Ch 52. Skip 2 ch and make 2 dc in the third one. Make 3 dc in each one of the next 49 ch, until you get back to the base of the body again [150].

Once you get back to the base of the body, make 1 sc in the next sc of the base (from those 8 we left before). Then ch 52 and repeat all the steps above until you get 8 tentacles.



If you want to crochet the tentacles using two different colors as I did, change colors when you pull up the last loop of the last dc in the tentacle before the one you want to use the new color (see the pictures below).



Once you finish all the 8 tentacles, fasten off with a sl st, leaving a long thread to sew. Using a tapestry needle, pass this thread in those sc in the base (see the pictures below). Once you finish going through all those sc, strongly pull the thread to close the hole. Tie a knot and hide the thread inside the body.





### Eyes and mouth:

Embroider the eyes between rounds 15 and 16. Embroider the mouth between rounds 19 and 20. I have a tutorial on my Youtube channel, where I teach how to embroider these eyes. It is in Portuguese, but it is pretty visual, and I believe very understandable. Here is the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V9GNbcnQyxk>

### Bow/Bow tie:

Leaving a long starting thread, make a magic ring, then: ch 2, 4 dc, ch 2 and sl st in the magic ring. Repeat these steps one more time. Fasten off leaving a long tail for sewing. Close the magic ring and fasten off the starting thread.

Using the long thread left at the end, wrap it many times around the bow to shape it (pictures below), creating its center. Tie a knot. Using this thread, sew it on your octopus as a bow or as a bow tie.

### Flower:

Start with a magic ring. Inside it make 5 sc and ch 1. Join with a sl st in the first sc. In this same stitch make: 1 hdc, 3 dc, 1 hdc. The first petal is done. Repeat the same steps for all the remaining 4 sc, making 1 hdc, 3 dc, 1 hdc. Fasten off leaving a long thread. Close the magic ring and fasten off the beginning thread. Sew the flower in the octopus head.



Your Sleepy Octopus is ready! And if you decide to give my pattern a try, I would love to see your pictures. Tag me on Facebook and Instagram (@amiimaker) and use #amiimaker See you soon! :)

