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Pattern: Frida Octopus

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This pattern was created to celebrate Amiimaker's second anniversary in 2020, as a way to thank everyone who followed me there on Instagram at that time (@amiimaker). The pattern is basically the same as in my Sleepy Octopus, then I added flowers, eyebrows and lots of colors to match with Spring that was coming here when the pattern was created. Now that Spring is approaching in the southern hemisphere, the pattern will also be here

on the blog. This way we can download it and take it with us wherever we want. And if you're looking for inspiration to make your Frida Octopus, look for <u>#amiimaker</u> to see what people have done out there!

Materials:

- 100% cotton yarn;
- crochet hook according to the yarn weight you are using (I used a 3.25 mm);
- stitch markers;
- pins;
- fibra siliconada para encher;
- scissors;
- Tapestry needle;
- embroidery thread (one thinner for the eyes and one thicker for the eyebrows);
- leftover yarn for the flowers;
- blush (makeup);
- small brush (for makeup) or cotton swab.

Abbreviations:

mr - magic ring

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 Frida was approximately 7.5"/20 cm.

Notes:

Always remember to crochet in rounds. Use a stitch marker at the end of each round.

Body and tentacle are worked in one piece and we start it at the top of the head. This octopus is all worked in sc, except for the tentacles, that are worked in ch and dc.

For the flowers I used a thinner yarn and a smaller crochet hook (2.75 mm). Eyes were embroidered like in my unicorn pattern (see the tutorial here).

Let's go?!

Body:

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

Rnd 2) 6 inc [12]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Rnd 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 pb we left before). Then ch 52 and repeat all the steps above until you get 8 tentacles.







If you wish 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 Eyebrow:

Embroider the eyes between rounds 15 and 16 (tutorial <u>here</u>). Embroider the eyebrow between rounds 13 and 14.

Flowers:

Leave a long thread at the beginning and ch 26. In the second ch from hook, make: 8 dc in the same ch, skip one ch, make a sl st, skip another ch. Repeat until the end. Fasten off leaving a long thread. Roll the flower and sew its base. Sew it on your octopus head. In this video I show how I roll up and sew the base of my crochet flowers.



Your Frida 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 so I can see your work. Feel free to sell any amigurumi made from this pattern. The only thing I ask in return is to give me credit for the design. See you soon!:)