

NICU Octopus

Use 100% cotton yarn (My personal favorite is Hobby Lobby "I love this cotton")

SC=single crochet sl stitch=slip stitch

Stuff with poly-fil, tighter stitches will hold the filling better, I use a 2.5mm hook

This pattern is worked in a continuous round using the magic ring

Be sure when complete that the tentacles do not exceed 24cm

NICU Octopus newborn size

Start with a magic ring

Round 1: 6 SC in the magic ring (6)

Round 2: 2 SC in each (12)

Round 3: 2 SC in every 2nd stitch (18)

Round 4: 2 SC in every 3rd stitch (24)

Round 5: 2 SC in every 4th stitch (30)

Round 6: 2 SC in every 5th stitch (36)

Rounds 7-14: SC in each stitch around (36)

Round 15: 4 SC then 2 SC together, rpt around (30)

Round 16: 1 SC in each stitch around (30)

Round 17: 3 SC then 2 SC together, rpt around (24)

Round 18-19: 1 SC in each stitch around (24) x2

Round 20: 2 SC then 2 SC together, rpt around (18)

Round 21: 1 SC in each stitch around (18)

Round 22: 7 SC then 2 SC together, rpt around (16) **Do not cut your yarn**

Start tentacles: Do one sl stitch in the current 16th stitch then chain 40

Place 2 SC in each stitch to form a spiral then connect to octopus with sl stitch

Sl stitch into the next stitch then chain 40 and place 2 SC in each stitch to form a spiral

Repeat * to * until you have 8 ☺ You can now knot your yarn and cut it, put the excess inside the octopus

Stuff your octopus with poly-fil. Use a lot and make sure it is firm

For the bottom use the same yarn (you will now create a circle to sew on and keep filling in)

Round 1: Magic ring

Round 2: 5 SC in the magic ring

Round 3: 2 SC in each (10)

Round 4: 2 SC in every 2nd stitch (15)

Round 5: sl stitch then leave a tail to attach to the bottom of your stuffed octopus with a needle

Done! ☺

For the Preemie size

Round 1: 6 SC in the magic ring (6)

Round 2: 2 SC in each (12)

Round 3: 2 SC in every 2nd stitch (18)

Round 4: 2 SC in every 3rd stitch (24)

Round 5: 2 SC in every 4th stitch (30)

Round 6: 3 SC then 2 SC together, rpt around (24)

Round 7-8: 1 SC in each stitch around (24) x2

Round 9: 2 SC then 2 SC together, rpt around (18)

Round 10: 1 SC in each stitch around (18)

Round 11: 7 SC then 2 SC together, rpt around (16) **Do not cut your yarn**

Start tentacles: Do one sl stitch in the current 16th stitch then chain 30

Place 2 SC in each stitch to form a spiral then connect to octopus with sl stitch

Sl stitch into the next stitch then chain 30 and place 2 SC in each stitch to form a spiral

Repeat * to * until you have 8. You can now knot your yarn and cut it, put the excess inside the octopus

Stuff your octopus with poly-fil. Use a lot and make sure it is firm

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Done! 😊