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Introduction

Inky the Octopus is a soft, squishy companion, his textured feel and curly, springy tentacles can't help but be a comfort to their lucky owner. The pattern is simple and fun and you'll create your cuddly companion in no time. Perfect as a gift or sensory toy, Inky is a joy to make and even more delightful to cuddle.

Materials Used

King Cole Yummy (Aqua)
100% polyester, 1 ball approximately 120 metres / 131 yards, 100g

6mm hook
Scissors
Yarn Needle
Two Eyes
Yarn for mouth
Stuffing

Gauge and Size

A swatch of sc stitches using King Cole Yummy yarn and 6mm hook gave gauge and sizing as follows:

4" x 4" (10cm x 10cm) swatch is 11 stitches and 11 rows

Sizes

Inky the Octopus' approximate measurements are as follows:

Height including tentacles - 15 inches
Height of head - 5 inches.

Stitches and Abbreviations

blo	Back Loop Only
ch(s)	Chain(s)
hk	Hook
mr	Magic Ring
rep(s)	repeat(s)
Rnd	Round
RS	Right Side
sc	Single Crochet
sk	skip
sl st	Slip Stitch
sm(s)	Stitch Marker(s)
sp	space
st(s)	stitch(es)
yo	Yarn Over
WS	Wrong side

Stitch Instructions

dc	yo hook, insert hk in st and pull through (3 loops on hook), yo hook and pull through 2 loops, yo hook and pull through last 2 loops
sc	Insert hook in st yo hk and pull through (2 loops on hook), yo hook and pull through both loops
Sc2tog	Insert hk in st and pull up a loop, insert hk in next st and pull up a loop, yo and pull through all 3 loops on hk.
Shell	3dc in stitch

Skills Level

Advanced Beginner

Pattern Notes

- ❖ Pattern is written in US terms

- ❖ Pattern is written for one size

- ❖ Inky is made in four sections, base, tentacles, head and finishing.

- ❖ The stitch count is marked at the end of the row in brackets

❖ The head and base are worked in rounds ending with slip stitch to first stitch of the round. Do not turn your work unless stated otherwise in the pattern.

❖ To help keep track of your rounds it may be useful to use stitch markers to mark your first and last stitches of the round.

❖ The tentacles are worked in rows.

❖ Each section of the pattern starts at row/round 1 for simplicity.

❖ 2sc means work 2 single crochet stitches into the next stitch.

Pattern Instructions

Base

The base is worked in rounds and is started with a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 6sc into magic ring, join with sl st to first sc (6sc)

Rnd 2: Ch1, 2sc into each sc around, join with sl st to first sc. (12sc)

Rnd 3: Ch1, *sc, 2sc**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (18sc)

Rnd 4: Ch1, *sc in next 2 sts, 2sc**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc, **turn** (24sc)

Rnd 5: Ch1, *sc in blo, sk st, shell in blo in next st, sk st**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (6 shells, 6sc)

Cut yarn and fasten off.

Tentacles

Tentacles are worked in 2 different lengths and are worked in rows.

Longer Tentacle (make 4)

Ch 36

R1: 2sc in 2nd ch from the hk, 2sc in each ch to the end. Leave a long tail, cut yarn and fasten off. (70sc)

Shorter Tentable (make 4)

Ch 31

R1: 2sc in 2nd ch from the hk, 2sc in each ch to the end. Leave a long tail, cut yarn and fasten off. (60sc)

Head

The head is worked in rounds and is started with a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 8sc into magic ring, join with sl st to first sc. (8sc)

Rnd 2: Ch1, 2sc into each sc around, join with s st to first sc. (16sc)

Rnd 3: Ch1, *sc, 2sc**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (24sc)

Rnd 4: Ch1, *sc in next 2 sts, 2sc**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (32sc)

Rnd 5: Ch1, *sc in next 3 sts, 2sc**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (40sc)

Rnd 6: Ch1, *sc in next 4 sts, 2sc**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (48sc)

Rnd 7 to Rnd 11: Ch1, sc around, sl st to first sc. (48sc)

Rnd 12: Ch1, *sc in next 2 sts, sc2tog**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (36sc)

Rnd 13 – Rnd 14: Ch1, sc around, sl st to first sc. (36sc)

Rnd 15: Ch1, *sc in next 4 sts, sc2tog**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (30sc)

Rnd 16 – Rnd 17: Ch1, sc around, sl st to first sc. (30sc)

Rnd 18: Ch1, *sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog**, rep from * to ** around, join with sl st to first sc. (24sc)

Rnd 19: Ch1, sc around, sl st to first sc. (24sc)

Do not cut yarn.

Finishing

Attach the tentacles using the yarn tails to the base, ensuring that the tentacles come out of the RS of your work.

Attach eyes to the head wherever you wish for your desired look.

Put the WS of the base and the head opening together. Match up the 24sc sts from the base and head. Using yarn from head sl st head and base together using the unused front loop of the base sts from rnd 4 and both loops of the head sts from rnd 19. (The shells should be hanging downward) You can stuff the head as you sl st around.

Using yarn needle sew on a mouth.

Cut yarn, fasten off and weave in ends.