Octopus

Materials:



- About 70 g of yarn ends suitable for 3.5 mm needles
- 3.5 mm needles including a set of dpns
- 3.5 mm crochet hook
- 1 tapestry needle
- Synthetic stuffing
- 2 buttons for the eyes (optional)

Stitches Used:

St st: knit right side row and purl wrong side row.

St st worked in the round: knit every row;

Single crochet: place the point of the hook into the matching stitches at the edge of each half tentacle, yarn over needle and pull yarn through the sts, yarn over and pull the yarn over through all the loops on the hook in one pass. This will join each half tentacle and the body.

Realization

The octopus is knitted in the round in 2 parts: the base and top of the octopus each which joins 8 half tentacles worked in st st.

Tentacles:

1. Cast on 3 st and work 40 rows in st st
2. Work increases as follows: work 1 inc in each side every 4 rows, 4 times then work an increase at each edge every other row, 3 times. 17 sts on the needle.
3. Work 2 rows in st st and put on hold. Repeat rows 1 to 3 to make a total of 16 half tentacles.

Octopus Body – Bottom Half

1. Put 8 half tentacles on a double pointed needle and knit one row across and join. Mark the beginning of row with a marker.
2. Start working decreases with an ssk at the start of the first tentacle, knit 15, slip 1, knit the 17th st and pass slipped st over. Repeat this for each tentacle.
3. Continue decreasing in this manner on each round working the decreases over the decrease in the previous row until you have 8 sts left.

Pass the end of yarn through each of the remaining sts and if necessary sew the hole closed with a small sewing stitch.

Octopus Top Part Of Body

1. Put 8 half tentacles on a double pointed needle and knit one row across and join. Mark the beginning of row with a marker.
2. Decrease by working a decrease at the left of each junction of the half tentacle every row as follows: knit 15 sts, k 2 tog through the back loop on each of the 8 tentacles. Work a total of 13 decrease rounds stacking the decreases above the one on the previous row.
3. Continue working straight for 6 rounds.
4. Work 8 increases evenly on every other row a total of 2 times. Continue working straight for 12 rounds (about 4 cm).

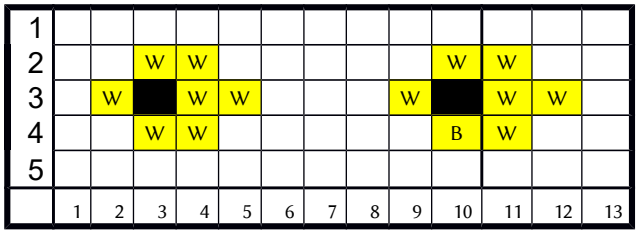
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5. To work the round head: work 8 dec evenly on each of the next 4 rows. On the next round k 2 tog to end of round and pass the end of the yarn through all the sts. If necessary sew the hole shut

FINISHING

EYES

For a child's toy: embroider the eyes using the chart and duplicate stitch. The yellow squares are white. Otherwise you could use 2 buttons or animal eyes.



W white

TENTACLES

Join the top half tentacle to its matching bottom half tentacle with a row of single crochet stuffing each tentacle as you finish them then the head before closing the seam completely.

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