

“Octocat” crochet pattern

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Octocat © GitHub

Materials

Black yarn
White, light brown and beige felt
Steel hook 3.5mm (US E hook)
Stuffing
Tapestry needle
Scissors
Glue
Wire

Abbreviations

sc – Single crochet
increase – Make two single crochets in one stitch
decrease – Decrease from two stitches to one.
Use the “invisible decrease” if possible!
sl st – Slip stitch

I used a black cotton yarn that suited a 3.5mm hook when I made my Octocat. Use whatever yarn and hook size that you feel most comfortable with!

How do I read the pattern?

Round number. [stitches you make] x how many times (number of stitches on finished round)

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Ear x 2

1. [3sc] in a magic ring (3)
2. [increase, 1sc, increase] (5)
3. [1sc, increase] x 2, increase (8)
4. [1sc, increase] x 4 (12)
5. [2sc, increase] x 4 (16)
6. [16sc] (16)

Finish off with a slip stitch and leave a tail of yarn.

Leg x 8

1. [3sc] in a magic ring (3)
2. 1sc, [increase] x 2 (5)
3. [4sc, increase] (6)
- 4-5. [decrease] x 2, [increase] x 2 for two rounds (6)
- 6-8. [6sc] for three rounds (6)
9. 1sc, [increase] x 2, 1sc, decrease (7)
10. decrease, 1sc, [increase] x 3, 1sc (9)

Finish off with a slip stitch and leave a tail of yarn.

Head

1. [6sc] in a magic ring (6)
2. [increase] x 6 (12)
3. [1sc, increase] x 6 (18)
4. [2sc, increase] x 6 (24)
5. [3sc, increase] x 6 (30)
6. [4sc, increase] x 6 (36)
- 7-9. [36sc] for three rounds (36)
10. [8sc, increase] x 4 (40)
11. [19sc, increase] x 2 (42)
- 12-17. [42sc] for 6 rounds (42)
18. [19sc, decrease] x 2 (40)
19. [8sc, decrease] x 4 (36)
- 20-22. [36sc] for three rounds (36)
23. [4sc, decrease] x 6 (30)
24. [3sc, decrease] x 6 (24)

Here you can start stuffing the head if you haven't already.

25. [2sc, decrease] x 6 (18)
26. [1sc, decrease] x 6 (12)
27. [decrease] x 4, 1sl st (8)

Finish off with a slip stitch. To make a nice finish, pull the yarn through the front loop of the stitch you're in and then through the front loop on the opposite side of the opening, pull tight and repeat with the other stitches until you're pleased with the result.



Assembly

As you might expect, the assembly can be quite tricky with this little fella. He has *eight legs* for crying out loud! You may do however you'd like putting Octocat together, but here's a description of how I did it to get you started.

Sewing

First, sew the eight legs together two by two, making four pairs. Keep the curve of the legs in mind, so it's bent the right way. Remember that one of the legs is supposed to point upwards as well.

Sew the four pairs together. If there's any hollowness in the middle where all legs meet, sew a few stitches and pull it shut. To make the legs stable enough to make Octocat stand up I made a wire frame that goes into every tentacle. This wire frame can be constructed in multiple ways. To make the legs more soft and fluffy you could also slightly fill them with stuffing.

When the legs are all sew together and the frame is in place, it's time to attach it to the head. Attach it somewhere between round 11-18, making an 8 rounds diameter.

Attach the ears on the head, somewhere around round 6-12 and 17-23. Fill them with stuffing to get the desired shape.

Felt

Now you should start making the face! Since your Octocat might be bigger or smaller than mine I can't write any exact measurements, so here's your chance to show off your skills for proportions and distances (did I hear a "yay"?)!

Octocats faceplate should be about 15 rounds wide and about half as tall (for example, my Octocats face is about 8cmx4cm, where 15 rounds are 8cm). Make it out of the beige colored felt.

Start cutting out the oval shaped eye whites out of white felt. Make two slightly smaller ovals out of brown felt and glue them to the eye whites. Also, make a tiny mouth and nose out of brown felt. This can be quite tricky, but practise makes perfect!

Now attach the eyes, nose and mouth to the faceplate with glue. Be sure to measure out where you'd like them before you glue anything down to eliminate the risk of getting it wrong, crying and giving up. Then place the faceplate between round 8-22 on Octocats head and glue it down.

That's it, your Octocat is finished! Enjoy :)

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