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NICU Octopus - A Free Crochet Pattern





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NICU OCTOPUS

Recently I was asked to make a few crocheted Octopuses for a local NICU. Since this project was near and dear to my heart, I couldn't wait to get started! I know there are probably a multitude a patterns available to make a NICU octopus, but I just wanted to show y'all how I made mine.



MATERIALS

- 1 Ball of Lily Sugar 'n Cream
- Size E (3.50 mm) Crochet Hook
- Hypoallergenic Fiberfill

- Stitch Marker
- Yarn Needle for weaving in ends

STITCHES USED

- Ch - chain
- Sc - single crochet
- Slst - slip stitch
- St(s) - stitch(es)
- Sc2tog - single crochet two together

NOTE

This pattern is worked in the round continuously without joining at the end of each round. Instead, place a stitch marker and move it up as you go to mark the first stitch of each round.



PATTERN

Create a magic ring.

Round 1: Ch 1 and 8 sc into ring.

Round 2: 2 sc in every st around. (16 sts)

Round 3: *2 sc in the next st. 1 sc in the next st. Repeat from * around. (24 sts)

Round 4: *2 sc in the next st. 1 sc in the next 2 sts. Repeat from * around (32 sts)

Rounds 5-10: Sc in every st around. (32 sts)

Round 11: *Sc in the next 2 sts. Sc2tog. Repeat from * around. (24 sts)

Round 12: Sc in every st around. (24 sts)

Round 13: *Sc in the next st. Sc2tog. Repeat from * around. (16 sts)

Round 14: Sc in every st around. Stuff the head of your octopus. (16 sts)

Round 15: Sc2tog around. Slst into the first st of this round to join. Add more stuffing if you need to. You're now done using your stitch marker. (8 sts)

Now we'll make the eight tentacles!

Ch 35. 2 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each of the next 33 chs. Slst into the next st on the body of the octopus. Repeat this 7 more times. After the last tentacle, you'll slst into the same stitch that your first tentacle is coming out of.

Fasten off leaving a long enough tail to sew shut round 15 of the body. Sew it shut. Weave in end, and

Ta-da!!!



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Wow, I love your octopus! I'm new at crocheting and I can't wait to start my own octopus 🐙 Thanks

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5 years ago

Thank you Monique! I'm glad you love it! Hope you enjoy the pattern 😊

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a year ago

Hi! Is it alright if I link this NICU Octopus pattern (and a photo) on a resource page for bereaved parents? I love this pattern and want to share it in that capacity :)

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**Angela Walden**

3 years ago

I LOVE these! My children spent a considerable amount of time in the NICU & I am always looking for something to make & donate. This is adorable, & I've heard the babies really like them, holding onto & pulling the tentacles. I will definitely use this pattern. Thank you!

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**Samantha Woodside**

4 years ago

I was wondering if you could help me! I'm crocheting the tentacles but mine aren't curling like the picture! I'm chaining 35 and 2 sc in each.. I'm so confused! Help!

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→ Samantha Woodside

4 years ago

You could be crocheting loosely. You could try a smaller hook or put 3 sc in each chain

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