

Giant Squishy Octopus Pattern

Materials Needed & Measurements:

- **Crochet Hook:** Size L (8mm).
- **Yarn:**
 - **Main Color:** Approximately 21 oz of bulky weight yarn.
 - **Accent Color (e.g., white):** Approximately 10.5 oz of bulky weight yarn. (A smaller amount may suffice, depending on design.)
- **Safety Eyes:** 30mm size (1 pair).
- **Worsted Weight Yarn:** A small amount of black yarn for stitching details, such as the mouth.
- **Yarn Needle:** For sewing pieces and weaving in ends.
- **Stuffing:** Approximately 50 oz of polyester fiberfill or similar stuffing material.

Measurements:

- **Body Diameter (before stuffing):** ~14 inches (may vary based on tension).
- **Tentacle Length:** ~10 inches each.
- **Overall Height (stuffed):** ~18–20 inches, depending on stuffing density.

Abbreviations (US Terminology):

- **ch:** chain
- **sc:** single crochet
- **inc:** increase (2 sc in the same stitch)
- **dec:** decrease (single crochet 2 stitches together)
- **st(s):** stitch(es)
- **FO:** fasten off

Stitching Instructions for Making Giant Squishy Octopus Pattern:

Body Instructions

- **Top of the Body:**
 - Begin with a magic circle (or ch 2 and work into the first chain).
 - **Round 1:** Work 6 sc into the magic circle. (6 sts)
 - **Round 2:** Inc in each st around. (12 sts)
 - **Round 3:** 1 *sc*, *inc* repeat around. (18 sts)
 - **Round 4:** 2 *sc*, *inc* repeat around. (24 sts)
 - Continue in this increasing pattern, adding 1 more sc between each inc in every round:
 - **Round 5:** 3 *sc*, *inc* (30 sts)
 - **Round 6:** 4 *sc*, *inc* (36 sts)
 - Keep increasing until you reach **96 sts** in a round.
- **Middle of the Body:** Once you have 96 sts, work **1 sc in each stitch** for 15 rounds (or more if you want a taller octopus). This forms the sides of the body.
- **Bottom of the Body:**
 - Begin decreasing to close the body:
 - **Round 1:** 14 *sc*, *dec* repeat around.
 - **Round 2:** 13 *sc*, *dec* repeat around.
 - Continue in this pattern, decreasing 1 sc between each dec until only **6 sts** remain.
 - Stuff the body with polyester fiberfill firmly before closing.
 - Use a yarn needle to sew the opening shut and weave in the end.

Tentacles Instructions (Make 8)

- **Tentacle Base:**
 - Ch 41 (or desired length; longer chains make longer tentacles).
 - **Row 1:** Starting in the second ch from the hook, work 3 sc in each chain across.
 - The tentacle will curl naturally as you work.

- **Tentacle Curling:** After finishing, FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- **Attach Tentacles:**
 - Evenly space and sew the 8 tentacles around the bottom of the body.
 - Use a yarn needle and the long tail of each tentacle to secure them firmly to the body.

Face (Optional)

- **Eyes:**
 - Attach safety eyes securely to the front of the body, spacing them evenly.
 - Place the eyes approximately halfway up the height of the body or adjust based on your preference.
- **Mouth:** Use black yarn and a yarn needle to stitch a smile or desired facial expression between the eyes.

Decorative Spots (Optional):

- **Small Spots:**
 - Start with a magic circle.
 - **Round 1:** Work 6 sc into the circle.
 - FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- **Large Spots:**
 - Start with a magic circle.
 - **Round 1:** Work 6 sc into the circle.
 - **Round 2:** 1 sc, inc repeat around. (9 sts)
 - FO, leaving a long tail for sewing.
- **Attach Spots:** Sew the spots onto the body in desired locations using the long tails.

Final Assembly

- **Stuffing and Shaping:**
 - Stuff the body firmly with polyester fiberfill, adjusting the density to achieve the desired squishiness.
 - Make sure the body's shape is round and even.

- **Tentacle Arrangement:**
 - Adjust the tentacles to curl naturally.
 - Ensure they are evenly spaced around the body for symmetry.
- **Check Attachments:** Double-check all elements (eyes, mouth, tentacles, spots) to ensure they are securely attached.