



Mini Knit Octopus

My octopus is mini, just 1 ¼” tall and 2 “ wide, but you can make him bigger by using thicker yarn or using more stitches. For instance you could make the body by casting on 30 stitches and knitting 30 rows, then cast on 15 stitches for the legs.

Supplies:

worsted weight yarn
four size 5 double-pointed needles
two size 2 needles
stitch marker
tapestry needle
beads, small buttons or embroidery floss to make eyes

Gauge: Gauge is not important for this project, you just want to make sure that it is tight enough that the stuffing doesn't show through.

Abbreviations:

k- knit
p - purl
kfb - knit into the same stitch through the front and then the back

Body:

With larger needles, cast on 18 stitches. Divide between three needles. Join together to knit in the round. Place a stitch marker between the first and last stitch to mark rows.

Row 1 - 18: (k1, p1)9x

Leave on the needles.

Put your cast on tail on a tapestry needle. Weave through cast on stitches and pull tight to close. Weave in the end.

Stiff the body tightly forming into a ball.

Cut the working yarn leaving a 6-inch tail. Put on a tapestry needle, weave through the stitches on the needles. Take out the needle and pull the stitches tight to close. Weave in the end.

Legs (make 8):

With smaller needles, cast on 8 stitches loosely.

Row 1: kfb then k1 into every stitch, making 3 stitches for each one. (24 stitches)

Row 2: bind off

Cut working yarn leaving a 6 - 10-inch tail.

Weave in cast on tail. I wet my legs down to stretch them a bit and make them just slightly less curly, that is a design choice.

Finishing:

Using the bind off tails, sew the tails around the bottom of the body. (You can choose which end is the bottom.)

Sew, glue or embroider on eyes.

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