

MATERIALS

Red Heart® Bunches of Hugs™ (14 oz/397 q; 948 yds/868 m)

1 ball Capri (5514)

Note: 1 ball will make 5 Preemie Octopus toys.

Size U.S. G/6 (4 mm) crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge. Stitch markers. Stuffing. Black embroidery floss for eyes and mouth.





CROCHET I SKILL LEVEL: EASY

ABBREVIATIONS

Approx = Approximately

Beg = Beginning

Ch = Chain(s)

Dc = Double crochet

Sc = Single crochet

Sc2tog = Draw up a loop in each of next 2 sc. Yoh and draw through all 3 loops on hook

SI st = Slip stitch Rem = Remaining

Rep = Repeat

Rnd(s) = Round(s)

Yoh = Yarn over hook

MEASUREMENTS

Approx 12" [30.5 cm] long, including tentacles

GAUGE

15 sc and 18 rows = 4" [10 cm].

INSTRUCTIONS

Note: Head of Octopus is worked in continuous rnds. Do not join at end of rnds. Place a st marker to indicate beg of rnds and move marker as each rnd is worked.

Head: Ch 2

**1st rnd: 7 sc in 2nd ch from

hook, 7 sc.

2nd rnd: 2 sc in each sc around.

14 sc.

3rd rnd: *1 sc in next sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. 21 sc. 4th rnd: *1 sc in each of next 2 sc.

2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. 28 sc.

5th rnd: *1 sc in each of next 3 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. 35 sc.

6th and 7th rnds: 1 sc in each sc around.

8th rnd: *1 sc in each of next 4 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. 42 sc.

9th and 10th rnds: 1 sc in each sc around.

11th rnd: *1 sc in each of next 5 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. 49 sc.

12th and 13th rnds: 1 sc in each sc around.

14th rnd: *1 sc in each of next 6 sc. 2 sc in next sc. Rep from * around. 56 sc.

15th to 20th rnds: 1 sc in each sc around.

21st rnd: *1 sc in each of next 6 sc. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. 49 sts.

22nd rnd: 1 sc in each sc around. 23rd rnd: *1 sc in each of next 5 sc. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. 42 sts.

24th rnd: 1 sc in each sc around.

25th rnd: *1 sc in each of next 4 sc. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. 35 sts.

27th rnds: 1 sc in each sc around. 27th rnd: 1 sc in each of first 3 sc. *Sc2tog. 1 sc in each of next 9 sc. Rep from * around. 32 sts.

28th rnd: Working in back loops only, 1 sc in each sc around. Place a marker on last rnd.

29th rnd: Working in both loops, *1 sc in each of next 2 sc. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. 24 sts. Stuff Head.

30th rnd: Ch 1. *1 sc in next sc. Sc2tog. Rep from * around. 16 sts. **31st rnd:** Ch 1. *Sc2tog. Rep from * around. 8 sts. Cut yarn, leaving a long end. Fasten off. Thread end of yarn through rem 8 sts. Pull tightly. Fasten securely.

Divide for 8 Tentacles:

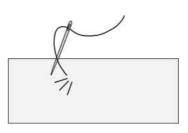
Join yarn with sl st to any rem front loop of marked rnd.

1st Tentacle: Ch 38. 4 dc in 4th ch from hook. *5 dc in next ch. Rep from * to end of chain. Skip next 3 sc of 27th rnd. Sl st in next sc.

2nd to 8th Tentacles: As 1st Tentacle. Fasten off at end of 8th Tentacle.

With black embroidery floss, embroider mouth using straight stitch and eyes, using French knots.

Straight Stitch



French Knot

