

Instructions

FUNNY MINI

Little Octopus

Difficulty:



Needles:



4 – 5 mm

Quality:

Funny Mini from Gründl
100 % Polyester
15 g / 18 m



Size:

Ø Body approx. 7 cm

Usage:

15 g each in col. 1, col. 2, col. 3, col. 4 and col. 5
approx. 20 g polyester filling, 1 pair of safety eyes
Ø 6 – 7 mm, cotton yarn remnants in black and white to embroider details.

Needles:

1 crochet hook in size 4 – 5 mm or size needed to achieve given tension.

Stitch Pattern:

Dc in spiral rnds: The dc are worked cont over the beg of the rnds. Mark the first st in each rnd with a contrast piece of yarn or a stitch marker.

Dc2tog: (= invisible decs)

Insert the crochet hook into the front loop of the first and then at the same time into the front loop of the second stitch, now you will have 3 loops on the hook, yarn over and pull through both sts. Now you have 2 loops on the hook. Yarn over and then pull through both loops. This way the decs are barely visible. The decs can also be worked by pulling the last loop of the dc through 2 sts but creates a thicker looking st.

Tension:

14 sts and 12 rnds to 10 cm meas over double crochet in spiral rounds

Instructions:

Caution: All pieces of the octopus should be worked tightly, that means the tension should be carefully observed so the filling does not work it's way through the sts to the outside and cannot be pulled through the stitches in the finished piece. The pieces need to be sewn together tightly and all threads secured to prevent the small pieces or facial features from loosening or falling off!

Body: (start at top)

Using col. 1 make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

Rnd 2: double every st (= dc2 into one st) (= 12 sts)

Rnd 3: double every 2nd st (= 18 sts)

Rnd 4: double every 3rd st (= 24 sts)

Rnd 5: double every 4th st (= 30 sts)

Rnds 6 + 7: dc without incs.

Rnd 8: dc2tog every 4th and 5th st (= 24 sts)

Rnd 9: dc2tog every 3rd and 4th st (= 18 sts)

Now insert the safety eyes between rnds 6 and 7 spacing 3 sts apart. Start inserting filling into the body.

Rnd 10: dc2tog every 2nd and 3rd st
(= 12 sts)

Finish stuffing the body.

Rnd 11: dc2tog 6 times (= 6 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st. Close the opening.

Legs: (Make to each in col. 1, 2, 3 and 4. Start each at front)

Make a magic ring and dc6 into the ring (= rnd 1). Cont dcs in spiral rnds.

Rnd 2: double 2nd every st (= dc2 into one st) (= 9 sts)

Rnds 3 + 4: dc without incs.

Loosely stuff leg with filling material.

Rnd 5: dc2tog every 2nd and 3rd st
(= 6 sts)

Rnds 6 + 7: dc without incs.

Rnd 8: dc2tog every 2nd and 3rd st
(= 4 sts)

Cut yarn and pull through last st.

Finishing:

Add highlights to the outer edge of the eyes using white yarn, embroider the eyebrows and the mouth using black yarn. To give the eyes more expression, pull the eyes a bit inward. To do so use a blunt needle and a piece of yarn thread needle through the bottom to the eye and make a very small stitch next to the eye. Thread the needle back through the body to the bottom and pull the yarn taut. Knot and sew end securely. Do this for both eyes. Sew the 8 legs together at the tops in the shape of a star then sew legs to body. Secure all ends.

Abbreviations:

approx. = approximate(ly)

beg = begin(ning)

ch = chain

col = colour(s)

cont = continue (continuously)

dc = double crochet

dec(s) = decrease(s)

fol = follow(s)/ following

inc = increase

meas = measure(d)

prev = previous

rnd(s) = round(s)

st(s) = stitch(es)

tog = together