

# Crocheted Octo – British version

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## Give an octo?

Would you like to make a difference and help a premature baby feel safe – then grab your crochet hook. The tentacles of the octo resembles the cord and reminds the babies of the time in the womb. The octos get donated to families with premature babies on the 17 neonatal departments in Denmark. You get to choose which department to donate to – find your octo ambassador on [www.spruttegruppen.dk](http://www.spruttegruppen.dk) (site is in Danish only)

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### MATERIALS:

- **Crochet hook** size 3 or 3,5 millimeter
- **Cotton yarn** (100 percent cotton only), cotton 8/4 or 8/8 ( the reason for mentioning more options is that tightness is individual and to emphasize that it is perfectly fine to use leftover yarn. The octos does not have to be all alike, though preferably not larger than the one on the picture below and smaller would be great! ☺ )
- **Stuffing:** Fiber filling – has to be washable at 60 degrees Celsius
- **Tapestry needle**

### Abbreviations:

Dc – double crochet  
Htc – half treble crochet  
Tc – treble crochet  
St – stitch  
Sts - stitches  
Ch – chain  
Tg – together  
Sl st – slip stitch  
Yoh – yarn over hook

### Body: working in continuous rounds:

1<sup>st</sup> round: 6 dc in a magic loop  
2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2 dc in each st (12 sts in total)  
3<sup>rd</sup> round: 2 dc in every other st, 1 dc in the other sts (18 sts in total)  
4<sup>th</sup> round: 2 dc in every 3<sup>rd</sup> st, 1 dc in all other sts (24 sts)  
5<sup>th</sup> round: 2 dc in every 4<sup>th</sup> st, 1 dc in all other sts (30 sts)  
6<sup>th</sup> round: 2 dc in every 5<sup>th</sup> st, 1 dc in all other stitches (36 sts)  
7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> round: 1 dc in each st (36 sts each round)  
15<sup>th</sup> round: \*1 dc in the first 4 st, dc tg 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> st\* repeat 5 times (30 sts remaining)  
16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> round: 1 dc in each st (30 sts)  
18<sup>th</sup> round: \*1 dc in each of 3 sts, dc tg 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> st\* repeat 5 times (24 sts remaining)  
19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> round: 1 dc in each st (24 sts)

21<sup>st</sup> round: \*1 dc in first 2 sts, dc tg 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> st\* repeat 5 times (18 sts remaining)

22<sup>nd</sup> round: 1 dc in each st (18 sts)

23<sup>rd</sup> round: \*1 dc in first 7 sts, dc tg 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> st \* repeat once (16 sts remaining)

24<sup>th</sup> round: 1 dc in each st (16 sts)

25<sup>th</sup> round: this is where the tentacles starts: \*1 dc, chain 50, turn, 2 or 3 dc in each chain (49 chains), 1 dc in next st of the body\* repeat 7 times, making 8 tentacles. End with a sl st, cut yarn and sew in the end.

The tentacles must not be longer than 22 centimeters when drawn out the longest they can, as they may be a choking hazard if longer.

### **Bottom:**

1<sup>st</sup> round: 5 dc in a magic ring

2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2 dc in each stitch (10 stitches)

3<sup>rd</sup> round: 2 dc in every other stitch, 1 dc in the other stitches (15 stitches) End with a sl st, cut yarn and sew in the end.

### **Eyes:**

Crochet in single white yarn, make 2 (or embroider the eyes as you like)

1<sup>st</sup> round: 4 dc in a magic loop

2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2 dc in each st (8 sts)

3<sup>rd</sup> round: 2 dc in every other st, 1 dc in the other (12 sts)

End with a sl st, cut yarn and sew in ends.

Embroider pupils with black thread.

### **Assembling the octo**

Stuff the body and sew the bottom on. Sew on the eyes (or embroider them on) and embroider a mouth using your preferred stitches.

## **Accessory inspiration**

### **Purple flower/star:**

1<sup>st</sup> round: ch 6, sl st in first st to make a ring

2<sup>nd</sup> round: ch 1, 10 dc in the ring, sl st in first dc to end round,

3<sup>rd</sup> round: ch 1, 1 dc in same st, \*ch 3, miss 1 st, 1 dc in next st\* repeat 4 times (last repeat ends with a sl st instead of a dc) Now there should be 5 loops

4<sup>th</sup> round: into the first loop: ch 1, 1dc, 1 htc, 1 tc, 1 htc, 1 dc. Repeat into the other 4 loops, in the last loop end with sl st instead of dc. Cut yarn and sew in ends

### **Green flower with 5 petals**

1<sup>st</sup> round: ch 6, sl st into first st to form a ring

2<sup>nd</sup> round: ch 1, 10 dc into the ring, sl st in first dc to end round

3<sup>rd</sup> round: ch 1, 1 dc in same st, \*ch 3, miss 1 st, 1 dc in next st\* repeat 4 times (5 loops)  
4<sup>th</sup> round: \*ch 3, (yoh, hook through loop, yoh, draw up till same height as the ch 3, do this 4 more times (10 loops on hook), yoh, pull through all loops on the hook), ch 3, 1 dc in next st\* repeat for each of the 4 remaining loops, end last repeat with sl st instead of dc, fasten of, cut yarn and sew in ends.

**Hat:**

1<sup>st</sup> round: 5 dc into a magic ring

2<sup>nd</sup> round: 2 dc in each st (10 sts)

3<sup>rd</sup> round: 2 dc in every other st, 1 dc in the rest (15 st)

4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> round: 1 dc in each st (15 sts)

7<sup>th</sup> round: 2 dc in each st (30 sts) sl st in first dc, fasten of, cut yarn and sew in ends

Stuff the hat a little bit and sew it onto the octo. Embroider the hat in 6<sup>th</sup> round with a double string yarn in contrasting color and make a bow. Sew the bow securely to the hat to insure it does not loosen.

For more inspiration, see

• <http://enelefant.blogspot.dk/2013/03/sprutte-lir-med-opskrift-diy.html>

Instructions for the magic ring, see

• <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GEsPB3Rdkic&list=PLbHEcdQw1SaSBx-h-HhLhSMm8TyoqH8Hq>

• <http://www.garnstudio.com/lang/dk/video.php?id=98>

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