

# Giant Squishy Octopus Crochet Pattern

A soft, oversized amigurumi-style crochet project



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## Abbreviations

- ch — chain
- sc — single crochet
- sl st — slip stitch
- inc — increase (2 single crochets in one loop)
- dec — decrease (pull yarn through loop, pull yarn through second loop, yarn over and pull through all loops)

## Materials Needed

- L (8mm) crochet hook
- Bernat Blanket yarn — 10.5 oz size (2 balls of main color, 1 ball of vintage white). You may be able to use a smaller ball of the vintage white.
- 30mm safety eyes
- Black worsted weight yarn (for the mouth)
- Yarn needle
- Poly-fil (a full 50 oz bag was used per octopus)

## Notes Before You Begin

1. If you tend to crochet with loose stitches, use a smaller crochet hook to reduce yarn used and tighten your stitches.
  2. The octopus head won't look very round while you're working it — stuffing it fully with poly-fil rounds it out. Stuff extra full and push filling into shape; this also helps it keep its shape through hugging and squishing.
  3. This pattern is worked in the round, through both loops unless noted otherwise. At the end of each row: sl st, ch 1, turn, working the next row in the opposite direction. You may skip turning and crochet continuously in the same direction throughout if preferred.
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## Body

Ch 3. Sl st to first ch to create a circle. (You can use a magic circle instead, if preferred.)

Row 1: Ch 1, 10 sc inside circle. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next stitch, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 2 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 4: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 3 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 5: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 4 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 5 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 7: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 6 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 8: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 7 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 9: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 8 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 10: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 9 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 11: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 10 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 12: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 11 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 13: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 12 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 14: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 13 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 15: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 14 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 16: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 15 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 17: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 16 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 18: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 17 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 19: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 18 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Rows 20–26: Sc in each stitch around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 27: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 18 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 28: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 17 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 29: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 16 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 30: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 15 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 31: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 14 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 32: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 13 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 33: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 12 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 34: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 11 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 35: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 10 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 36: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 9 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 37: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 8 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 38: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 7 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 39: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 6 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

*Stuff the body as full as you can, shaping it as you stuff. Position the eyes between rows 21 and 22 with 13 sc's of space between them. Center the mouth between the eyes, sewing it on 2 rows down. Continue stuffing the body as you go.*

Row 40: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 5 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 41: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 4 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 42: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 3 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 43: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 2 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 44: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next stitch, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 45: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

If there's still an opening at the bottom, slip stitch closed. Tie off.

## Legs (make 8)

Starting with white, ch 3. Sl st to first ch to create a circle. (You can use a magic circle instead, if preferred.)

Row 1: Ch 1, 10 sc inside circle. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 2: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next stitch, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 3: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 2 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 4: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 3 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 5: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 4 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 6: \*Inc in first stitch, sc in next 5 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 7: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 5 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Change to main color.

Rows 8–9: Sc around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 10: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 4 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Rows 11–12: Sc around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 13: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 3 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Rows 14–15: Sc around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Row 16: \*Dec in first 2 stitches, sc in next 2 stitches, repeat from \* around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

Rows 17–18: Sc around. Sl st to first sc, ch 1, turn.

## Joining the Legs

For the first 7 legs, fasten off, leaving a short tail. Stuff each leg a little more than halfway, pushing the stuffing toward the foot so the top remains easier to flatten.

For the 8th leg, do not fasten off. Flatten the top opening of the leg so the stitches line up across the top. Single crochet through both layers to close the top edge.

Continue by single crocheting across the flattened top of each of the remaining 7 legs, joining all 8 legs into one connected ring. Slip stitch to the first stitch to form a circle. Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

## Assembly

1. Turn the octopus body upside down.
2. Center the joined leg ring over the base of the body, spacing the legs evenly.
3. Using a yarn needle and the long yarn tail, sew the leg ring securely to the body all the way around. Weave in ends.
4. Turn the octopus right-side up and gently shape the legs.