



The Doll Project N° VIII

OCTOPUS „OLEG“

THAT'S WHAT YOU NEED:

2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook

tapestry needle

3 different yarns calling for 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook

2 black 6mm (0,2 inch) glass eyes (or use some safety eyes or black yarn to embroider, when the doll is made for a baby)

4 white & 2 red 3 mm (0,12 inch) beads for collar's cords

soft stuffing (like cotton wool, etc.)

FIRST OF ALL:

Make sure, you crochet pretty tight all the way, to get no huge stretching holes between the stitches after you filled in the cotton wool. If you crochet very loose, maybe you should choose a smaller hook or a yarn with smaller gauge as called.

Of course you can choose a totally different yarn – the dolls measurements will change (larger on smaller gauge) but that's no problem - in that case you only have to correct the size of the head and the eyes-size and follow the additional green instructions.

I used the following yarns on a 2,5 mm (US 1 ½) hook, so the entire doll turns out at a size of 27 cm (10,6 inch).

MC yarn light blue for the body, arms, collar, tentacles & hood

(i used „Atelier Zitron Trekking XXL Tweed 4 ply“ color: 209 lichtblau – 50g, yardage: 420m/460 yds (100g), gauge: 10x10cm (4x4) 30M/42R)

CC1 yarn in white or light creme color for the head and hands

(i used „Schachenmayr Catania“ color: 130 crème, 4 ply - 15g, yardage 125m/137yds (50g), gauge: 10x10cm (4x4) 26M/36R)

CC2 yarn in dark blue for cuffs

(i used „Schoppel Wolle, Admiral tweed 4ply“ color: 3593 Tinte - 5g - yardage: 420m/460yds (100g), gauge: 10x10cm 30M/42R)



DETAILS



HANDS



HEAD



ABBREVIATIONS (US CROCHET TERMS)

MC	=	main color (light blue)	rem	=	remain / remaining
CC1	=	contrasting color no. 1 (white)	rep	=	repeat(s)
CC2	=	contrasting color no. 2 (dark blue)	rnd(s)	=	round(s)
beg	=	begin / beginning	RS	=	right side
ch	=	chain stitch	sc	=	single crochet
cm	=	centimeter(s)	sc3tog	=	sc next 3 stitches together at a time (single crochet decrease)
dc	=	double crochet	sk	=	skip
dec	=	sc 2 stitches together (single crochet decrease)	slst	=	slip stitch
hdc	=	half double crochet stitch	st(s)	=	stitch(es)
inc	=	sc in indicated stitch 2 times (single crochet increase)	tog	=	together
lp(s)	=	loop(s)	tr	=	treble crochet stitch / triple crochet stitch
mm	=	millimeter(s)	WS	=	wrong side
			[] ...x	=	repeat instructions in brackets ... times

***In case you are using an other yarn as suggested:**

For the head I used a yarn with bigger gauge than the bodies yarn. When you use a **similar yarn** (same gauge) for head and body - you have to crochet some modification: Please work the **green instructions additionally**. If you are using yarns in the same gauge as suggested here - please ignore the green rounds!

HEAD make a loop of the CC1 yarn (white)

rnd.

rnd.

01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop	10.-16. (7/9 rnds)	[sc] across (54/66 sts)
02.	[inc] 6x (12 sts)	16a	[dec, sc 9] 6x (60 sts)
03.	[sc, inc] 6x (18 sts)	16b	[dec, sc 8] 6x (54 sts)
04.	[sc 2, inc] 6x (24 sts)	17.	[dec, sc 7] 6x (48 sts)
05.	[sc 3, inc] 6x (30 sts)	18.	[dec, sc 6] 6x (42 sts)
06.	[sc 4, inc] 6x (36 sts)	19.	[dec, sc 5] 6x (36 sts)
07.	[sc 5, inc] 6x (42 sts)	20.	[dec, sc 4] 6x (30 sts)
08.	[sc 6, inc] 6x (48 sts)	21.	[dec, sc 3] 6x (24 sts)
09.	[sc 7, inc] 6x (54 sts)	22.	[dec, sc 2] 6x (18 sts)
09a	[sc 8, inc] 6x (60 sts)	23.	[sc] across (18 sts)
09b	[sc 9, inc] 6x (66 sts)		

Now break the yarn and **make sure you leave enough yarn to fix the eyes to the head.**

HOOD

make a loop of the MC yarn (light blue)

# rnd.		# rnd.	
01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop (6 sts)	11.	[sc 13, inc] 3x (45 sts)
02.	[sc, inc] 3x (9 sts)	12.	[sc 14, inc] 3x (48 sts)
03.	[sc 2, inc] 3x (12 sts)	13.	[sc 7, inc] 6x (54 sts)
04.	[sc, inc] 6x (18 sts)	14.	[sc 17, inc] 3x (57 sts)
05.	[sc 5, inc] 3x (21 sts)	15.	[sc 18, inc] 3x (60 sts)
06.	[sc 6, inc] 3x (24 sts)	16.	[sc 19, inc] 3x (63 sts)
07.	[sc 3, inc] 6x (30 sts)	17.	[sc 20, inc] 3x (66 sts)
08.	[sc 9, inc] 3x (33 sts)	18.-32. (15/18 rnds)	[sc] across (66 sts)
09.	[sc 10, inc] 3x (36 sts)	33.	[dec, sc 9] 6x (60 sts)
10.	[sc 5, inc] 6x (42 sts)	34.	[dec, sc 8] 6x (54 sts)

Now break yarn and **make sure you leave enough yarn to crochet the hood to the body later.**

TENTACLES

(make 8 of them)

make a foundation chain of 22 using MC yarn (light blue). Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and work the following sts:

# rnd.	
01.	sc 21 - do not turn work - instead join with a sc to form a ring. <i>(that sc is the first st of your following rnds. place a marker here)</i>
02.	sc 20 across remaining sts (21 sts)
03.-06. (4 rnds)	[sc] across (21 sts)
07.+ 08. (2 rnds)	inc, sc 9, dec, sc 9 (21 sts)
09.	inc, sc 3, dec, sc 4, dec, sc 3, dec, sc 4 (19 sts)
10.+ 11. (2 rnds)	inc, sc 8, dec, sc 8 (19 sts)
12.	inc, sc 3, dec, sc 3, dec, sc 3, dec, sc 3 (17 sts)
13.+ 14. (2 rnds)	inc, sc 7, dec, sc 7 (17 sts)
15.	inc, sc 2, dec, sc 3, dec, sc 2, dec, sc 3 (15 sts)
16.+ 17. (2 rnds)	inc, sc 6, dec, sc 6 (15 sts)
18.	inc, sc 2, dec, sc 2, dec, sc 2, dec, sc 2 (13 sts)
19.+ 20. (2 rnds)	inc, sc 5, dec, sc 5 (13 sts)
21.	sc 3, dec, sc 3, dec, sc 2 <i>(1 st left - remove marker and work the following sts to finish)</i> [dec] 6x, slst, ch - Fasten off and weave in ends.



Fill stuffing material into the tentacle firmly - when you have finished the body it's harder to stuff the tentacles, because of the small opening at the end.

NOW WORK FURTHER 7 TENTACLES THE SAME WAY!

BODY continue working with MC yarn (light blue)

You start crocheting the **BOTTOM OF THE BODY**. Now you'll need your 8 tentacles! Place them to a circle and variegate the tentacles line up a bit by letting the curl point to the left or to the right. Now work 8 sc at the first tentacle's edge. Take the second tentacle and continue working 8 sc at this tentacle's edge. Continue working 8 sc on each edge of the remaining tentacles. Now join them to a ring by working a sc in the first sc you've made on the first tentacle.



Now you've got 64 sts. Continue crocheting in the round:

rnd.

01. sc 63 across, dec (*that st is the first st of your following rnds. place a marker here*)
02. sc 6, [dec, sc 6] 7x (56 sts)
03. [dec, sc 5] 8x (48 sts)
04. [dec, sc 4] 8x (40 sts)
05. [dec, sc 3] 8x (32 sts)
06. [dec, sc 2] 8x (24 sts)
07. [dec, sc] 8x (16 sts)
08. [dec] 8x (8 sts) (*remove marker and continue dec to finish*)
09. [dec] 5x, slst, ch - Break yarn.

Now turn your tentacle circle and start crocheting the **THE BODY**. Work 9 sc at the top of the first tentacle's edge. Continue working 9 sc at next tentacle's edge. On the tentacle's sides (between the tentacles) there are 2 st. left - these openings you'll have to sew together later. But first continue working 9 sc on each edge of the remaining tentacles. Now join them to a ring by working a sc in the first sc you've made on the first tentacle.



Fill some stuffing material into the bottom of the body.

Continue filling in stuffing material firmly while working the body decreases - when the body's finished it's harder to stuff the body tight, because of the small opening at the end.

You've got 72 sts. Continue crocheting in the round:

rnd.

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| 01. sc 71 across, dec (<i>that st is the first st of your following rnds. - place a marker here</i>) | 05. sc across (56 sts) |
| 02. sc 7, [dec, sc 7] 7x (64 sts) | 06. [inc, sc 13] 4x (60 sts) |
| 03. sc 7, dec, [sc 14, dec] 3x, sc 7 (60 sts) | 07. [inc, sc 14] 4x (64 sts) |
| 04. sc 7, dec, [sc 13, dec] 3x, sc 6 (56 sts) | 08.+09. (2 rnds) sc across (64 sts) |
| | 10. [inc, sc 15] 4x (68 sts) |

11.-15. (5 rnds)	sc across (68 sts)	35.+36. (2 rnds)	sc across (42 sts)
16.	[dec, sc 32] 2x (66 sts)	37.	[dec, sc 12] 3x (39 sts)
17.-19. (3 rnds)	sc across (66 sts)	38.+39. (2 rnds)	sc across (39 sts)
20.	[dec, sc 20] 3x (63 sts)	40.	[dec, sc 11] 3x (36 sts)
21.	sc across (63 sts)	41.+42. (2 rnds)	sc across (36 sts)
22.	[dec, sc 19] 3x (60 sts)	43.	[dec, sc 10] 3x (33 sts)
23.	sc across (60 sts)	44.+45. (2 rnds)	sc across (33 sts)
24.	[dec, sc 18] 3x (57 sts)	46.	[dec, sc 9] 3x (30 sts)
25.	sc across (57 sts)	47.+48. (2 rnds)	sc across (30 sts)
26.	[dec, sc 17] 3x (54 sts)	49.	[dec, sc 8] 3x (27 sts)
27.	sc across (54 sts)	50.+51. (2 rnds)	sc across (27 sts)
28.	[dec, sc 16] 3x (51 sts)	52.	[dec, sc 7] 3x (24 sts)
29.	sc across (51 sts)	53.+54. (2 rnds)	sc across (24 sts)
30.	[dec, sc 15] 3x (48 sts)	55.	[dec, sc 6] 3x (21 sts)
31.	sc across (48 sts)		
32.	[dec, sc 14] 3x (45 sts)	Now break the yarn and make sure you leave enough yarn to crochet the head onto the body later.	
33.	sc across (45 sts)		
34.	[dec, sc 13] 3x (42 sts)		

ARMS (make 2 of them) start with the HAND (make 2 of them) make a loop of the **CC1 yarn** (white)

rnd.

01.	[sc] 6x in the yarn loop and tighten the loop
02.	[inc] 6x (12 sts)
03.+04. (2 rnds)	[sc] across (12 sts)
05.	sc 5, dc 4 in next st, sc 5, inc (16 sts)
06.	sc 6, sc3tog (<i>these are the 3 center sts of the dcs in rnd 05.</i>) and ch in the loop on the hook, sc 6, inc (16 sts)
07.	sc 15, inc (17 sts)
08.	[sc] across (17 sts) and break yarn

continue crocheting the **ARM** join **CC2 yarn** (dark blue)

rnd.

01.-03. (3 rnd.)	[sc] across (17 sts) now break yarn
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join **MC yarn** (light blue)

rnd.

04.-08. (5 rnds)	[sc] across (17 sts)	27.	sc 7, dec, sc 6 (14 sts)
09.	sc 8, dec, sc 7 (16 sts)	28.-35. (8 rnds)	[sc] across (14 sts)
10.-17. (8 rnds)	[sc] across (16 sts)	36.	sc 6, dec, sc 6 (13 sts)
18.	sc 7, dec, sc 7 (15 sts)	37.-41. (5 rnds)	[sc] across (13 sts)
19.-26. (8 rnds)	[sc] across (15 sts)		

Now fill some soft stuffing into the hand (firmly) and the lower half of the arm's length (loosely). Fold the top of your work (the shoulder) and sew or sc tog the 2 opposed st (sc 6) - after it's done break the yarn **but make shure you've left enough yarn to sew the arm in place later.** Work the same way for the second arm.

COLLAR

leave a **very long tail** of yarn before you crochet a foundation chain of 22 (you'll need the tail for the cords of the collar later!) using MC yarn (light blue). Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and work the following sts:

rnd.

01. sc 21, ch - turn
02. sk 4 sts, tr 3 and dc 3 in the next st (*it's the 5th st from hook*), dc 13, dc 3 and tr 3 in the next st, sk 3 sts and slst in last sts

Now break the yarn and **leave a long tail** for the cords of the collar.

Do not turn work, instead join the yarn again (*RS facing*) at the opposite side of the foundation chain - **leave a long tail for the cords before you join!**

03. sc 21 across **leave a 4th long tail** and break the yarn

Now twist (ply) the two remaining yarn-tails at each side of the collar to form a cord and thread the beads on. Finally make a knot above and below the beads to fix them.



TIP OF THE HOOD

make a foundation chain of 11 using MC yarn (light blue) Insert hook in 2nd ch from hook and work the following sts:

rnd.

01. sc 10, ch 3 (*these 3 ch form the 1st dc of your following row*) - turn

From now on work through the front loops of the sts only:

02. dc 3, dc 2 in next st, tr 3 in next st, dc 2 in next st, dc 4, ch - turn work

work through the remaining loops of the sts of row 01
(*these are the 2nd loop of the same sts you crocheted in for row 02*)

03. dc 4, dc 2 in next st, tr 3 in next st, dc 2 in next st, dc 2, dc 2 in next st, ch - turn work

Work the following row through the back loop of row 02's sts and a front loop of row 03's sts at a time to join them:

04. sc 6, hdc 3 in next st, sc 6, slst

Now break the yarn and **make sure you leave enough yarn to sew the tip onto the hood later.**



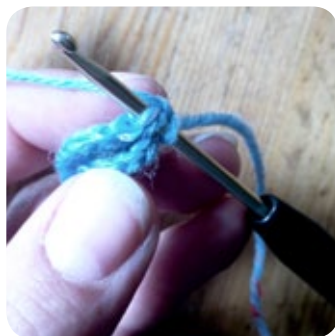
FINS FOR THE HOOD

(you need 2 of them) make a loop of the MC yarn (light blue)

rnd.

01. work the following sts in the loop: ch 3 (*these 3 ch form a 1st dc*), dc 6, ch, dc 7, ch - now tighten the loop and flap
From now on work through a back loop and a front loop of the opposing sts at a time to join the sts:
02. sc 2 in first st, sc 2, sc 3 in next st, sc 2, sc 2 in last st

Now break the yarn and **make sure you leave enough yarn to sew the fin onto the hood later.**



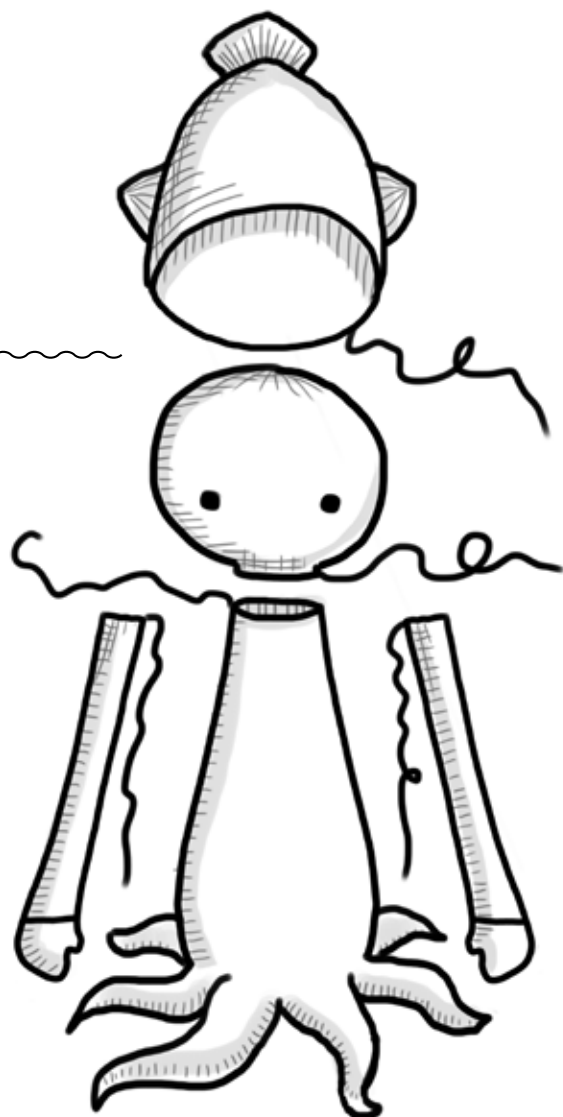
ASSEMBLING

1st STEP – HOOD & BODY:

To join the hood and the body piece crochet or sew 12 sts of the hood to 12 sts at the back of the body opening (from shoulder to shoulder).

2nd STEP – HEAD & BODY:

Fill the head with soft stuffing very firmly! Put the eyes in place - at the height of the head's first dec-rnd. The distance between the eyes corresponds almost exactly the space between two dec at the same rnd. Now fix the eyes inside the head using remaining yarn from head piece. To join the head and the body sew or crochet the openings of head and body together.



3RD STEP – STUFF THE HOOD:

In order to get the right shape for the hood you have to fill in some stuffing material into it before you put the hood on the head and sew it in place. This step is a bit difficult and needs some sensitivity and maybe some trying. The best way is to put as much stuffing into the hood as possible, after that put the hood on the head and fix it with some pins in right position. Now put in more stuffing material evenly the head's curve. To make a smooth transition take your hook and pull down some stuffing inside the hood toward the opening very gently. When the stuffing is set evenly, sew the edge of the hood (at the height of the 3rd and the 6th row) onto the head with some single stitches all the way around.



4th STEP – TIP, FINS & HOOD:

Put the tip in place as shown and sew it onto the hood.
Place the fins left and right and sew it in place.

TIP FRONT VIEW



TIP BACK VIEW



FINS FRONT VIEW



FINS BACK VIEW



5th STEP – ARMS & BODY:

Fill the legs and the body with soft stuffing material very firmly.
Sew the 2 arms in right position onto the body.

6th STEP – TENTACLES:

Finally you have to close the remaining openings between the tentacles by sewing them together

7th STEP – COLLAR & BODY:

You don't need to sew the collar onto the body - just make a bow tie.

8th STEP – HEAD (NOT NECESSARY BUT CUTE DETAIL):

Add some yarn-hair around the head if you prefer. Maybe you like a light blush at the cheeks – use a fabrik marker in light rose color and add a blush underneath the eyes carefully.



CONGRATS! YOU MADE IT!



RELAX & START CUDDLING YOUR NEWBORN OLEG OCTOPUS!