Mini Octopus
Free Pattern
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These adorable little octopuses are a great beginner-friendly pattern. They work up quickly and make great keychains and backpack buddies for kids of all ages.

Materials

- Cotton yarn #3 light dk
- 3.25mm hook
- Embroidery thread, black, white, and pink
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Poly-fil toy stuffing

Abbreviations

ch- chain
hdc- half double crochet

Inc- increase (2 sc in one stitch)
Inv dec- invisible decrease (insert hook into the front loops of 2 dec sts).
mr- magic ring
rep- repeat
sc- single crochet
sl st- slip stitch
st(s)- stitch(es)

Head

6sc in a magic ring and pull tight to close (*6 sts*)

Rnd 1 Inc in each st (*12 sts*)

Rnd 2 [Inc in the first st, 1 sc in the next] rep (*18 sts*)

Rnd 3 [Inc in the first st, 1 sc in the next 2 sts] rep (*24 sts*)

Rnd 4 [Inc in the first st, 1 sc in the next 3 sts] rep (*30 sts*)

Rnd 5-9 sc in each st (4 rnd)

Rnd 10 [Inv dec the first 2 sts, 1 sc in the next 3 sts] rep (*24 sts*)

Rnd 11 [Inv dec the first 2 sts, 1 sc in the next 2 sts] rep (*18 sts*)

Rnd 12 *Flo* [1 hdc in the first st, 1 sc in the next st] rep (*18 sts*)

Fasten off, leaving a long tail for sewing.

Bottom/Legs
8 sc in a magic ring and pull tight to close (*8 sts*)

Rnd 1 Inc in each st (*16 sts*)

Rnd 2 [sc and ch 12 into the first st, place 2 sc in the second st from the hook and the remaining 10 sts going back down the ch, 1sc in the next st] rep

Note: You should have 1 sc in-between each of the 8 legs.

Ch 12

2 sc in each st

1 sc between each leg

Finished bottom

Fasten off, sew the head and bottom/legs, and weave in the ends.

Embroidery

Eyes- sew black and white thread between rounds 5&6, six stitches apart.

Cheeks- sew the pink thread between rounds 7&8.

Lips- sew black thread between rounds 8&9.

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