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The octopus is made in two parts, the body and the tentacles. There are only two places that you have to cut and tie (I hate having to sew in ends). The body progresses from row to row using split rings. The tentacles are made almost entirely of split rings. The finished piece can be stiffened so that the tentacles are splayed out. The eyes are inserted when working the body.

Materials

No. 20 thread, 2 shuttles, 2 buttons (1/2" shirt size - 2 holes), 2 beads.

Abbreviations

RoCh	Ring on Chain	SR	Split Ring	Lp	Long picot
vsp	very small picot	T & C	tie and cut	Lj	lock join using shuttle thread
+	join	S	start		

Body – 2 shuttles (starting at base of body)

Row 1

R1: 2 – 2 – 2 – 2

Ch: vsp 4

*R2: 2 + (last p of previous R) 2 – 2 – 2

Ch: vsp 4

Repeat from * 14 times (16 rings and chains). Join last p of R16 to 1st p of R1. Join last Ch to base of R1

Row 2

SR1: 4 – 4 / 4 – 4

Ch: vsp 6

R2: 4 + (last p of SR1) 4 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 4 Lp (1/2") 4

Ch: vsp 6

R3: 4 + (last p of previous R but going up through hole 1 of button, through bead and back down through hole 2 of button before making the actual join) 4 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 4 – 4

Repeat from R2 to R3

*R6: 4 + (last p of previous R) 4 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 4 – 4

Ch: vsp 6

Repeat from * 10 times (16 rings and chains) joining last R to first SR and last Ch to base of SR1. See figs. 1 & 2

Row 3

SR1: 4 – 4 / 4 – 4

Ch: vsp 6

*R2: 4 + (last p of previous R) 4 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 4 – 4

Ch: vsp 6

Repeat from * 14 times (16 rings and chains) joining last R to first SR and last Ch to base of SR1.

Row 4

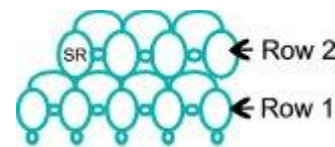


Fig. 1

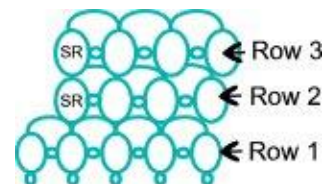


Fig. 2

SR1: 3 – 3 / 3 – 3

Ch: vsp 4

*R2: 3 + (last p of previous R) 3 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 3 – 3

Ch: vsp 4

Repeat from * 14 times (16 rings and chains) joining last R to first SR and last Ch to base of S R1.

Row 5

SR1: 2 – 2 / 2 – 2

Ch: vsp 4

*R2: 2 + (last p of previous R) 2 + (vsp at base of next R of row 1) 2 – 2

Ch: vsp 4

Repeat from * 14 times (16 rings and chains) joining last R to first SR and last Ch to base of S R1.

Row 6

SR1: 3 – 3 / 3 – 3

Ch: 3 RoCh (1 – 1 Lp 1 – 1) 3

*R2: 3 + (last p of previous ring) 3 + (miss base of the next R on previous row and join to following) 3 – 3

Ch: 3 RoCh (1 + [last p of previous RoCh] 1 + [Lp of RoCh] 1 – 1) 3

Repeat from * six times joining final p of RoCh to first p of first RoCh and the last p of R8 to first p of SR1. T & C

Tentacles – Hold body on it's side and using 2 shuttles + to any p of Row 1. See fig. 4

R1: 2 + (joined p's of row 1) 2 + (next p of row 1) 2 – 2

SR2: 3 / 4

*R3: 2 + (last p of previous R) 2 vsp 2 – 2

SR4: 3 / 4

Repeat from * 6 times

SR17: 3 + (last p of previous R) 3 / 8

SR18: 3 + (vsp on R15) / 4

*SR19: 3 + (vsp on next R of first side) / 4

Repeat from * 6 times joining SR25 to same p of row 1 as R1

Ch: 4 + (Lj next p on row 1 of body)

Repeat from R1 until all 8 tentacles have been worked T & C last Ch to base of R1

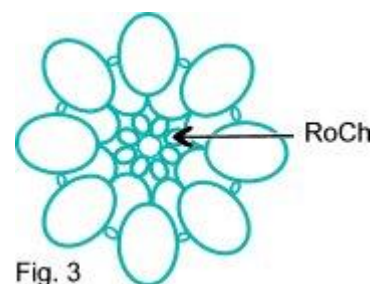


Fig. 3

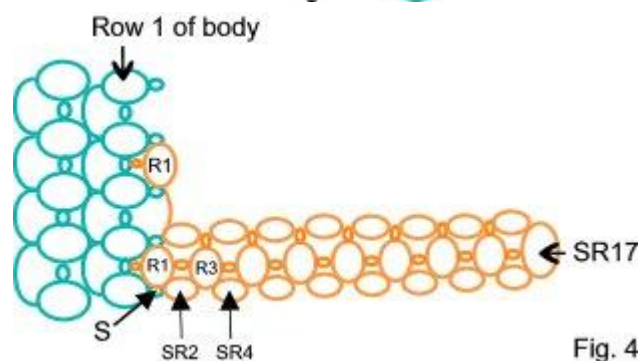


Fig. 4

To finish the octopus I added a large bead to a piece of thread and pulled the thread through the RoCh of Row 6 of the body. I then added another bead tied a knot and made the thread into a loop for hanging.

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