NICU Octopus Crochet Instructions

MATERIALS

- Baby Yarn
- Size E (3.50 mm) Crochet Hook
- Hypoallergenic Fiberfill
- Stitch Marker
- Yarn Needle for weaving in ends

STITCHES USED

- Ch - chain
- Sc - single crochet
- Slst - slip stitch
- St(s) - stitch(es)
- Sc2tog - single crochet two together

NOTE

This pattern is worked in the round continuously without joining at the end of each round. Instead, place a stitch marker and move it up as you go to mark the first stitch of each round.

PATTERN
Create a magic ring.
Round 1: Ch 1 and 8 sc into ring.
Round 2: 2 sc in every st around. (16 sts)
Round 3: *2 sc in the next st. 1 sc in the next st. Repeat from * around. (24 sts)
Round 4: *2 sc in the next st. 1 sc in the next 2 sts. Repeat from * around (32 sts)
Rounds 5-10: Sc in every st around. (32 sts)
Round 11: *Sc in the next 2 sts. Sc2tog. Repeat from * around. (24 sts)
Round 12: Sc in every st around. (24 sts)
Round 13: *Sc in the next st. Sc2tog. Repeat from * around. (16 sts)
Round 14: Sc in every st around. Stuff the head of your octopus. (16 sts)
Round 15: Sc2tog around. Slst into the first st of this round to join. Add more stuffing if you need to. You're now done using your stitch marker. (8 sts)
Now we'll make the eight tentacles!
Ch 35. 2 sc in the 2nd ch from the hook and in each of the next 33 chs. Slst into the next st on the body of the octopus. Repeat this 7 more times. After the last tentacle, you'll slst into the same stitch that your first tentacle is coming out of.
Fasten off leaving a long enough tail to sew shut round 15 of the body. Sew it shut. Weave in end, and....... Ta-da!!!

Please return completed Octopus to the Auxiliary Office along with your name and contact information.

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