PROJECT GUIDE

Amigurumi Octopus

Materials:

DMC Natura Just Cotton (A) Orange - "Saffron" N47, 2 balls (B) Yellow - "Corn Yellow" N83, 1 ball Black 9mm safety eyes Polyester stuffing Black embroidery floss

Tools/Notions:

Size C crochet hook Yarn needle Embroidery needle Craft glue

Key:

ch: Chain sc: single crochet hdc: half double crochet dc: double crochet st: stitch sc2tog: single crochet 2 st together

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French Knot:

Bring needle up through fabric where you want the knot. Hold yarn taut with other hand and wrap the yarn twice around end of the needle. Gently pull the yarn so that the wrapped strands tighten and while holding it taut, insert the needle next to same spot in fabric. Pull yarn through until the knot is formed and lies securely on the surface.

Head/Body:

Starting at top of head with yarn A and a C Hook, make an adjustable ring, ch 1, and sc 6 into the ring. Pull closed.

Rnd 1: Work 2 sc into each st (12 sts)

Rnd 2: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next st), rep from * to end of rnd (18 sts)

Rnd 3: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 2 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (24 sts)

Rnd 4: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 3 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (30 sts)

Rnd 5: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 4 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (36 sts)

Rnd 6: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 5 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (42 sts)

Rnd 7: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 6 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (48 sts)

Rnd 8: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 7 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (54 sts)

Rnd 9: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 8 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (60 sts)

Rnd 10: *(2 Sc into next st, sc into next 9 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (66 sts)

Rnds 11-16: Sc into each st.

Rnd 17: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 9 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (60 sts)

Rnds 18-19: Sc into each st. Rnd 20: Sc2tog around (30 sts) Rnd 21: Sc into each st.

Rnd 22: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts), rep from * to end of rnd (24 sts)

*Insert a stitch marker to hold your place. Insert safety eyes as shown, between Rnds 16 and 17, 12 sts apart. Stuff Head firmly.

Rnd 23: Sc2tog around (12 sts)

Rnd 24: Sc2tog around (6 sts)

Fasten off and leave a long tail. Use a yarn needle and the yarn tail to sew last round closed. Weave in ends.

Tentacles (Make 8):

Rnd 1: Beg at tip of Tentacle with A and C hook, make an adjustable ring, ch 1, and sc 4 into ring. Gently, but firmly, pull tail to close ring.

Rnd 2: Work 2 sc in first st, sc in each st (5 sts)

Rnd 3: 2 Sc in first st, sc in each st (6 sts)

Rnd 4: *(2 Sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts), rep from * around (8 sts)

Rnd 5: 2 Sc in first st, sc in each st (9 sts)

Rnd 6: Sc in each st.

Rnd 7: 2 Sc in first st, sc in each st (10 sts)

Rnd 8: 2 Sc in first st, sc in each st (11 sts)

Rnd 9: 2 Sc in first st, sc in each st (12 sts)

Rnds 10-13: Sc in next 6, hdc in next 6 (12 sts)

Rnd 14: 2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts, hdc in next 6 sts (13 sts)

Rnd 15: Sc in next 7 sts, hdc in next 3, 2 hdc in next st, hdc in next 2 sts (14 sts)

Rnd 16: Sc in next 7 sts, hdc in next 7 sts (14 sts) Rnds 17-19: Sc in each st.

Rnd 20: Sc in next 7 sts, 2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts (15 sts)

Rnds 21-23: Sc in each st.

Rnd 24: 2 Sc in next st, sc in each st (16 sts)

Rnds 25-29: Sc in next 4 sts, hdc in next 8 sts, sc in next 4 sts (16 sts)

Rnd 30: Sc in each st.

*Insert a stitch marker to hold your place and stuff Tentacle. Don't use too much or the Tentacles will be stiff and the yarn will stretch out too much. They should be soft. Continue adding tiny bits of stuffing as you finish.

Rnd 31: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts), rep from * around (14 sts)

Rnd 32: Sc in each st.

Rnd 33: *(Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts), rep from * around (12 sts)

Rnd 34: Sc in next 3 sts, sc2tog three times, sc in next 3 (9 sts)

Rnds 35-36: Sc in each st.

Fasten off and leave a long tail. With a yarn needle, flatten end of Tentacle and sew closed. Leave long tail.





Suckers:

On the underside of each Tentacle, stitch 8 French knots with yarn B and a yarn needle. Weave in ends.

Assembly:

Turn Head upside down. Sew each Tentacle to underside of Head, arranging them around evenly.

Finishing:

With black embroidery floss, stitch smile. This is best accomplished by making a very loose and shallow "v" with two straight stitches.

Using a cotton swab or your pinky finger, apply a bit of pink blush to cheeks, rubbing in tiny circles.

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