

GOOGLY-EYED SQUID

Materials need:

Worsted weight yarn in purple
Small amount of black and white for eyes
G hook (4.25mm)
Polyfil
Crafting needle

Crochet terms used:

Sc - single crochet (US terminology)
Inc – increase. Work 2 sc in same stitch
Dec – decrease. Invisible decrease over 2 stitches
MR – magic ring
Ch – chain
St(s) – stitch(es)

Squid head:

1. In MR, 6 sc (6)
2. (inc) x6 (12)
3. (sc, inc) x6 (18)
4. (sc 2, inc) x6 (24)
5. (sc 3, inc) x6 (30)
6. (sc 4, inc) x6 (36)
7. (sc 5, inc) x6 (42)
8. (sc 6, inc) x6 (48)
9. (sc 7, inc) x6 (54)
10. (sc 8, inc) x6 (60)
11. (sc 9, inc) x6 (66)
12. (sc 10, inc) x6 (72)
- 13-21: sc around (72)
22. (sc 10, dec) x6 (66)
23. (sc 9, dec) x6 (60)
24. (sc 8, dec) x6 (54)
25. (sc 7, dec) x6 (48)
26. (sc 6, dec) x6 (42)
- 27-28. sc around (42)

Finish off. Leave a long tail for sewing the body to the head later.



Squid body

1. Ch 11. Sc in 2nd ch from hook and in next 8, 3 sc in last ch, working along bottom of ch, sc 8, 2 sc in last st. (22)
2. Inc, sc 8, inc x3, sc 8, inc x2 (25)
3. Inc x2, sc 9, inc x4, sc 11, inc x2 (36)
- 4-10. sc around
11. sc, inc x 18, sc 17

Split for the leg:

First leg:

12. sc 7, skip the rest of the round until the last 2 sts. Sc in last 2 sts. These 9 sts will make up your first leg.
- 13-17. sc around (9)

At this point, stuff the body. You will want to stuff the leg loosely up to this point, and from here on out, leave the rest of the leg unstuffed for flexibility.

18. Dec, sc 7 (8)
19. sc
20. Dec, sc 6 (7)
21. sc
22. Dec, sc 5
23. Dec, sc 4
- 24-26. sc. Finish off. Use tail to weave through the last 5 stitches and cinch closed.

For the remaining legs, your previously finished leg will be on the right side. You will start working in the first free sc next to the last leg completed.

Next 4 legs:

1. Sc 6, skip remaining sc until the last 3 remaining stitches. Sc in those 3. (9)
2. Repeat rounds 13-26 of first leg.

If you want to make the middle legs slightly longer, just work another row or two of sc before finishing off.

Final Leg:

Before starting this leg, make sure the body is stuffed firmly but not over stuffed.

1. Sc in the final 9 sts.
2. Repeat rounds 13-26 of first leg.

If you have any gaps between the legs, you can sew the gaps closed.

Eyes: (make 2)

1. With black, 6 sc in MR. Sl st to first sc, finish off black.
2. With white, inc in each st. Sl st to first sc, finish off white. (12)
3. With purple, in front loop only for just this round, (sc, inc) x6 around (18)
4. Sc around (18)
5. Sc around (18)

Finish off, leaving a long tail to sew eye to body.



Assembly:

Now you need to attach the body to the head. Do this by placing the body against the head opening, and sewing through the back loop of the head and around the perimeter of the body, use the long tail left on the head and sew together.

- You will be sewing around the top of the head, down the sides, and then around the bottom (behind the legs) of the body. The legs will not be attached to the head.
- The front of the body is the side that you added all of the increases to. It will puff out slightly, while the back dips in.
- Stuff the head full enough to give it shape, but don't stuff too firmly.
- Using picture as a guide, sew the eyes to the body. Don't forget to stuff!

Optional:

- Once you've attached the head and body together, you can take a strand of yarn and from the bottom, go up all the way through the head to the top, then back down again to create a small indent on each side as pictured. If you prefer the look without the indents, then leave as is.