



Olivia Octopus

Easy enough to make with a child, this clever octopus is a great way to practice making braids. There's no knitting or crocheting! Be creative and use a favorite color of yarn and trims.

RED HEART® Super Saver®: 1 skein 373 Petal Pink.

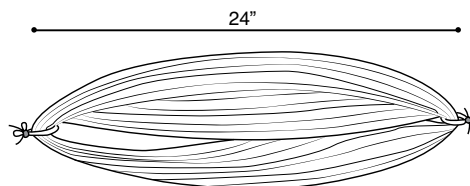
Octopus measures 10" tall.

Materials:

- Two ½" wiggly eyes
- 12" of 1"-wide pre-gathered lace for collar
- ¾ yd of ¾" wide ribbon for hair bow
- 4 yds of ¼" wide ribbon for legs and neck trim
- 2½" diameter Styrofoam® ball for head
- 12" x 24" piece of heavy cardboard
- tissue paper
- small amount of hot pink or red felt
- hot glue gun
- pencil

OCTOPUS

Wind entire skein of yarn around cardboard lengthwise leaving about 6 yards to use for tying later. Tie yarn together loosely at each end of cardboard. Remove cardboard.



Head

Tie a length of yarn tightly around yarn 8" from top and leave for hair. Insert Styrofoam® ball into yarn up close to tie. Arrange yarn around ball to hide and tie tightly below ball to secure for head.



MOUTH

Legs

Cut through center of loops at bottom. Divide yarn into 8 equal sections and braid. Tie ends with yarn. Trim ends evenly. Tie again with narrow ribbon and trim with bows.

FINISHING

Cut through center of loops at top (hair). Arrange hair and trim around face to make bangs. Gather up remaining hair to make a ponytail and tie with wide ribbon. Trim. Glue wiggly eyes in position. Trace lip outline onto tissue paper to make a pattern. Cut felt lips from pattern, glue to face. Glue lace around neck. Glue narrow ribbon over lace. Make a bow with narrow ribbon and glue in place at neck.



RED HEART® Super Saver®, Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multicolor, heather and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins.