

Octopus Bed Dolls

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★ *No skills required.*

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SIZE: Approximately 7" high and 21" wide.

MATERIALS:

- **RED HEART® "Baby Clouds™"**, Art. E710, 100% acrylic, (6 ounce skeins); 6 Ounces No. 9074 Pale Pink or No. 9381 Pale Blue.
- Several yards matching worsted weight yarn.
- 16"-wide cardboard.
- 8½"-wide cardboard.
- One 2½"-diameter styrofoam ball.
- Scissors.
- Yarn needle.
- Small amount pink and red felt.
- Two 15-mm wiggle eyes.
- White craft glue.
- 4 Yards of ¼" pink ribbon.

DIRECTIONS:

LEGS: Wrap **Baby Clouds** yarn 96 times around the 16"-wide cardboard. Tie wraps tightly at one side of the cardboard with a double strand of the worsted weight yarn. Cut wraps on the opposite side of the cardboard = 192 ends.

Divide the 192 ends into 8 bundles of 24 strands. Divide each bundle of 24 strands into thirds (8 strands) and braid until leg is 8" long. Secure end of each braid by tying securely just after the last braid crossing with a double strand of the worsted weight yarn.

Trim yarn ends approximately 2" beyond the tie.

HEAD: Wrap **Baby Clouds** yarn 100 times around the 8½"-wide cardboard. Tie wraps tightly at one side of the cardboard with a 24"-long double strand of the worsted weight yarn. Cut wraps on the opposite side of the cardboard. Spread the yarn ends over the styrofoam ball, smoothing and making sure ball is covered evenly.

Gather the cut ends and tie securely with a double strand of the worsted weight yarn.

FINISHING: Thread yarn needle with one set of the long strands from the head tie (now at the neck area), and sew down through the legs, back up through the neck and down into the legs again. Repeat with the second set of long strands. Knot the ends of the tie. Weave all ends of the worsted weight yarn through the underside of legs for 2-3"; trim.

Trim strands at top of head into desired hairdo.

Cut two 1"-diameter circles from pink felt for cheeks. Cut a ½"-diameter circle from red felt for mouth; trim to mouth shape. Glue eyes, cheeks and mouth in position.

Tie ribbon into bows around end of each leg, around hair topknot, and around neck as pictured.

