



Craftwork, the octopus

Easy Toy Octopus for beginners
to practice:

1. Casting on
2. Garter Stitch
3. Binding Off

Skills Required

- Cast On, Bind off, Garter Stitch

Materials

Yarn/Size

- 60 yards **Worsted Weight Brown Sheep Lanaloft**, or any other worsted weight yarn.

Needles/Notions

- **Size 8 straight needles, at least 10" long.**
- **Safety Eyes Round (8mm)** easy to find online
- **Darning Needle.** a big, often plastic, needle that you can thread yarn through to tie the whole thing together when you're done.

Gauge

- **4.5 stitches per inch** (but don't worry about this, for this project gauge doesn't matter. Gauge is important when you want clothing that you knit to fit.)

Glossary

BO - bind off

CO - cast on

k - knit

p- purl





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Pattern Notes

• **Playing with tight and loose bind offs and cast ons will make the legs have different curves.** So don't stress, it will automatically look nice when you're done.

Instructions

CO 26 stitches.

Row 1: Knit.

Row 2: Knit.

Row 3: Knit

Row 4: Knit

Row 5: Knit

Row 6: Knit

Row 7: Knit

Row 8: BO 15, Knit to end.

Row 9: Knit 10, Knitted Cast On 16.

Row 10: Knit

Row 11: Knit

Row 12: Knit

Row 13: Knit

Row 14: Knit

Row 15: Knit

Row 16: BO 16, knit to end.

Repeat rows 9 - 16 until you have 64 rows (8 legs!) then bind off all the way across

See photos on the next page for finishing.

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Just after “bind off”



Thread darning needle and pull through loop from bind off



Roll up from the end without the loop and needle.



Use darning needle and yarn tail to stitch through the spiral at the top to secure the octopus shape & make an optional loop on top.



Choose a good spot to make a face and fasten the safety eyes.

