

# Preemie Octopus

**One size**

**Gauge – tight enough to hold the fiberfill in securely when stuffed**

**Materials needed:**

- About 50 grams of Worsted weight yarn
- Size 6/4mm double pointed needles (dpn)
- Stitch markers
- Tapestry needle
- Stuffing



## Upper Body

Cast on 12 stitches (3 ea on 4 dpn)

Join to work in the round, placing marker on the first needle

Round 1 - Knit into the front and back (kfb) of the first stitch of each needle, knit across to the next needle

Repeat until each needle holds 13 stitches

Next – knit 6 rows without increases. This is a good space to play with color and/or knit/purl combinations

## Lower body

*You will be staggering the decreases on the first/third needles and the second/fourth needles*

Round 1 - Knit first two stitches together (k2tog) on the first needle knit across the first needle, knit across the second needle, k2tog and knit across on the third needle, knit across the fourth needle

Round 2 – Knit across first needle, k2tog/knit across the second needle, knit across the third needle, k2tog/knit across the fourth needle

Round 3 – First and third needles... put the decreases in the middle of the needle, no decreases on the second/fourth needles

Round 4 – First and third needles get no decreases, put the decreases in the middle of the second and fourth needles

Continue in this manner, staggering the decreases between the needles and beginning/middle until each needle has 4 stitches. Bind off and stuff body

## Legs

*(make 6-8) (6 seems to fit better)*

Cast on enough stitches to fill the double point, bind off (pulling tight) until the needle is empty. The legs will twist naturally.

Stitch the legs to the body.

ENJOY!