

YARNBABIES - crochet & knit comfort toys for pediatric patients
Jellybaby Crochet Pattern for Valley Hospital NICU

Abbreviations

ch – chain

yo – yarn over

st – stitch

sl st – slip stitch

sc – single crochet

hdc – half double crochet

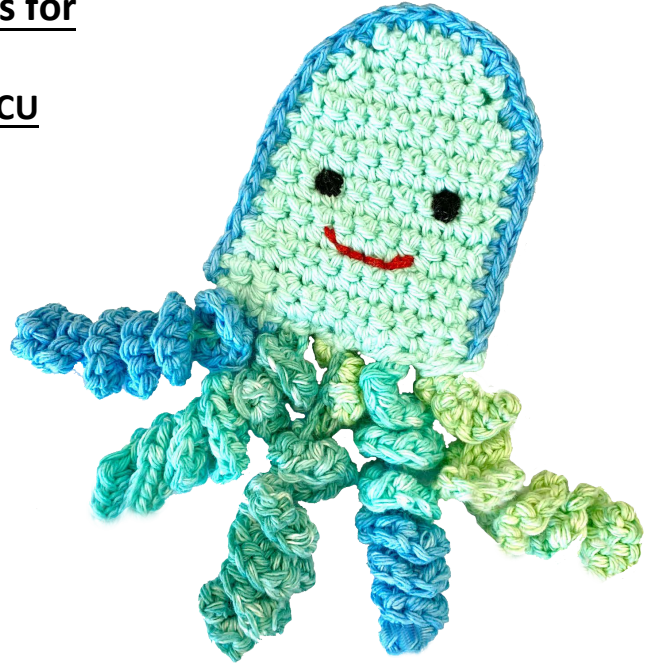
dc – double crochet

inc – single crochet increase, 2 single crochet in one stitch

picot stitch – 1 sc, ch 3, sl st in the first ch.

Materials used - DO NOT STUFF THE BODY, LEAVE FLAT!

100% Cotton Only! No blends: weight/yardage 1.8 oz. (50 g) = approx. 82 yds. (75 m)



Should be tightly crocheted as possible.

Any yarn colors are acceptable for the jellybaby except reds or blacks and dark colors

8 inches/20 cm in black embroidery thread for the eyes, mouth and eyebrows

Crochet hook 4mm

Stitch marker

Yarn needle

Scissors

Information

Skill level: Beginner

The pattern is written in US terms. The jellybaby body consists of two separate panels.

The tentacles are made in rows. All the parts are being crocheted with a 4,5mm (7US) crochet hook. **Optimal size for your finished jellybaby is approx. 7" long overall (body and tentacles relaxed) x 3" wide body.** Embroidery thread eyes and mouth features only, ends must be securely knotted and inside before crocheting the 2 body panels together.

Body

Row 1: Ch 6, turn, 1 sc in each ch. Ch 1, turn (5 sc)

Row 2: inc, 3 sc, inc, ch 1, turn. (7 sc)

Row 3: inc, 5 sc, inc, ch 1, turn. (9 sc)

Row 4: inc, 7 sc, inc, ch 1, turn. (11 sc)

Row 5: inc, 9 sc, inc, ch 1, turn. (13 sc)

Rows 6-14: 1 sc in each stitch for 9 rows, ch 1 turn. (13 sc)

Cut the yarn and fasten off.

Tentacles - should not be longer than 7" fully extended/stretched

Make 5 pieces. 3 in one color and 2 in another color yarn. Ch 28, turn, 2 hdc in the third chain from the hook, 3 hdc in each chain until end of chain. Fasten off, leave a long tail. You can also make some tentacles longer by adding more chains to the beginning chain.

Assembly

Embroider the eyes, eyebrows and mouth with embroidery thread. Ends should be knotted securely on backside before crocheting front and back of body together.

Lay the panels on each other and crochet them together along the rounded edge with single crochet.

Leave straight bottom open and stitch in the tentacles between the body panels securely. Crochet bottom closed

Sl st securely fasten off. Weave in any ends

Skirt - optional

If you want to, you can crochet on a skirt. Crochet the skirt on after you have crocheted the 2 panels together. Fasten yarn in main color on the bottom of the jellyfish in the left corner. Chain 3. 3 dc in the same stitch, * sl st in next 2 stitches, 4 dc in next stitch *repeat 4 more times. Fasten with a slip stitch in the next sc at the side. Fasten off and weave in ends.

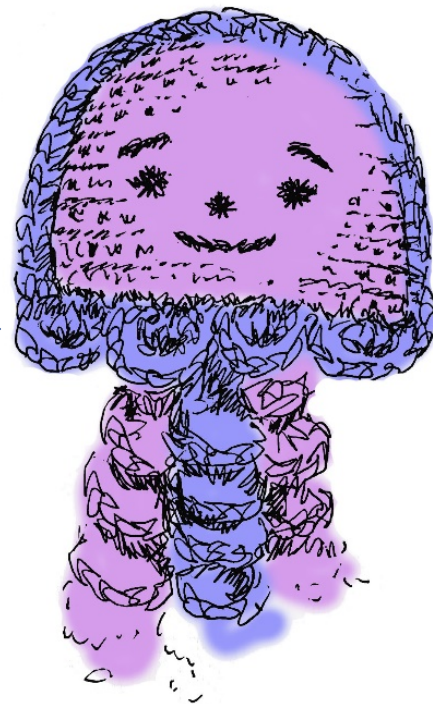
Fasten the tentacles. Try to hide the contrast color yarn (or the other color of choice) by sewing over with the main color.

Make sure that everything is well sewn on so the tentacles don't fall off!

When completed, please put in a zip lock bag with yarn information and card. Thank you for helping the NICU babies!



Crochet Skirt →



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