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Make a slip knot with a 12-inch tail and chain stitch 33. Starting with the second chain stitch off the hook, work two single crochet in each stitch. As you work through a series of stitches, the work will curl, creating a tentacles shape. Specialty yarn is recommended for this project is difficult to work with because it does not show stitches very well. However, it also hides any minor errors, so don't worry about getting it perfect. Molly Johanson / Spruce When you reach the last stitch of the starting circuit, chain stitch 33. Starting with the second chain stitch off the hook, work two single crochet in each stitch. When you reach the end of the stitches, in the middle of the tentacles piece, work one crochet in the last stitch of the first section of the tentacles. This helps secure the sections. Cut the yarn, leaving a 12-inch tail, and pull the yarn through the last stitch through the end. Molly Johanson/Spruce Make three more tentacles pieces, so you have a total of four sets and eight legs. Set them aside. The crochet front and back of the body as you would a flat circle. The cumbersomeness of the yarn and the number of stitches leads to the fact that these circles form trimmed shapes. If you use another yarn, the results may vary. If the circles end up flatter, that's fine! It just makes your octopus a little less spherical. Start the first piece of the octopus' body with a magic circle. Each chain stitch at the beginning of the round is considered one hook. Place the marker stitch on the first chain so you can easily see the beginning of the round. Round 1: Six singles crochet in a lap. Slide the stitch to join. Round 2: Chain stitch one. One crochet in the first stitch, two single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat from th to finish. Slide the stitch to join. Round 3: Chain stitch one. Two single crochet in the next stitch. One one crochet. Two single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat from th to finish. Slide the stitch to join. (18 stitches) Round 4: Chain stitch one. One crochet. Two single crochet in the next stitch. (One single

crochet.) Twice. Two single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat from th to finish. Slide the stitch to join. (24 seams) Round 5: Chain stitch one. (One single crochet.) Twice. Two single crochet in the next stitch. (One single crochet.) Three times. Two single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat from th to finish. Slide the stitch to join. Round 6: Chain stitch one. (One single crochet.) Three times. Two single crochet in the next stitch. (One single crochet.) Four times. Two single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat from th to finish. Slide the stitch to join. (36 stitches) Round 7: Chain stitch one. (One single crochet.) Four times. Two crochet in the next stitch. (One single crochet.) Five times. Two single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat from th to finish. Slide the stitch to join. (42 stitches) Round 8: Chain stitch one. (One single crochet.) Five times. Two single singles the next stitch. (One single crochet.) Six times. Two single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat from th to finish. Slide the stitch to join. (48 stitches) Finish the yarn. Because it's hard to see your stitches with this yarn, work by feeling and instinct, and let the yarn hide any small mistakes. Molly Johanson / Spruce Make a second piece of the octopus body, but do not run out of yarn. Leave the hook in place or hold the active loop with a stitch marker. Weave at all ends (except for active yarn). Molly Johanson/Spruce thread is a needle tapestry with black yarn and provide the other end on the back/inside of the front of the octopus body. Embroider a simple face, stitching two satin seams of the eye and a chain stitch mouth. The chain stitch in embroidery differs from crochet. Try not to pull the stitches too tight to pull on crochet. Scratch the end on the back, weaving through the stitches. Molly Johanson / El Hold the two parts of the octopus' body together, so that the face right side up and the working yarn on the back is at the top. Join the pieces along with the stitch slip. Stop about three-quarters of the way around, and hold an active loop with a stitch marker. Molly Johanson / Spruce thread tapestry needle on one tail yarn from the first set of tentacles. Attach the tentacles to the lower body of the octopus, stitching the body and tops of the tentacles. After three stitches, insert the needle into the body so that you can secure the end inside. Leave the yarn loose for now. Thread the needle tapestry onto the second tail of the yarn from the first set of tentacles and repeat the process above. These extra stitches keep the tentacles safe. Easier to center the four sets of tentacles if you attach the first almost directly to the center. Then work from this point, adding more sets. Molly Johanson/ Spruce to ensure the yarn ends, turn the body of the octopus almost in the know, so you can work inside. The weave of long yarn ends through a few stitches and then tie the set of ends together with a tight knot. Trim the ends. Repeat this as you add more tentacles. Molly Johanson/ Spruce Continue to slip to sew around the body of the octopus until you have about 1 1/2 inches left. Fill a piece of body with stuffing. Add the filling to small pieces for a good round shape. The slide stitch hole is closed. Finish the yarn and weave in the tail. Molly Johanson/ Spruce Give this soft cephalopod to someone you know, or donate it to a local hospital or charity. Your crochet octopus is ready to comfort someone and give him or her a lot of hugs! Be sure to consider safety when providing handmade toys for infants and children. The feet on this octopus are good for young children to keep, but they can be a choking hazard in cribs for older children and toddlers. It is best to control the game. Molly Johanson / El Octopuses can make attractive Animals. They're beautiful and smart, smart, because they can live in an aquarium, they seem to be low maintenance. But do they make good pets? It depends on who you ask. Octopuses are intelligent creatures that love to explore their environment and often interact with their human guardians. Gainesville, Georgia, resident Denise Wawsey, who has had 33 octopuses since 2006, teaches them that if they come to her hand in a tank, they will get attention. Watch her 8-month-old octopus named Cassie come to her in this 2011 video: Home species often seem to enjoy a short caresses session if they acclimatize to humans, she said. However, I try to point out that weasels can be more like a cat scratching itch than any form of love. On the other hand, they know people and interact with different people in different ways. Rose Blanco-Chamberlaind maintained two aquariums with seawater before she added bimaculoids named Cthulhu to the mix. She was impressed with how clever the octopus was and provided toys to entertain him. Cthulhu liked to chase toys around his tank and had quite an affinity for zipties. One of his favorite things is when I would put live food in a can of baby food, screw on the lid and then throw it in my tank,' she said. It would have to work like an open jar and it was incredible to watch. While interacting with an octopus can be fun and exciting, it's creatures with specialized needs that require time, space and money. Whatley says the animals need at least a 55-gallon aquarium with a second large tank to store filtration equipment. A sturdy cover is a requirement too, as octopuses have a reputation for talented escape artists. Feeding an octopus can also be challenging and expensive - your average pet store doesn't carry octopus food. Octopus hunters, so it is really important to feed them live food. I had a storage tank in our back bedroom where I wanted to keep my food and I generally dropped two or three live critters there a day for him, Blanco-Chamberlaind said. I also froze krill, but only fed it that if I happened to escape from living things. He really doesn't like it. However, even if you provide the best care for the octopus, Katherine Harmon Courage says they don't make good pets. Courage, author of the book Octopus! The most mysterious creature in the sea indicates that because octopuses are difficult to breed in captivity, most pet octopuses are caught in the wild - and they are better there. They are incredibly smart and seem to be easily boring,' she wrote in Scientific American. One study found that octopuses in small tanks equipped with flower pots, stones, beads and shells continued to show signs of distress and even self-harm. Your average Aquarium is probably not going to cut it. Courage also notes that cephalopods in captivity probably won't be as interesting as you'd expect. Many species are nightly and will spend daytime hiding. In general, the animals spend time in their dens, and as they get to know the limited environment, they will spend even less time out of them. Octopuses are shy animals, so it takes time to establish a relationship, Wheatley said. Some never acclimatize to captive environments or human guardians. Octopuses are also very sensitive to changes in their water, especially pH balance, and will require a lot of attention. Blanco-Chamberlaind said keeping his pet's water clean was the biggest problem. Octopus is a very dirty eater and water quality deteriorates very quickly as a result. If you don't make regular water changes and have proper filtration, your octopus won't live long. When cared for properly, the octopus kept in the home aquarium will not live more than a couple of years, so even the most dedicated and responsible pet owner will not have much time to spend with them. The biggest drawback to date is the short lifespan. Pets only live for about one year, and dwarfs are often smaller, Wally said. Blanco-Chamberland encourages potential octopus owners to make sure they are prepared for the financial and time commitments the animals require. It also recommends buying from a reputable source. I've heard too many scary stories of people buying a sick or dying octopus from a fish shop because the store was more interested in making money than selling a healthy pet. Watley advises people to do research in the husband's field and avoid exotic species because even experienced keepers have difficulty with them. Properly prepare the tank for different types and understand that your tank setting will take longer than you will keep the first octopus residency, she said. In this clip from Animal Planet in Tanked, actor Tracy Morgan looks to build the best aquarium for her giant Pacific octopus, Bwyadette, who Courage says lives in a tank that is too small for its size. Size.

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