Grumpy Mini Octopus

I have really been enjoying making new sea creatures for my nieces to be used as an ornament on their advent calendar or as a toy! There are alot of large Octopus patterns with their large 'nose' out in front but I couldn't find a small enough one for what I needed. I really enjoyed making this and am very pleased with how it came out! I found with the octopus you do not need to put a hook on it if you are using it for an ornament, just twist their arms around the branch!
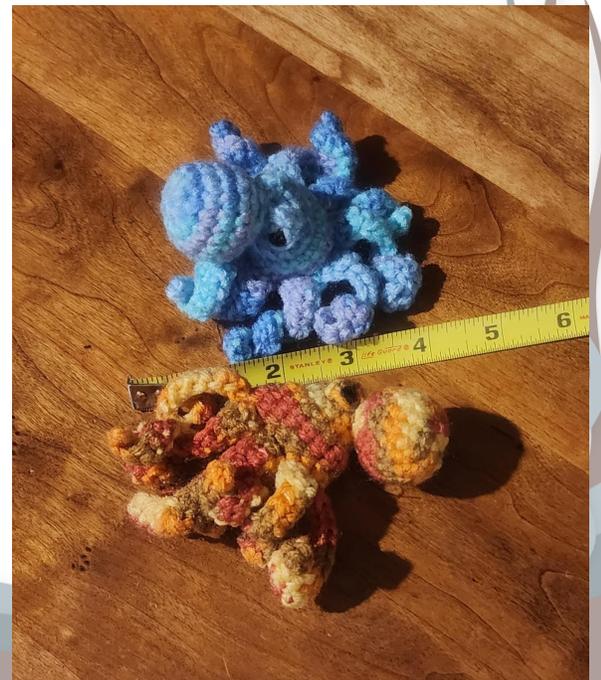I hope you like them as much as I do!

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Materials.
3.5 hook (or what you like to use with the yarn choice)
2 oz Red Heart Super Saver (Ocean, Marrakesh, Stillwater Pooling, or any color you like! I like using this yarn that changes colors with the octopus since they come in a variety of colors.)
6mm Safety Eyes

Size.
2 inches from top of nose to bottom of body
4-5 inches from nose to end of arms
4-5 inches across from arm to arm

Abbreviations.

RND: Round
RW: Row
SC: Single crochet
MC: Magic Circle
INC: 2 sc in the next stitch
CH: Chain
DC: Double crochet
DEC: sc the next 2 stitches together
FO: Fasten off

HDC: Half double crochet
BLO: Back Loop Only (inside of body)
FLO: Front Loop Only (Outside of body)
SLST: Slip stitch
SC3TOG: Single crochet 3 stitches together
HDC3TOG: Half double crochet 3 stitches together
ST: Stitch/es

Pattern.
Nose.

Rnd 1: 6 sc in a mc
Rnd 2: (inc) 6 times (12)
Rnd 3: (1 sc, inc) 6 times (18)
Rnd 4-5: 1 sc in each st around (18)
Rnd 6: (1 sc, dec) 6 times (12)
Rnd 7: (2 sc, dec) 3 times (9)
TO but do not close, leave long tail for sewing. Stuff the nose at this time. Set aside.

Picture A

Body.

Rnd 1: Ch 9 slst into first chain to close
Rnd 2-3: 1 sc in each st around (9)
Rnd 4: (2 sc, inc) 3 times (12)
Rnd 5: (2 sc, inc) 4 times (16)
Rnd 6: BLO 1 sc in each st around (16)
Add eyes between rows 2 and 3 about 4 to 5 stitches apart (See Picture A). At this time you can add the eye lids in a 'V' shape to make it appear a bit grumpy (See Picture B).
Stuff the body but not too much as it should be some what flat.
Rnd 7: (dec) 8 times (8)
Close then reattach to FLO from round 6
Rnd 6: FLO 1 sc in each st around (16)
Rnd 7-8: 1 sc in each st around (16)
We will begin making the Octopuses arms now.

Picture B

Arms.

Arms can be done in any number of ways. If you work the arms Clockwise they will curl up, if you work the arms counterclockwise they will curl down (See pictures C and D). Either way is fine and gives you a unique look! I prefer working counter clockwise so they curl down, if I can figure out how to alternate to get them curling in both directions I will update the pattern!!

Here are 4 arm patterns. Once you complete Arm 4 go back and repeat all arms again to get 8 arms.
Arm 1: Ch 20 turn, slst into 2nd chain from hook, 5 sc, sc3tog, 2 sc, 5 hdc, 3dc (should be at base of chain), skip st, sc into next st.
Arm 2: Ch 15 turn, slst into 2nd chain from hook, 7 sc, 6 hdc, skip st, sc into next st.
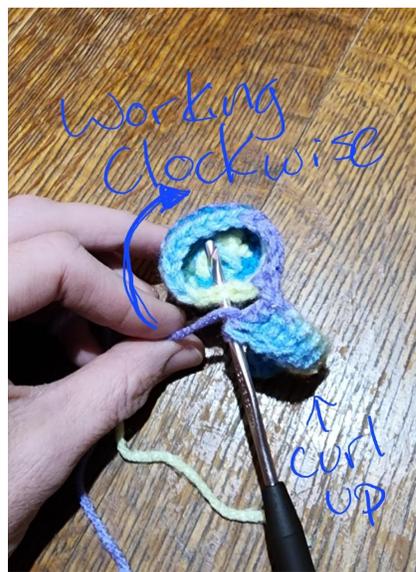Arm 3: Ch 18 turn, slst into 2nd chain from hook, 3 sc, hdc3tog, 7 hdc, 3 dc, skip st, sc into next st.
Arm 4: Ch 20 turn, slst into 2nd chain from hook, 4 sc, 3 hdc, hdc3tog, 5 hdc, 3 dc, skip st, sc into next st.

Once you have 8 arms slst into 1st chain of 1st arm. TO leave tail. Using a needle and the tail go around and close hole left from skipping a stitch (See picture E). Weave in ends.
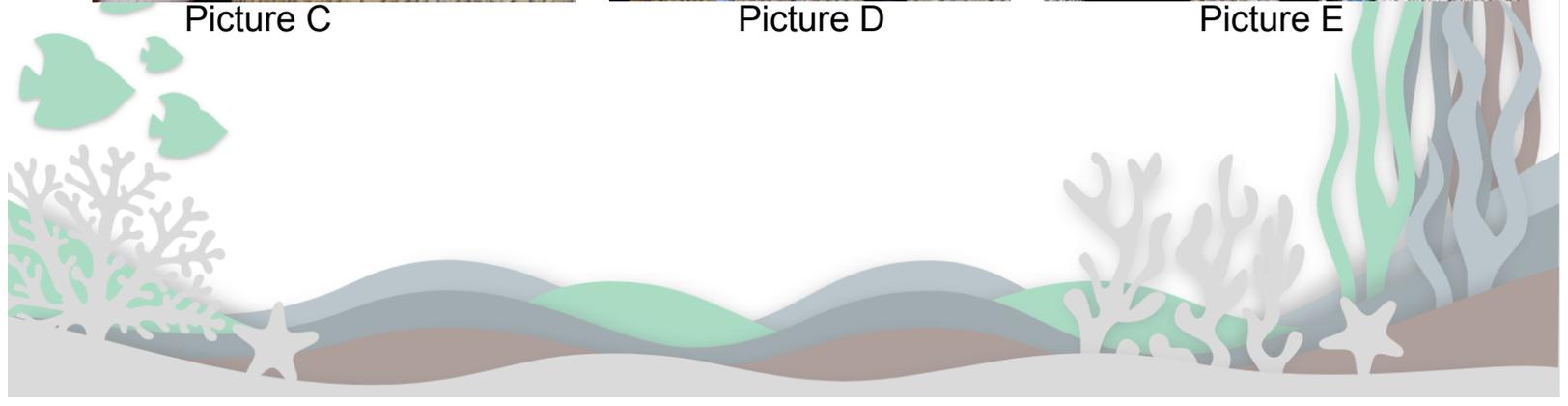

Picture C

Picture D

Picture E

Assembling.

Using the tail from the nose and an embroidery needle, sew the nose on. I start at the top of the head sewing the opening closed and tucking in any extra starting tail from the first chain. Try to center it between the eyes with the eyelids positioned so it is looking towards the nose. Weave in any loose ends.

Enjoy your Grumpy Octopus!