OLLIE THE OCTOPUS

Complete Digital Crochet Amigurumi Pattern



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Skill level: Advanced Beginner | US crochet terminology

1. Digital Download Notice

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Design Character

Ollie is a softly rounded lavender octopus with a single spherical head/body, eight short curled tentacles, glossy black eyes, pink cheeks, and a small embroidered smile. The tentacles form a full seated ring around the lower body, matching the compact plush silhouette shown in the supplied reference.

2. Finished Measurements

The following are calculated design targets when using the recommended yarn, hook, and firm amigurumi tension. They are not exact guarantees.

Feature	Target metric	Target imperial
Overall seated height	14-16.5 cm	5.5-6.5 in
Overall width including tentacles	15.5-18 cm	6.1-7.1 in
Overall front-to-back depth	14-16.5 cm	5.5-6.5 in
Central head/body width	10.5-12 cm	4.1-4.7 in
Central head/body height	10.5-12 cm	4.1-4.7 in
Each tentacle, base to tip	5.5-6.5 cm	2.2-2.6 in
Tentacle diameter at widest point	2.5-3 cm	1-1.2 in
Cheek diameter	0.9-1.1 cm	0.35-0.45 in

SIZE NOTE: Using thicker yarn and a larger hook will make a larger Ollie; thinner yarn and a smaller hook will make a smaller Ollie. Keep the fabric dense enough that stuffing does not show.

3. Materials and Tools

Item	Recommendation	Approximate amount / note
Lavender yarn	Worsted / Aran #4; smooth cotton-acrylic or low-fuzz acrylic	Approx. 120-145 g / 220-265 yd (200-242 m)
Pink yarn	Same weight as main yarn	Approx. 3-5 g / 6-10 yd (5-9 m)
Black yarn/thread	For embroidered smile and optional eyes	Approx. 2-3 g / 4-6 yd (4-5 m)
Crochet hook	3.25 mm (D/3) recommended	Adjust only if needed for dense fabric
Safety eyes	2 black eyes, 12 mm	For items intended for young children, use embroidered eyes instead
Polyester fibre fill	Toy stuffing	Approx. 70-100 g depending on firmness

- Tapestry needle
- Locking stitch markers
- Pins or quilting clips
- Sharp scissors
- Flexible measuring tape
- Row counter (optional)

No wire, felt, beads, pipe cleaners, or reinforcement inserts are required for this design.

SAFETY: Safety eyes, buttons, beads, wire, and other small or rigid components may not be suitable for children under three years old. For items intended for young children, omit the safety eyes and embroider the eyes securely with black yarn instead. Check all seams, embroidered features, and yarn tails carefully before use. This pattern is not a toy-safety certification.

4. Gauge and Tension

Amigurumi fabric should be firm and dense so that the filling does not show through. A practical digital size-control target is approximately 18 sc x 20 rnds = 10 x 10 cm / 4 x 4 in in single crochet with the 3.25 mm hook, measured on a small tube worked in continuous spiral rounds and left unstretched. This is a digital target and was not physically swatched. Do not convert the total number of rounds on a curved piece directly into its straight finished height; those rounds follow the surface of the shape. Exact gauge is not mandatory, but it directly affects finished size and yarn usage.

- If gaps appear between stitches, first tighten tension slightly; if needed, move down one hook size.
- If the fabric is extremely stiff or difficult to insert the hook into, relax tension or move up 0.25-0.5 mm.

5. Crochet Method and Terminology

Topic	Instruction
Terminology	US crochet terminology.
Main construction	Head/body and tentacles are worked in continuous spiral rounds; do not join at the end of each round.
BOR marker	Place a locking marker in the first stitch of every spiral round and move it up after each round. Use the BOR marker only to identify the round start. Continuous spiral crochet can shift the apparent stitch columns, so do not treat the moving BOR path as a fixed vertical CB line.
Single crochet style	Standard yarn-over single crochet is intended.
Fabric side	Keep the right side of the crochet fabric facing outward.
Turning	Do not turn the work; there are no turned flat rows in the written pattern.
Cheeks	Each cheek is worked in a magic ring and closed with one slip stitch; the closing slip stitch is not counted as a stitch.

6. Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
MR	magic ring
sc	single crochet
inc	increase: work 2 sc in the same stitch
inv dec	invisible decrease: insert through the front loops of the next 2 sts and complete them together as 1 sc
sl st	slip stitch
st / sts	stitch / stitches
rnd / rnds	round / rounds
FO	fasten off
BOR	beginning of round
CF	centre front
CB	centre back

7. Construction Overview

- Head/body: 1 piece, crocheted from the crown downward in continuous spiral rounds. It is firmly stuffed and fully closed at the underside.
- Tentacles: 8 identical pieces. Each is crocheted from the rounded tip toward the base, lightly-to-moderately stuffed, then flattened at the 12-st opening for sewing.
- Cheeks: 2 small flat circles, left unstuffed.
- Eyes: 2 safety eyes installed before the body opening becomes too small, or embroidered at the same placement coordinates.
- Mouth: embroidered after the body is stuffed so the final facial curve can be checked.
- No part is crocheted directly onto another part; all tentacles and cheeks are sewn on after crocheting.

Orientation

Right and left are always from Ollie's point of view. The moving BOR marker is a round-start reference only. After Rnd 20, establish a separate removable CF guide through the midpoint of the face and keep it in place through assembly; CB is directly opposite this fixed CF guide. When viewing Ollie from the front, Ollie's right is on the viewer's left.

Recommended Assembly Order

1. Crochet the head/body through Rnd 20.
2. Install the safety eyes, or embroider the eyes while the body opening is still accessible.
3. Finish crocheting, stuffing, and closing the body.
4. Crochet all 8 tentacles and both cheeks.
5. Keep the fixed CF guide and the dedicated Rnd 24 CB anchor visible; mark the eye line, smile, and 8 tentacle sectors.
6. Sew all 8 tentacles around Body Rnd 24.
7. Sew on the cheeks and embroider the smile.
8. Check symmetry, seated balance, and stuffing distribution; secure and bury every yarn tail.

8. Complete Written Crochet Pattern

A. Head / Body - make 1

With lavender yarn and 3.25 mm hook, work in continuous spiral rounds. Place a BOR marker in the first stitch for round counting and move it after every round. Do not use the moving BOR path as a fixed CB guide.

Rnd	Instruction	Count
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
4	(Sc in next 2 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	24
5	(Sc in next 3 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	30
6	(Sc in next 4 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	36
7	(Sc in next 5 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	42
8	(Sc in next 6 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	48
9	(Sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	54
10	(Sc in next 8 sts, inc in next st) 6 times.	60
11	Sc in each st around.	60
12	Sc in each st around.	60
13	Sc in each st around.	60
14	Sc in each st around.	60
15	Sc in each st around.	60
16	Sc in each st around.	60

A. Head / Body - continued

Rnd	Instruction	Count
17	Sc in each st around.	60
18	Sc in each st around.	60
19	Sc in each st around.	60
20	Sc in each st around.	60
AFTER RND 20 - EYES AND FIXED CF GUIDE: At 60 sts, use the current Rnd 20 round start only to choose the initial orientation. Mark CF at the point directly opposite it, between sts 30 and 31. Thread a removable contrasting scrap-yarn guide vertically through a few surface loops at CF from approximately Rnds 14-20; do not crochet over or trap this guide. Place the eye posts between Rnds 15 and 16, 6 sts to each side of the fixed CF guide. The posts should be about 12 sts apart across the front arc. Check from the front and top before securing the backs. Leave the CF guide in place for the remaining placement steps.		
EMBROIDERED-EYE OPTION: If you are using embroidered eyes instead of safety eyes, embroider them now, before beginning Rnd 21, while the 60-st opening is fully accessible. Centre each eye at the same coordinates between Rnds 15 and 16, spanning about 2 sts wide and 2 rnds high. Use 5-7 compact black satin stitches for each oval, then secure the yarn securely inside the body.		
21	(Sc in next 8 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	54
22	(Sc in next 7 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	48
23	Sc in each st around.	48
24	Sc in each st around.	48
RND 24 TENTACLE ANCHOR: Before beginning Rnd 25, extend the removable CF guide down to Rnd 24. Identify the gap on Rnd 24 directly beneath CF. Count 24 stitch positions around Rnd 24 to the directly opposite CB gap. Place a separate locking marker in the first stitch after this CB gap and designate that stitch Rnd 24 st 1. Leave this dedicated Rnd 24 CB anchor in place until all 8 tentacles have been sewn. Continue moving the working BOR marker normally through Rnds 25-31.		
STUFFING: Begin firm stuffing now, while the 48-st opening remains easy to access. Add small tufts evenly and distribute them against the outer fabric before filling the centre. Keep the face smooth and the underside gently flattened. As you work Rnds 25-30, pause after each decrease round to add and redistribute stuffing as needed. After Rnd 30, add only small final amounts so the remaining opening can close without creating a hard lump.		
25	(Sc in next 6 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	42
26	(Sc in next 5 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	36
27	(Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	30
28	(Sc in next 3 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	24
29	(Sc in next 2 sts, inv dec) 6 times.	18
30	(Sc in next st, inv dec) 6 times.	12
31	Inv dec 6 times.	6

After Rnd 31, cut yarn leaving a 15 cm / 6 in tail. Thread the tail through the front loop of each remaining stitch, pull closed, secure, and bury the tail inside the body.

B. Tentacles - make 8

With lavender yarn, work in continuous spiral rounds from tip to base. These small shaped tubes use one repeated increase/decrease pair to create a gentle natural curl.

Rnd	Instruction	Count
1	6 sc in MR.	6
2	Inc in each st around.	12
3	(Sc in next st, inc in next st) 6 times.	18
4	Sc in each st around.	18
5	Sc in each st around.	18
6	Sc in each st around.	18
7	Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec, sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts.	18
8	Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec, sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts.	18
9	Sc in next 4 sts, inv dec, sc in next 7 sts, inc in next st, sc in next 4 sts.	18
10	Sc in each st around.	18
11	(Sc in next st, inv dec) 6 times.	12
12	Sc in each st around.	12

FO leaving a 25-30 cm / 10-12 in sewing tail. Lightly stuff the rounded tip, then moderately stuff the centre. Leave the final 1 cm / 3/8 in near the opening lightly filled so it can flatten.

Flatten the 12-st opening so it forms two layers of 6 stitches. Do not sew it closed. The decrease side created in Rnds 7-9 is the inside of the bend; place a temporary marker there if needed so the tentacle can be oriented consistently during assembly.

C. Cheeks - make 2

Rnd	Instruction	Count
1	With pink yarn, work 6 sc in MR. Sl st to the first sc to close the circle; the sl st is not counted.	6

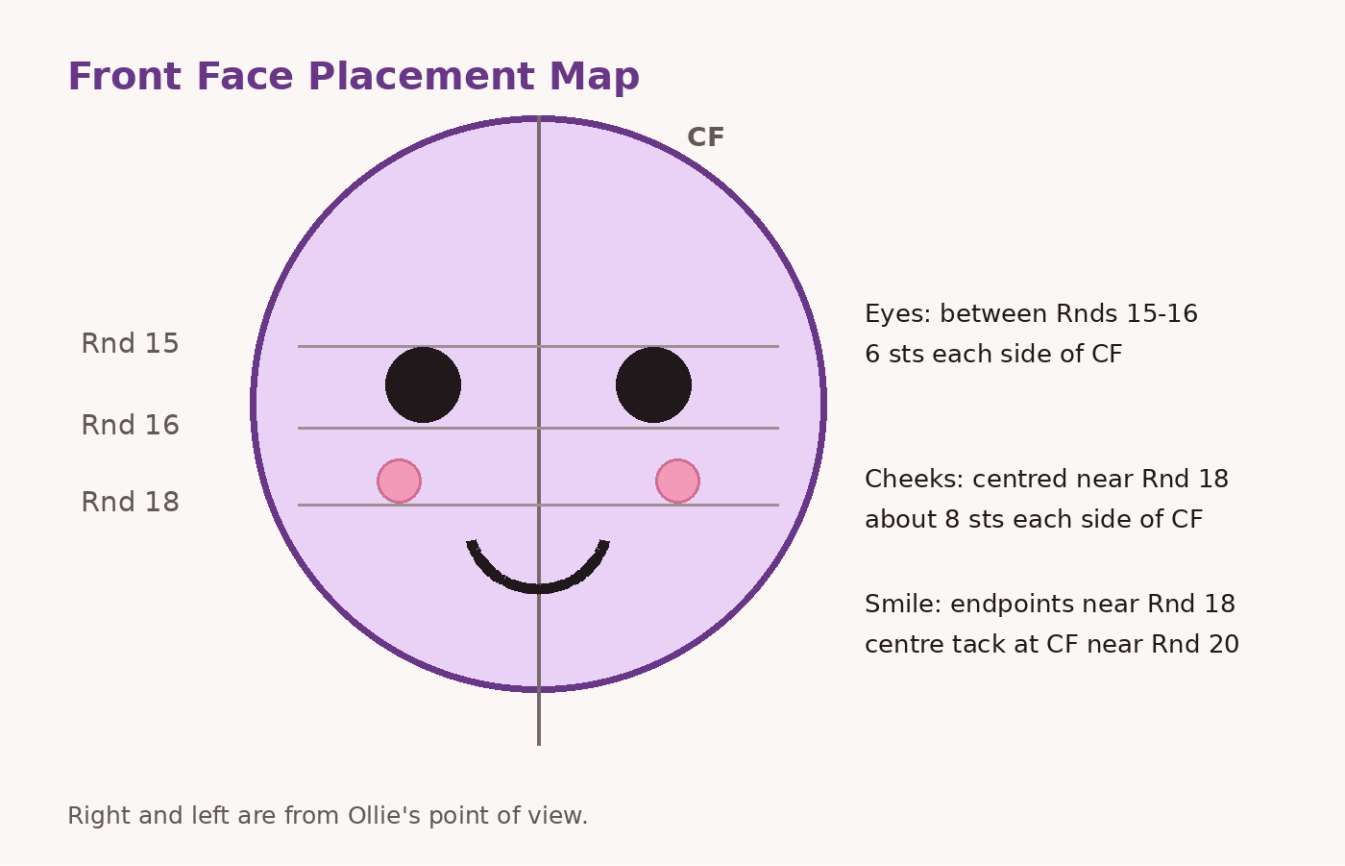
Pull the MR closed firmly. FO leaving a 15 cm / 6 in sewing tail. Leave flat and unstuffed.

9. Colour Changes and Surface Details

- The head/body and all 8 tentacles are worked entirely in lavender; there are no in-round colour changes and no yarn is carried.
- The cheeks are crocheted separately in pink and sewn on after the body is stuffed.
- The smile is embroidered in black. Safety eyes are black; embroidered-eye alternatives use the same black yarn or embroidery thread.
- If you intentionally customize Ollie with stripes, make each colour change at the working BOR and complete the final pull-through of the preceding stitch with the new colour to keep the transition as neat as practical. Because the BOR shifts gradually in continuous spiral crochet, treat it as the round-start point rather than a fixed CB line.

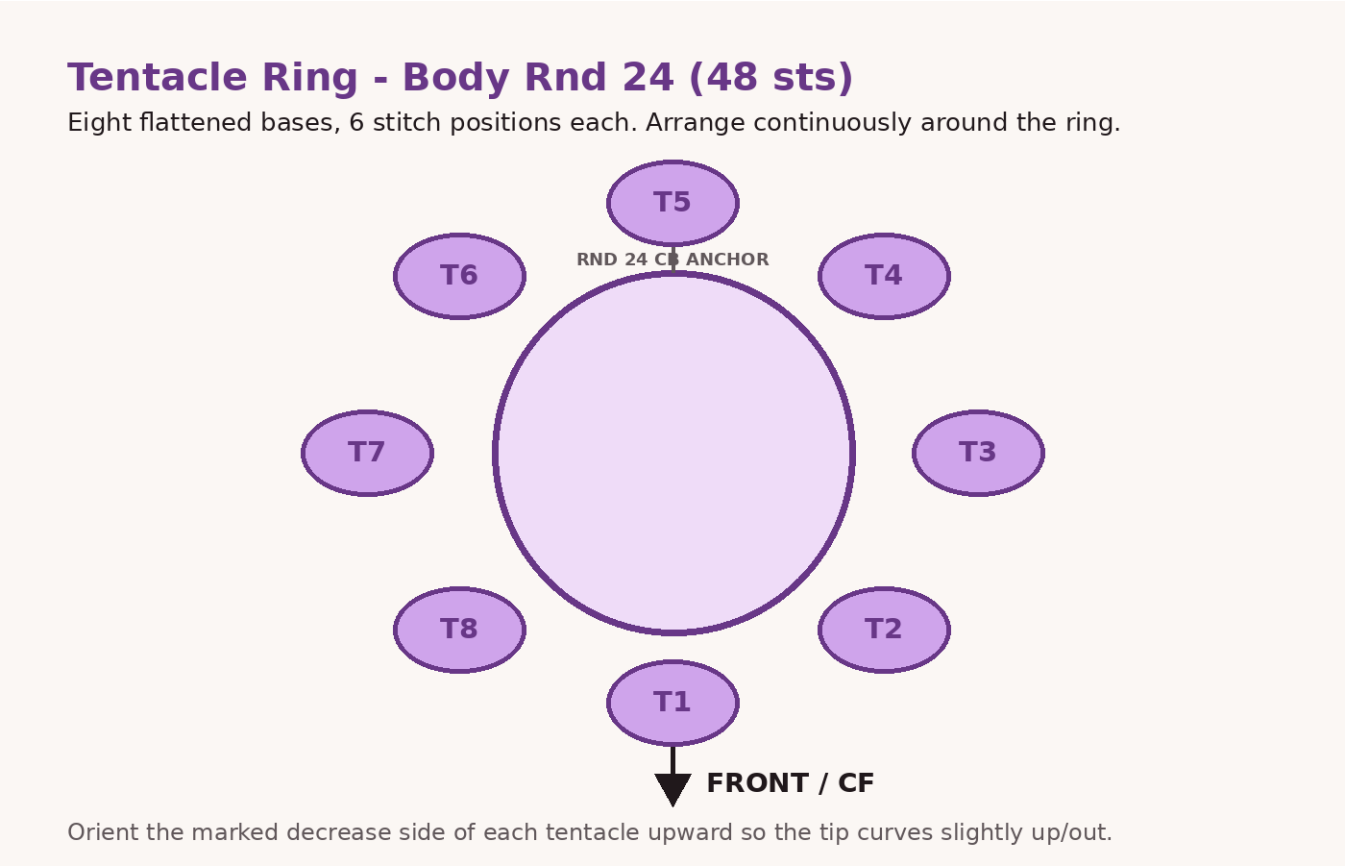
10. Placement Maps

Face Placement



Feature	Round position	Horizontal position	Visual check
Eyes	Between Body Rnds 15-16	6 sts each side of CF; approx. 12 sts between posts	Centre over a stitch space; verify level before securing backs
Cheeks	Centred near Body Rnd 18	Approx. 8 sts each side of CF	Place about 1 rnd below and 2 sts outside the eyes
Smile endpoints	Near Body Rnd 18	Approx. 3 sts left and right of CF	Lay a loose black strand between endpoints
Smile centre tack	At CF near Body Rnd 20	Directly on CF	Tack the laid strand downward to form a shallow U

Tentacle Ring Placement



Use Body Rnd 24 as the coordinate reference. Rnd 24 has 48 sts. Count from the dedicated Rnd 24 CB anchor placed before Rnd 25, not from the moving BOR marker. The marked stitch is Rnd 24 st 1, and the CB boundary lies immediately before it. Each flattened tentacle base spans 6 stitch positions, so the 8 bases form a continuous ring.

Tentacle	Body Rnd 24 stitch sector	Position
T1 - front	sts 22-27	Centred on CF
T2 - front left	sts 16-21	Ollie's left / viewer's right
T3 - left	sts 10-15	Side
T4 - back left	sts 4-9	Back quarter
T5 - back	sts 46-48 and 1-3	Centred on Rnd 24 CB anchor / CB
T6 - back right	sts 40-45	Back quarter
T7 - right	sts 34-39	Side
T8 - front right	sts 28-33	Ollie's right / viewer's left

ORIENTATION: Pin every tentacle before sewing. Place the marked decrease side upward so each tip curves slightly up and outward. Rotate individual tentacles a few degrees if needed to create the even flower-like ring shown in the reference, but keep their base sectors unchanged.

11. Stuffing and Shaping

- Head/body: stuff firmly without stretching the stitches. Use small tufts and distribute them against the outer fabric before filling the centre.
- Keep the face softly rounded rather than sharply overstuffed. Press gently around the eyes after stuffing so both eyes sit at the same depth.
- Keep the lower 2-3 body rounds slightly flatter so Ollie rests evenly above the tentacle ring.
- Tentacles: lightly stuff the tip, moderately stuff the middle, and leave the final 1 cm / 3/8 in near each opening lightly filled. Do not pack thin tentacles hard.
- Cheeks remain completely unstuffed.
- No needle sculpting is required. Shape with your hands after assembly by rolling the body lightly and bending the tentacle tips into an even ring.

12. Assembly Instructions

1. Confirm the body is fully closed, evenly stuffed, and the face guide marks are visible.
2. Pin all 8 tentacles to the Body Rnd 24 ring using the sector table. Check the arrangement from front, back, top, underside, and both sides before sewing.
3. Starting with T1 at the front, sew the flattened 6-position base to the body through both layers of the tentacle opening. Continue T2 through T8 around the ring.
4. After every two tentacles, set Ollie upright and check that the body remains centred and the tentacle tips sit at similar heights.
5. Pin the two pink cheeks at the face coordinates. Check that they are mirrored and sit slightly below/outside the eyes. Sew them in place.
6. Embroider the smile: bring black yarn out at the left endpoint near Rnd 18, insert at the right endpoint to lay a loose horizontal strand, then bring the yarn out at CF near Rnd 20 and catch the middle of the strand downward to form a shallow U. Make one more tiny securing tack if needed.
7. Adjust the tentacle curves by hand so the front three are visible and the back tentacles support the body without pushing it forward.
8. Secure every seam on the underside or inside edge, bury all yarn tails deeply, and remove every temporary marker and guide thread.

BALANCE CHECK: Ollie should sit upright without a rigid insert. If he leans, redistribute body stuffing and slightly reposition the lower edges of the nearest tentacle bases before tightening those seams completely.

13. Sewing Methods

Join	Method	How to work it
Tentacle bases	Flattened whip stitch	Pass the needle through both layers of the 12-st tentacle opening at one paired base position, then through the corresponding body stitch area on the Rnd 24 ring. Repeat across all 6 positions. Pull snug, not tight enough to pucker the body.
Cheeks	Surface whip stitch	Pass under the outer loops of the cheek and catch only a shallow layer of body fabric. Work evenly around the circle so the edge stays flat.
Smile	Surface embroidery / couching	Lay one loose black strand between the two mouth endpoints, then tack its centre down at CF to make a shallow U. Do not cinch the face inward.
Closing body	Front-loop drawstring close	After Rnd 31, thread the FO tail through the front loops of the remaining 6 sts and pull the opening closed. Secure, then bury the tail.

14. Final Visual Checklist

☐ Face is centred on the body and reads clearly from the front.

☐ Eyes are level, evenly inset, and about 12 sts apart across the front arc.

☐ Pink cheeks are mirrored, flat, visibly smaller than the eyes, and slightly below/outside them.

☐ Smile is centred on CF with a shallow upward-curving expression.

☐ All 8 tentacles are present and their bases form one even ring around Body Rnd 24.

☐ Front tentacles do not cover the smile or cheeks.

☐ Tentacle tips curve generally upward/outward and none twists sharply under the body.

☐ The body sits upright and does not lean noticeably to one side.

☐ No stuffing is visible through the crochet fabric.

☐ There are no large holes at the invisible decreases or body closure.

☐ All tentacle and cheek seams are secure without puckering.

☐ No rigid component, washer, knot, or yarn tail is exposed.

☐ All temporary markers and guide threads have been removed.

15. Troubleshooting

Problem	Practical fix
Stuffing shows through	Use smaller tufts, tighten tension slightly, or move down one hook size. Avoid pulling the finished body wider while stuffing.
Ollie is too large or too small	The main causes are yarn thickness, hook size, and tension. Keep the same stitch counts; change yarn/hook only if you intentionally want a different scale.
Continuous rounds twist or BOR drifts	A small spiral shift is normal. Keep moving the BOR marker for round counting only. Use the fixed CF guide for anatomical front/back alignment and the dedicated Rnd 24 CB anchor for tentacle-sector numbering.
A custom colour change has a visible step	Make the change at the working BOR and complete the final pull-through of the preceding stitch with the new colour. Keep the transition snug and consistent. A small spiral step is normal; the moving BOR should not be treated as a fixed CB line.
Eyes look uneven	Before locking safety-eye backs, recount from CF and compare from front/top. For embroidered eyes, remove the stitches and restitch before closing the body if the mismatch is obvious.
Smile is off-centre	Remove the centre tack, re-mark CF, and re-couch the strand before securing the yarn.
Body leans to one side	Redistribute stuffing away from the heavy side and flatten the lower body gently. Re-pin nearby tentacles before fully tightening their seams.
Tentacles look uneven	Confirm each base spans exactly one 6-st sector. Compare opposite pairs T1/T5, T2/T6, T3/T7, and T4/T8.
One tentacle sits higher	Loosen that base seam, move its upper edge down by a fraction of a round, and resew without pulling tightly.
Tentacle points inward or under the body	Rotate the tentacle at its flattened base so the marked decrease side faces upward and the tip turns outward.
Gaps appear around sewn bases	Add one or two small extra whip stitches only in the gap, catching shallow body fabric so the base does not pucker.
Attachment feels loose	Reinforce with a second pass through the same base and body stitches, then secure the yarn under the tentacle where it is hidden.
Flat base becomes rounded	Remove a small amount of stuffing from the final body rounds and press the underside flat with your palm before re-closing if needed.
Visible holes after decreases	Use the invisible decrease exactly through front loops only and keep the working loop snug.

16. Printing and Customer Notes

- DIGITAL DOWNLOAD ONLY - no physical item will be shipped.
- This pattern uses US crochet terminology throughout.
- Recommended print format: US Letter, portrait, at 100% / Actual Size. A4 paper can also be used because there are no full-size templates; choose Fit to Printable Area if your printer requires it.
- Finished measurements are calculated design targets and may vary with yarn, hook size, tension, stuffing, and technique.
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Quick Reference

Component	Quantity / reference	Key note
Head/body	1	31 rnds; max 60 sts; fully stuffed
Tentacles	8	12 rnds each; 12-st opening flattened to 6 sewing positions
Cheeks	2	6 sc in MR; flat, unstuffed
Eyes	2	12 mm safety eyes or embroidered alternative
Primary attachment ring	Body Rnd 24	48 sts; 8 sectors x 6 sts
Face line	Body Rnds 15-20	Eyes 15-16; cheeks about 18; smile 18-20

Digital Verification Summary

All written stitch counts in this pattern were digitally checked so that each increase/decrease sequence consumes the stated starting stitches and produces the stated final count. The eight tentacle bases are designed to divide the 48-st Body Rnd 24 ring into eight equal 6-st sewing sectors. This digital consistency check does not replace a physical test crochet.

THANK YOU: Keep the working BOR marker for round counting, and keep the fixed CF guide and dedicated Rnd 24 CB anchor in place until their placement work is complete. Pin every feature before sewing, and use the finished reference image as a visual guide for Ollie's cheerful compact silhouette.