

# Octopus Bandana Knitting Pattern

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This Bandana is worked from the tip of the triangle, starting with a garter stitch, increasing on both side gradually until the desired height is reached. Then it ends with a few rows of garter stitch, and a crocheted border. The detail of the octopus is added at the end by crocheting chain stitches of the legs and making 2 knots for eyes.

## Material

**Yarn:** I use worsted weight cotton yarn. Cotton is lighter for warmer days, but I miss the softness of the wool yarn. It is up to your preference.

I use 2 colors of yarns to make the pattern stands out more. One is solid blue and one is blue and white. Again it's your choice for color combination.

**Knitting needle:** I use 4.5 mm 24 inch circular needle. Gauge of the needle should match your yarn. The piece is knitted back and forth, and the circular needle is just to hold longer length of knitting.

**Crochet hook:** Use the size close to your knitting needle. 4.5 mm for me here. I use the hook to crochet around the edges and making chain stitches for the legs of Octopus.

## Pattern

**cast on** 2 stitches

row 1. K2

row 2. K2

row 3. (Kfb) x 2  
 row 4. P4  
 row 5. Kfb, K2, Kfb  
 row 6. P6  
 row 7. Kfb, K4, Kfb  
 row 8. P8  
 row 9. Kfb, K6, Kfb  
 row 10. P10  
 row 11. Kfb, K8, Kfb  
 row 12. P12  
 row 13. Kfb, K10 Kfb  
 row 14. P14  
 row 15. Kfb, K12, Kfb  
 row 16. P16  
 row 17. Kfb, K14, Kfb  
 row 18. P18  
 row 19. Kfb, K5, **Make Bubble\*** from the next 6 stitches, K5, Kfb

\*Here is how to do the **Make Bubble** from the next 6 stitches:

1. (Kfb) x 6 times
2. Turn, P12
3. Turn, K2, Kfb, K2, (Kfb) x 2 times, K2, Kfb, K2
4. Turn, P16
5. Turn, K2, K2tog, K2, (K2tog) x 2 times, K2, K2tog, K2
6. Turn, P12
7. Turn, K2, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K1, K2tog, K2
8. Turn, P9
9. Turn, K2, K2tog, K3tog, K2 ---> (back to 6 stitches)

row 20. P20  
 row 21. Kfb, K18, Kfb  
 row 22. P22  
 row 23. Kfb, K20, Kfb  
 row 24. P 24  
 row 25. Kfb, K22, Kfb  
 row 26. P26

Start increasing the purl side too. It is now 2 rows increase followed by 1 non-increase row. Use Pfb for the increase on the purl side of first and last stitches.

row 27: Kfb, K24, Kfb  
 row 28: Pfb, P26, Pfb  
 row 30: K to the end  
 row 31: Pfb, P28, Pfb

row 32: Kfb, K30, Kfb

row 33: P to the end

row 34 and beyond: continue the increasing pattern by 2 rows of increase and 1 rows of plain knitting, until the desired height is reached. I have 100 stitches a the end

Next, knit 4 rows of knit stitches to create a little garter stitch edge.

## Crochet

With a second color yarn:

Crochet around the edges with single crochet for a more finished look.

Make 2 big knots for the eyes.

Crochet 5 chain stitches for legs. Each chain stitch has about 4-5 chains. I attach the end to the back so it stays in place.

Blocking with steam or wash and dry flat.

