# Giant Pacific Octopus

*Free Crochet Pattern Courtesy of Oui Crochet*

**Supplies:**
Size F crochet hook
Worsted Weight 100%cotton yarn
Cotton filling
Stitch markers
Yarn needle

**Special Instructions:** Mark the first stitch of each round, moving the marker up with each round.
You will also mark the back loop of the first stitch in round 14. Do not remove this marker until going back and working that back loop.
If you aren't sure how to work just one loop, please check out my How to Crochet in the Back or Front Loop tutorial.

**Pattern:**
Ch 2
**Round 1:** sc 8 in the second ch from hook. (8)
**Round 2:** sc 2 in each stitch around. (16)
**Round 3:** [sc, sc 2 in next st] repeat around. (24)
**Rounds 4-7:** sc in each st around. (24)
**Rounds 8-9:** [sc 2, sc 2 in next st] twice, [sc, sc2tog] twice, [sc2tog, sc] twice, [sc 2 in next st, 2 sc] twice. (24)
**Rounds 10-13:** sc in each st around. (24)
**Round 14:** Working in the Front Loop (FL) only, and marking the back loop of the first st worked: [FLsc 2, FLsc 2 in next st] repeat around. (32)
**Round 15:** Working through both loops again: [sc 3, sc 2 in next st] repeat around. (40)

**For the Tentacles:**
**Round 16:** sc 4, *ch 21, beginning in second ch from hook [sc, sc 2 in next ch, hdc 3 in next ch, sc 2 in next ch] 5 times, sc in same st as beg. sc, sc 4. Repeat from *around. slip st to first stitch in round.
Finish off and weave in ends.

Embroider eyes.

**Finishing:**
Stuff as you go.
**Round 1:** Attach yarn to marked back loop (BL) stitch in round 14, ch 1, BLsc in same as join and in each st around. (24)
**Round 2:** [sc, sc2tog] repeat around. (16)
**Round 3:** [sc2tog] repeating around until mostly closed. Finish off, leaving a long tail for sewing completely closed.
Sew closed and weave in all ends.