

How to Make Your North Pacific Great Octopus

1. Thread yarn - Ask Mommy or Daddy to thread your needle with a piece of yarn. They should fold the yarn in half and tie a knot at the end, so it is "double thick." Then your needle will always stay threaded.
2. Design your legs – This kit contains 16 yellow caps, 16 orange caps and about 50 red caps. Lay out the caps in eight legs. Each leg should have eight caps. The caps can follow a pattern or not.
3. Make the first leg – Stick the needle through the holes in the small caps until you have eight caps on your string. Then find the big red cap with the eight holes in it. Stick the needle in there. Ask Mommy or Daddy to snip off the needle and tie a triple knot. Trim off the strings with scissors.



4. Make the other seven legs and attach them to the cap.
5. Build the octopus body – Thread the needle one more time. Come up through the bottom of the big red cap. Add one more big red cap. Then add the cap with the eyes on it. Then add the next smallest cap, then one more, then one more.

6. Tie off the string – Tie a knot as close to the top of the octopus' head as you can. Use the leftover string as a loop to hang up your octopus.



7. Play with your octopus! Give him a name!
8. If you want, you can take it apart and put it back together again in a new way. You just need to snip the strings and get new strings. I gave you some extra strings just in case.

Dear Owen,

I designed this recycled plastic cap octopus just for you. I know you love ocean creatures and doing crafts. I hope you enjoy playing with it!

Love, Aunt Carla