Little Octopus

Enjoy this lovely little octopus pattern. He can be made with odds and ends that you have left and a little **toy stuffing**. Why not make a little pocket mascot in your team colours?

Abbreviations : k – knit. p – purl. st – stitch. tog-together. st-st – Stocking Stitch (k1row, p1row). inc— increase. Knit into the front and the back of the stitch

Use 3mm single pointed needles and oddments of double knitting yarn. You will also need some stuffing. He is 15cm across and 7cm high.

Body—Make 1
With orange, cast on 11 sts
Purl 1 row
Next: increase into every stitch (22 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: (k1, inc1) to last 2 sts, k2 (32 sts)
Starting with a purl row, st-st 2 rows
Knit 1 row (Attach the legs to this row later)
Starting with a knit row, st-st 10 rows
Change to pink and knit 4 rows

Change to green, starting with a knit row, st-st 6 rows
Next: (k1, k2tog) to last 2 sts, k2 (22 sts)
Purl 1 row
Next: k2tog to end (11 sts)
Purl 1 row
Draw thread through stitches and pull tight
Sew down the row ends of the body, add stuffing and seal up.

Tentacles—Make 8
With orange, cast on 8 sts
Purl 1 row
Next: increase into every stitch (16 sts)
Starting with a purl row, st-st 10 rows
Change to pink and st-st 2 rows
Change to green and st-st 3 rows
Next: k2tog to end
Draw thread through stitches and pull tight

Sew down the row ends and add a little stuffing. Sew the tentacles to 4 sts on the extra knitted row on the body of the octopus. All tentacles sit side by side.

Add two eyes and a mouth to the front of the octopus in black. Add a few loops in pink to the top of the hat.