



**Free Knitting Pattern  
Lion Brand® Vanna's Choice®  
Octopus Dog Costume  
Pattern Number:**



It's Octopus vs Octopus this Halloween! Make this leggy knit costume for a furry friend and there's even a version for his little human friend.

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### Octopus Dog Costume

Pattern Number:

**SKILL LEVEL:** Intermediate (Level 3)

**SIZE:** Small, Medium

S (M)

**Finished Neck Circumference** About 13 (15) in. (33 (38) cm)

**Finished Chest** About 16 (19) in. (40.5 (48.5) cm)

**Finished Length** About 16 (19) in. (40.5 (48.5) cm)

**Note:** Pattern is written for smallest size with changes for larger sizes in parentheses. When only one number is given, it applies to all sizes. To follow pattern more easily, circle all numbers pertaining to your size before beginning.

**CORRECTIONS:** None as of Aug 26, 2016. To check for later updates, click [here](#).

#### **MATERIALS**

- 860-102 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn:

Aqua

1 Ball (A)

- 860-109 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn:

Colonial Blue

1 Ball (B)

- 860-132 Lion Brand Vanna's Choice Yarn:

Radiant Orange

1 Ball (C)

- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 8 [5 mm]

- Lion Brand Knitting Needles- Size 9 [5.5 mm]

- Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 8

- Lion Brand Double-Pointed Needles - Size 9

- Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 16 inches Size 8

- Boye Aluminum Circular Knitting Needles 16 inches Size 9

- Lion Brand Split Ring Stitch Markers

- Lion Brand Stitch Holders

- Lion Brand Large-Eye Blunt Needles (Set of 6)

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**400, 401, 403:** 92% Acrylic, 8% Rayon

**402:** 96% Acrylic, 4% Rayon; package size: **Solids:** 3.5 oz (100 g), 170 yards (156 m)

**Prints, Tweeds, & Heathers:** 3 ozs (85 g), 145 yards (133 meters)

**Twists:** 2.5 oz (70 g), 121 yards (111 meters)



#### **GAUGE:**

16 sts + 22 rows = 4 in. (10 cm) in St st (k on RS, p on WS).

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Making a Gauge Swatch

#### **STITCH EXPLANATION:**

**kfb (knit in front and back)** Knit the next st without removing it from left needle, then k through back of same st – 1 st increased.

**M1 (make 1)** An increase worked by lifting the horizontal strand lying between needles and placing it onto the left needle. Knit this new st through the back loop – 1 st increased.

**pfb (purl into front and back)** Purl next st without removing it from left needle, then p through back of same st – 1 st increased.

#### **PATTERN STITCH**

**K1, p1 Rib worked in rnds (over even number of sts)**

**Rnd 1:** \*K1, p1; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Rep Rnd 1 for K1, p1 Rib worked in rnds.

## TECHNIQUE EXPLANATION

### w&t (wrap and turn):

A technique used to ensure that a small hole doesn't form at the end of a short row.

1. Slip next st as if to purl.
2. Bring yarn between needles to front of work.  
Take care not to wrap the yarn over a needle, this would create a new st.
3. Slip same st back to left needle.
4. Turn work and bring yarn in position for next st.  
This will place a wrap around the st.
5. The next time you knit this st on a RS row, pick up the wrap and knit it tog with the st.

## NOTES:

1. Costume is worked in 2 pieces: Back and Underbody.
2. Underbody is divided for leg openings. Sides of openings and center section are worked separately until rejoined to complete leg openings. Underbody is again divided for tail opening and both sides are worked separately to end of piece.
3. Tentacles are worked separately then sewed to sides of Underbody.
4. Tentacles are shaped using short rows. Short rows are rows that are worked over a portion of the sts in a row, leaving the remaining sts unworked. To work short rows, the pattern instructions will tell you to 'turn' before you reach the end of the row.
5. When knitting in the round on double pointed needles (dpns), your sts need to be divided fairly evenly onto 4 needles. The total number of sts will not always be evenly divisible by the number of dpns that you are using - this is not a problem! Simply divide your sts as evenly as possible, you will still create a symmetrical 'tube' of knitting.

## COSTUME

### BACK

Beg at neck, with larger straight needles and A, cast on 50 (57) sts.

**Decrease Row (WS):** P2tog, purl to last 2 sts, p2tog – 48 (55) sts at the end of this row.

Work in St st (k on RS, p on WS) for 7 rows.

Rep Decrease Row – 46 (53) sts at the end of this row.

Rep last 8 rows 9 (11) more times – 28 (31) sts rem.

Bind off.

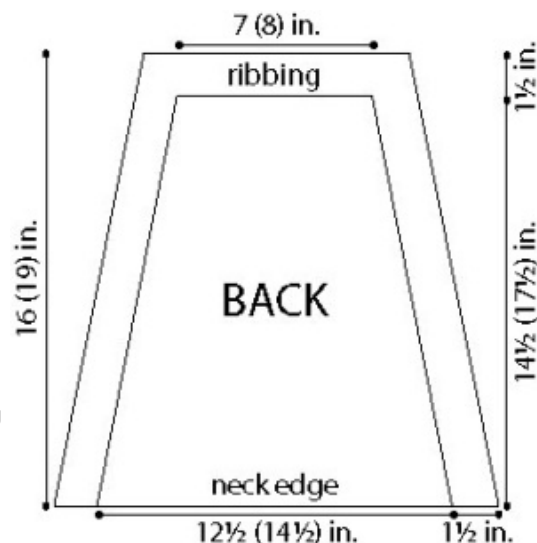
### Ribbing

From RS, with smaller circular needle and A, beg at one corner of neck edge, pick up and k50 (64) sts evenly spaced across diagonal side edge, 28 (31) sts across bound-off edge, and 50 (65) sts across other diagonal side edge – 128 (160) sts. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Rows 2-8 (9):** \*K2, p2; rep from \* to end of rnd.

Bind off.



## UNDERBODY

Beg at neck, with larger straight needles and A, cast on 5 sts.

**Row 1 (RS):** Knit.

**Row 2:** Purl.

**Row 3:** K2, M1, k1, place marker (pm), M1, k2 – 7 sts at the end of this row.

**Row 4:** Pfb, p to last st, pfb, slipping marker as you come to it – 9 sts.

**Row 5:** K to 1 st before marker, M1, k1, slip marker (sm), M1, k to end of row – 11 sts.

**Row 6:** Pfb, p to last st, pfb, slipping marker as you come to it – 13 sts.

**Rows 7-14 (18):** Rep last 2 rows 4 (6) times – 29 (37) sts at the end of Row 14 (18).

### Divide for Leg Openings

**Set Up Row:** K4 (6) for side section, bind off 5 sts, k to last 9 (11) sts for center section, bind off 5 sts, k to end of row for side section – 19 (27) sts.

### First Side Section

**Row 1 (WS):** P4 (6), sl the 11 (15) center section sts and 4 (6) sts for other side section onto holders.

Work in St st for 2 (4) rows.

**Increase Row:** K to last st, kfb – 5 (7) sts.

Work in St st for 3 rows.

Place first side section sts on holder.

### Center Section

Return 11 (15) center section sts to needle, ready to work a WS row.

Join yarn and work even in St st for 7 (9) rows beg with purl row.

Place center section sts on holder.

## Second Side Section

Return 4 (6) remaining side section sts to needle, ready to work a WS row.

**Row 1 (WS):** Join yarn and p to end of row.

Work in St st for 2 (4) rows.

**Increase Row:** Kfb, k to end of row – 5 (7) sts.

Work even in St st for 3 rows.

### Join to Complete Leg Openings

K5 (7) side section sts, cast on 5 sts, k11 (15) center sts from holder, cast on 5 sts, k5 (7) side section sts from holder – 31 (39) sts.

Work even in St st for 5 rows.

**Increase Row (RS):** Kfb, k to last st, kfb – 33 (41) sts at the end of this row.

Work even in St st for 5 rows.

### Divide for Tail Opening

**Set Up Row:** K9 (11), bind off 15 (19) sts, k to end of row – 18 (20) sts (9 (11) sts on each side).

#### First Side

**Row 1 (WS):** P9 (11).

Place sts for other side on holder.

**Row 2:** Knit.

**Row 3 (Dec):** P to last 2 sts, p2tog – 8 (10) sts.

**Row 4 (Inc):** K to last st, kfb – 9 (11) sts.

**Row 5 (Dec):** Rep Row 3.

**Row 6:** Knit.

**Row 7 (Dec):** P to last 2 sts, p2tog – 7 (9) sts.

**Rows 8-11:** Rep last 2 rows 2 more times – 5 (7) sts at the end of Row 11.

**Rows 12-15:** Rep Rows 4-7 – 4 (6) sts at the end of Row 15.

**Rows 16-19 (23):** Rep Rows 6 and 7.

Bind off rem 2 sts.

#### Second Side

Return 9 (11) remaining side sts from holder to needle, ready to work a WS row.

**Row 1 (WS):** Purl.

**Row 2:** Knit.

**Row 3 (Dec):** P2tog, p to end of row – 8 (10) sts.

**Row 4 (Inc):** Kfb, k to end of row – 9 (11) sts.

**Row 5 (Dec):** Rep Row 3.

**Row 6:** Knit.

**Row 7 (Dec):** P2tog, p to end of row – 7 (9) sts at the end of this row.

**Rows 8-11:** Rep last 2 rows 2 more times – 5 (7) sts at the end of Row 11.

**Rows 12-15:** Rep Rows 4-7 – 4 (6) sts at the end of Row 15.

**Rows 16-19 (23):** Rep Rows 6 and 7.

Bind off rem 2 sts.

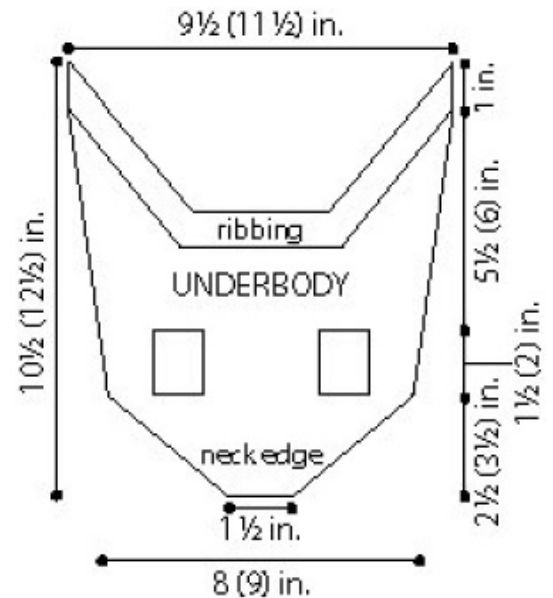
### Ribbing

From RS, with smaller straight needles and A, pick up and k40 (48) sts evenly spaced across lower edges (the diagonal inside edges and center bound off edge) of Underbody.

**Row 1:** Knit.

**Rows 2-6:** \*K2, p2; rep from \* to end of row.

Bind off.



## TENTACLES (make 8)

With smaller straight needles and C, cast on 50 sts.

Change to B.

**Row 1 (RS):** Sl 1, k to last st, p1.

**Row 2:** Sl 1, p26, w&t.

**Row 3:** K to last st, p1.

**Row 4:** Sl 1, p33, w&t.

**Row 5:** K to last st, p1.

**Row 6:** Sl 1, p19, w&t.

**Row 7:** K to last st, p1.

**Row 8:** Sl 1, p26, w&t.

**Row 9:** K to last st, p1.

**Row 10:** Sl 1, p12, w&t.

**Row 11:** K to last st, p1.

**Row 12:** Sl 1, p19, w&t.

**Row 13:** K to last st, p1.

**Row 14:** Sl 1, p5, w&t.

**Row 15:** K to last st, p1.

**Row 16:** Sl 1, p48, k1.

Change to C.

**Row 17:** Purl.

Bind off, leaving a long yarn tail for sewing.

Use yarn tail to whipstitch cast-on edge and bound-off edge together.

## FINISHING

Sew 4 Tentacles evenly spaced across each side edge of Underbody between tail end and beginning of leg openings. Sew each Tentacle with C-colored strip facing down.

Hold Back and Underbody with WS together. Beg at center neck, sew side edge of Underbody to Back above the ribbing. This will hide the seams where the tentacles are attached to body.

Rep for second side.

## Hood

With RS facing and larger double pointed needles and B, beg about 1 1/4 (1 1/2) in. (3 (4) cm) before center front of neck, pick up and k51 (59) sts evenly spaced around neck edge. Divide sts onto 4 needles, placing 12 (14) sts on first needle and 13 (15) sts each on rem 3 needles. Place marker for beg of rnd.

Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Knit 2 rnds.

**Row 1:** Bind off 10 (12) sts, k20 (23), M1, k1, pm, M1, k20 (23) – 43 (47) sts.

**Row 2:** K3, p to last 3 sts, k3, slipping marker as you come to it.

**Row 3:** K to 1 st before marker, M1, k1, sm, M1, k to end of row – 45 (49) sts.

**Rows 4-15 (23):** Rep last 2 rows 6 (10) times – 57 (69) sts at the end of Row 15 (23).

**Row 16 (24):** K3, p to last 3 sts, k3.

**Row 17 (25):** Knit.

Rep last 2 rows until Hood measures about 6 1/2 (7 1/2) in. (16.5 (19) cm).

Bind off. Fold bound-off edge in half and sew edges together for top of Hood.

## Leg Ribbing

With RS facing and with smaller double pointed needles and B, pick up and k22 (28) sts evenly spaced around one leg opening. Divide sts onto 4 needles, placing 5 (7) sts each first and 3rd needles and 6 (7) sts each on 2nd and 4th needles. Place marker for beg of rnd. Join by working the first st on left hand needle with the working yarn from the right hand needle.

Work in K1, p1 Rib worked in rnds for 5 rnds.

Bind off.

Rep around 2nd leg opening.

Weave in ends.

| ABBREVIATIONS / REFERENCES                        |  |
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| Click for explanation and illustration            |  |
| <a href="#">beg = begin(s)(ning)</a>              | <a href="#">dec = decreas(e)(s)(ing)</a>   |
| <a href="#">dpn(s) = double pointed needle(s)</a> | <a href="#">inc = increas(e)(s)(ing)</a>   |
| <a href="#">k = knit</a>                          | <a href="#">k2tog = knit 2 together</a>    |
| <a href="#">p = purl</a>                          | <a href="#">p2tog = purl 2 together</a>    |
| <a href="#">Pm = place marker</a>                 | <a href="#">rem = remain(s)(ing)</a>       |
| <a href="#">rep = repeat(s)(ing)</a>              | <a href="#">rnd(s) = round(s)</a>          |
| <a href="#">RS = right side</a>                   | <a href="#">sl = slip</a>                  |
| <a href="#">sm = slip marker</a>                  | <a href="#">St st = Stockinette stitch</a> |
| <a href="#">st(s) = stitch(es)</a>                | <a href="#">WS = wrong side</a>            |

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