

# Octopus Hand Bag

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<b>Size</b>	9" x 6" x 2"
<b>Yarn</b>	2 skeins Morehouse Gator Yarn (sport weight yarn with tight twist; 225 yards per skein)
<b>Needles</b>	set of 8" double-pointed US #5
<b>Gauge</b>	4½ stitches over Garter stitch pattern knit tight and using yarn double
<b>Other Material</b>	2 handles, felt for critter appliqué, 2 eyes 12mm

Bag is knit in the round. Starting with the bottom of bag (knit back and forth), then stitches are picked up along sides of bottom and at cast-on edge and the bag is then knit in the round. Entire bag is knit with yarn double.

Cast on 40 stitches using yarn double (you'll be knitting entire bag with both skeins simultaneously). Knit 20 rows. Next: knit row, then start new needle and pick up 10 stitches at side (along the 20 rows you just knit, pick up 1 stitch per 2 rows). Start new needle and pick up 40 stitches along cast-on edge; then start new needle and pick up 10 stitches along other side. From now you'll be working bag in the round in the following pattern: \*purl 1 round; then knit next round; repeat from \* to a total of 58 rounds. Bind off in next round.

**Finishing** Felt bag in washing machine (warm water wash, warm water rinse). For drying, fold towel to fit inside bag. Then insert towel in bag to keep square shape of bag. When completely dry, sew on felt decoration (see instructions and template on separate sheet) and bamboo handles (sew handles to inside of bag, ½" from top of bag edge).

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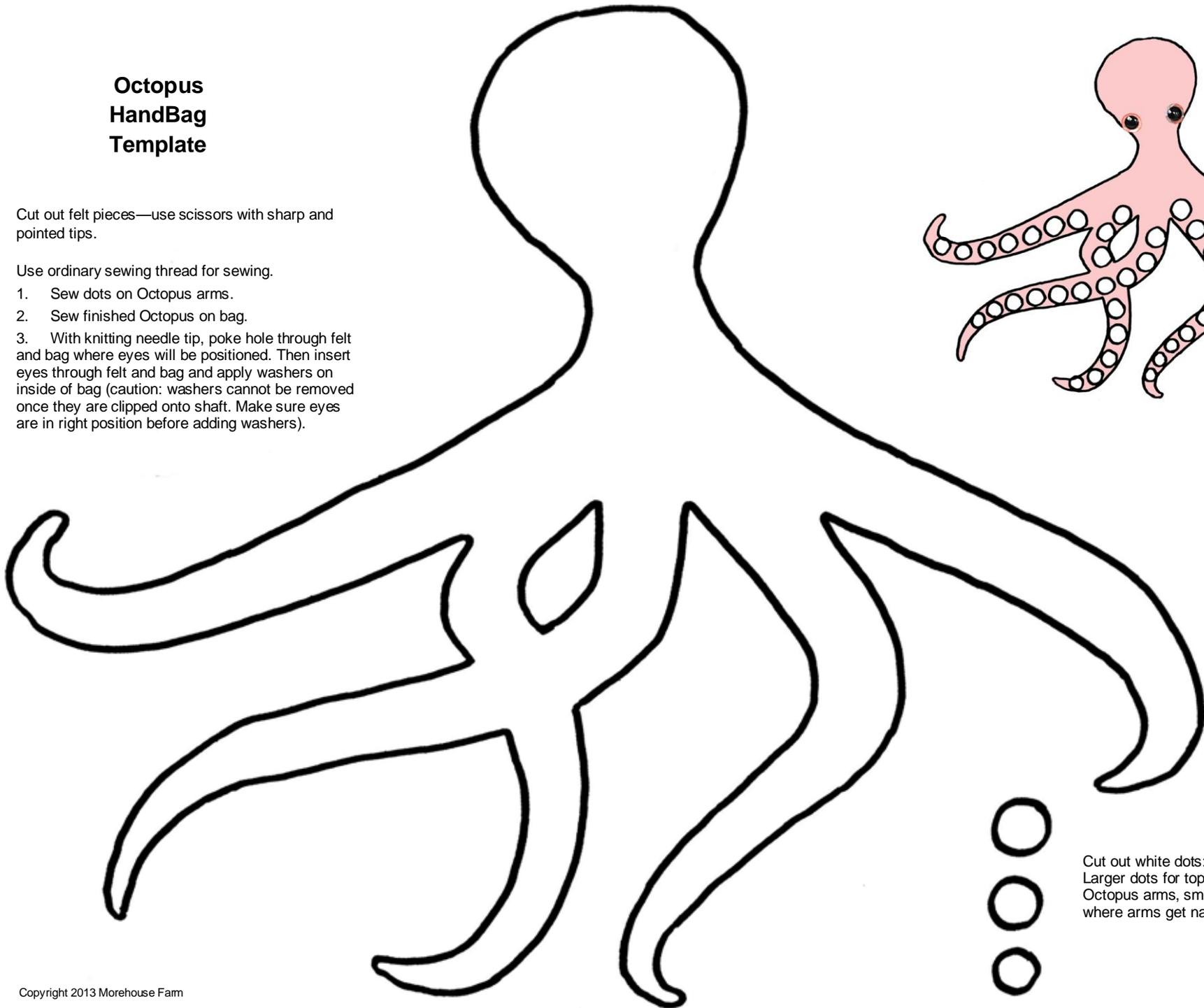
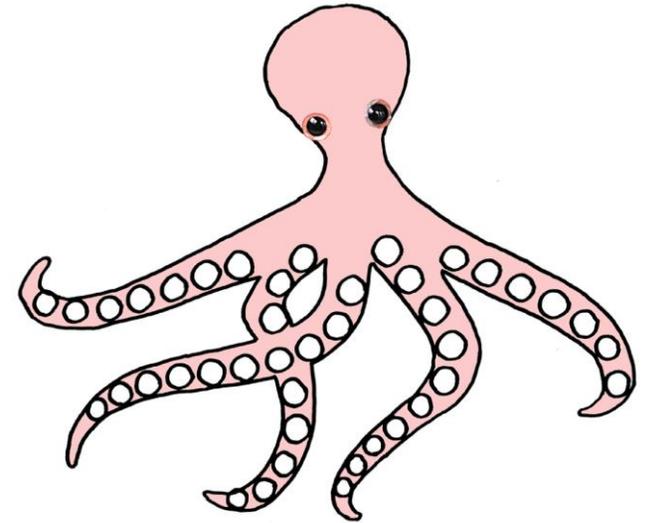
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## Octopus HandBag Template

Cut out felt pieces—use scissors with sharp and pointed tips.

Use ordinary sewing thread for sewing.

1. Sew dots on Octopus arms.
2. Sew finished Octopus on bag.
3. With knitting needle tip, poke hole through felt and bag where eyes will be positioned. Then insert eyes through felt and bag and apply washers on inside of bag (caution: washers cannot be removed once they are clipped onto shaft. Make sure eyes are in right position before adding washers).



Cut out white dots:  
Larger dots for top of  
Octopus arms, smaller ones  
where arms get narrower,