HOW TO MAKE

Crochet Onigiri Stuffie

TABLE FOR TWO
This adorable onigiri is crocheted using white bulky yarn for the “rice” and a worsted weight black for the seaweed (nori). You can use any scrap yarn you have. Adjust the size of the crochet hook to fit the weight of your yarn.

If you are unfamiliar with how to crochet there are many videos on Youtube to guide you along such as this one for beginners: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdK-WWdHCQU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZdK-WWdHCQU)
How to Increase in Single Crochet [https://youtu.be/2ueAmvoyZmU](https://youtu.be/2ueAmvoyZmU)
How to Decrease in Single Crochet [https://youtu.be/S1ZEtX4rlMc](https://youtu.be/S1ZEtX4rlMc)

Not to worry if you don’t follow the pattern exactly and you have an extra stitch here or there. You should be able to create the general shape of the onigiri.

The crocheted “rice” can be used with either side facing out. In this example the triangle is inside out for a more rice-texture look. Either way is great, just have fun!

We would love to see your creations! Please upload on your social media using #OnigiriAction #OnigiriCrochet and tag us @tablefor2_usa on Instagram or @tablefor2 on Facebook!
Materials

- Crochet hooks Sizes 6 and 4 or size appropriate for yarn
- White bulky weight yarn
- Black worsted weight yarn
- 1 tapestry needle
- Polyester batting for stuffing
- Embroidery thread or yarn for creating features

Terminology

- Chain stitch
- Slip stitch
- Single crochet
- Increase
- Decrease
Pattern: FOR THE RICE

Row 1 With size 6 crochet hook Chain 8. Connect the stitches into a round with a slip stitch. You should have 8 stitches in total.
Row 2 (SC, SC 2 X in next stitch) (this is an increase]. Repeat this 3 more times for a total of 12 stitches.
Row 3 (SC 4, SC 2 X in next 2 stitches) twice, for a total of 16 stitches.
Row 4 (SC 6, SC 2 X in the next 2 stitches) twice, for a total of 20 stitches.
Row 5 (SC 7, SC X in the next stitch, SC in next stitch, SC 2 X in next stitch) twice, for a total of 24 stitches.
Row 6 SC in all 24 stitches.
Row 7 (SC 8, SC 2 times in the next stitch, SC in next two stitches, SC twice in the next stitch) twice for a total of 28 stitches.
Row 8 SC in all 28 stitches.
Row 9 (SC 9, Single crochet twice in the next stitch, SC 3, SC twice in the next stitch) twice for a total of 32 stitches.
Rows 10-12 SC in all 32 stitches.
Row 13 This is a decrease row: (SC 10, decrease 3 stitches) twice for a total of 26 stitches (See “how to decrease video” if you are unfamiliar with this technique).
Secure last stitch by pulling yarn through the last loop. Cut the yarn.

Stuff your onigiri with batting to the shape and size you desire.
**Pattern: FOR THE RICE (Onigiri bottom)**

**Onigiri bottom**
This piece is the base of the onigiri and forms a flat bottom so your onigiri can “stand.” You are making a rectangle. It will look smaller than the opening but when you sew it on you will be able to fit it to the size and shape of the opening.

**Row 1 Chain 10**
**Row 2 (SC in each stitch, Chain 1 and turn)**
Repeat 3 times for a total of 4 rows.
Secure the last stitch leaving a long tail of yarn to use for sewing the rectangle to the bottom of the onigiri. Cut the yarn, Beginning at one end of the onigiri, attach the rectangle to the base of the onigiri with an overcast stitch.

When the base is complete, secure the yarn with a small invisible knot and push the tapestry needle through the body of the Stuffie and out the other side. Cut the yarn close to the rice. Push through any loose end.
The nori is a rectangle made of the black yarn.

**Row 1** With Size 4 crochet hook and black yarn chain 10

**Row 2** (SC 10, CH 1, Turn). Repeat this row for 20-26 rows until you have the size rectangle that will fit around the rice. Secure the last stitch and leaving a long enough tail to attach the nori, cut the yarn.

Starting about halfway from the top of the onigiri, and around the bottom to the other side, attach the nori with an overcast stitch, around the onigiri.

Check out the video!
[https://youtu.be/Jk1upFDPsT8](https://youtu.be/Jk1upFDPsT8)

Your onigiri is complete! Omedeto gozaimasu.
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Give your onigiri a personality by embroidering eyes, adding a bow or bowtie and create an amigurumi onigiri. Amigurumi is the Japanese craft of knitting or crocheting stuffed toys with features.

You can even take your Onigiri-chan Stuffie with you. Snap a shot and post with hashtags: #OnigiriAction #onigiriaroundtheworld and tag us on Instagram @tablefor2_usa. Let us know where in the world you and your Stuffie are!

This pattern was adapted from “Amigurumi_Bokujo” @amiboku on Instagram. Thank you for giving us permission to print your pattern! Also thank you to Nobu Takeuchi for helping to translate the pattern from Japanese to English.