



Spiral Hackysack

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These hackysacks are quick to make, plus they only use up slightly less than 10 yards, so they are perfect for random little balls of yarn you have lying around.

They make great gifts for kids and can be stuffed with polyfill for some soft balls to throw around.

Finished Size: 2.5" (6.5 cm) across

Materials:

- About 10 yards each of worsted weight MC and CC.
- Size G Hook
- Split ring marker or scrap yarn
- Tapestry needle
- Pony beads (or other stuffing)

Abbreviations

MC – main color
CC – contrast color
sc – single crochet
sc2tog – single crochet 2 together
rnd - round
ch – chain
pm – place marker

Gauge: Not important, be sure that you work tight enough so that the stuffing does not show through or fall out.

Notes:

- I wrote a tutorial for the first two rounds. If you are having trouble, please view it [here](#).
- When you drop one color to start working on the next color, pull out the loop an inch or two so it does not unravel easily. Don't worry about the tension when you work that last sc before changing colors; it will even out once you put the loop back on the hook and tighten the tension.
- Gauge is unimportant, but be sure that you use a hook size that creates a dense fabric so that your stuffing does not show through or come out.
- Remember to move up your marker after finishing each round.
- If you'd prefer to have both sides look the same, work rnds 1-8 twice, then whipstitch the two halves together.

Directions:

Rnd 1: Using MC, make a magic loop. Ch 1, 3 sc, drop MC. Pull up a loop with CC. Ch 1, 3 sc. Tighten magic loop. Pm to mark the beginning of the next rnd. [6 sc]

Rnd 2: With CC, (2 sc in next sc) 3 times. (You should be crocheting on the MC.) Drop CC. Place MC on hook. With MC, (2 sc in next sc) 3 times. [12 sc]

Rnd 3: With MC, (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times. Drop MC. Place CC on hook. With CC, (sc in next sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times. [18 sc]

Rnd 4: With CC, (sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times. Drop CC. Place MC on hook. With MC, (sc in next 2 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times. [24 sc]

Rnd 5: With MC, (sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times. Drop MC. Place CC on hook. With CC, (sc in next 3 sc, 2 sc in next sc) 3 times. [30 sc]

Rnd 6: With CC, sc in next 15 sc. Drop CC. Place MC on hook. With MC, sc in next 15 sc.

Rnd 7: With MC, sc in next 15 sc. Drop MC. Place CC on hook. With CC, sc in next 15 sc.

Rnds 8 & 9: Repeat rnds 6 & 7.

Rnd 10: Repeat rnd 6.

Rnd 11: With MC, (sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog) 3 times. Drop MC. Place CC on hook. With CC, (sc in next 3 sc, sc2tog) 3 times. [24 sc]

Rnd 12: With CC, (sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog) 3 times. Drop CC. Place MC on hook. With MC, (sc in next 2 sc, sc2tog) 3 times. [18 sc]

Rnd 13: With MC, (sc in next sc, sc2tog) 3 times. Drop MC. Place CC on hook. With CC, *sc in next sc, sc2tog* 3 times. Fill hackysack with pony beads or chosen stuffing. [12 sc]

Rnd 14: With CC, (sc2tog) 3 times. Break yarn and fasten off. Place MC on hook. With MC, (sc2tog) 3 times. Break yarn and fasten off. [6 sc]

Weave yarn through each stitch in rnd 14 and pull tightly to close the top. Be sure to weave in ends securely so that the hackysack does not come apart after some use.