



Orb-It Ball Pattern

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Getting Started.

Get creative and use this simple ball pattern in endless ways! Experiment with different yarns, colors, stripes, and stuffings to make baby toys, dog toys, Christmas ornaments, juggling balls, hacky-sacks, etc.

Size: Size depends on the yarn weight you use

Needles: Set of 4 double-pointed needles appropriate for the weight of yarn you're using, a good size is usually listed on the yarn label. [This chart](#) also lists yarn weights and recommended needle sizes.

Yarn: Any yarn, any weight, see note below on yarn amounts

Additional Materials: tapestry needle for weaving ends, row counter, stuffing (see ideas below)

Gauge: make a fabric tight enough to hold the stuffing

Yarn amounts: These amounts are approximate, my results for the different weights. Super Bulky - 45 grams, Bulky - 20 grams, Worsted - 10 grams, DK - 8 grams.

Stuffing ideas:

- Stuff with fiberfill for a soft, lightweight ball
- Use a knotted section of pantyhose filled with lentils or plastic pellets to make a heavier juggling ball
- Fill with stuffing and a rattle to make a baby toy
- Fill with stuffing and a squeaky to make a dog toy

Abbreviations:

K - knit

K2tog - knit two stitches together, one stitch decrease

M1 - make one, one stitch increase

Link to Video Tutorial: <https://youtu.be/aBa-h17TfXU>

Directions.

INCREASE SECTION

Cast-on 6 stitches, 2 stitches each on 3 double-pointed needles, and join in-the-round.

Round 1: K

Round 2: *K1, M1*, repeat between *s around, (12 stitches)

Round 3 (and all odd-numbered rounds): K

Round 4: *K2, M1* around, (18 stitches)

Round 6: *K3, M1* around (24 stitches)

Round 8: *K4, M1* around (30 stitches)

Round 10: *K5, M1* around (36 stitches)

Round 12: *K6, M1* around (42 stitches)

Round 14: *K7, M1* around (48 stitches, 16 stitches on each needle)

STRAIGHT SECTION

Knit 4 rounds without increasing. Weave in the cast-on end at this point, and if necessary, tighten up the hole left by the cast-on.

DECREASE SECTION

Round 1 (and all odd-numbered rounds): K

Round 2: *K6, K2tog* around (42 stitches)

Round 4: *K5, K2tog* around (36 stitches)

Round 6: *K4, K2tog* around (30 stitches)

Round 8: *K3, K2tog* around (24 stitches)

Round 10: *K2, K2tog* around (18 stitches)

Round 12: *K1, K2tog* around (12 stitches) - you may want to stuff the ball at this point!

Round 14: *K2tog* around (6 stitches)

Round 15 (optional, depending on the yarn you're using, sometimes it looks like it needs an extra knit round to make it more round and ball-shaped, sometimes it doesn't): K

FINISHING

Break yarn and thread through remaining 6 stitches, tighten, and secure the end as demonstrated in the video.

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