

Basic Beginner Amigurumi Smiley Face Balls with YouTube Help Video

Put one on your desk to brighten your day!

Help Video: youtube.com/naztazia

Look for the video "Amigurumi"



Smiley Face Balls:

Start with the Magic Ring, then chain 1.

Round 1: Do 6 single crochet stitches in the ring. Pull tail tightly to close ring.
Total = 6 sc.

Working in spirals, do not slip stitch to join. Mark first stitch in each round. If you need assistance with these smiley face balls, see the amigurumi help video on Naztazia's channel <http://youtube.com/naztazia> for step-by-step instructions.

Round 2: Do 2 single crochet stitches in each stitch around. Total = 12 sc.

Round 3: Do 2 single crochet stitches in the first stitch, then 1 single crochet in the next stitch. Repeat pattern of * 2 sc, 1 sc * around. Total = 18 sc.

Round 4: Do * 2 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc * around. Total = 24 sc.

Round 5: Do * 2 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc * around. Total = 30 sc.

Round 6: Do * 2 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc * around. Total = 36 sc.

Rounds 7-13: Do 1 sc around. Total = 36 sc.

Round 14: Do a single crochet 2 together using the invisible decrease method in the first stitch, then 1 sc in each of the next 4 stitches. Repeat pattern of * sc2tog (using the invdec method), 1 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc * around. Total = 30 sc.

Round 15: Do * sc2tog, 1 sc, 1 sc, 1 sc * around. Total = 24 sc

At this time, you can add safety eyes or sew-on items like buttons. You can also embroider the mouth and other features with black embroidery floss. You can wait until the end for the glue-on items. Weave in the starting tail end.

Materials:

- Approx. 100 yards of worsted weight yarn for each smiley ball
- Size F (3.75 mm) crochet hook
- Paper clip or stitch marker
- Scissors
- Needle for weaving in ends and embroidery
- Hot glue gun with 1 glue sticks (low or high-temp guns are both fine)
- 1 skein of embroidery floss for embellishments
- Either safety eyes, sew-on eyes, buttons, or glue-on eyes
- Polyester fiberfill for stuffing
- Optional pieces of felt for embellishments

Terms:

- CH = Chain
- SC = Single crochet stitch
- SC2TOG = Single crochet 2 together
- INVDEC = Invisible decrease

American English Crochet Terms

Begin stuffing the inside of the smiley face ball with polyester fiberfill.

Round 16: Do * sc2tog, 1 sc, 1 sc * around. Total = 18 sc.

Round 17: Do * sc2tog, 1 sc * around. Total = 12 sc.

Add your last amount of stuffing inside the smiley face ball before closing it up.

Round 18: Do * sc2tog, sc2tog * around. Total = 6 sc.

Cut a long tail. Thread a yarn needle and sew the remaining stitches to close the hole. Glue on eyes (if not already completed). Glue on felt pieces if desired.

Note: these smiley face balls are not meant for babies or small children. However if babies or small children might come in contact with these items, it is best to use safety eyes/parts or embroidered eyes/parts so that any small pieces do not accidentally come off and pose a choking risk.