Pet Toys
made from
Yarn Scraps

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Materials

For the ball:

- T-shirt yarn
- 8mm hook
- Galvanized wire (diameter of 1.8mm)
- Craft wire
- Wire cutter
- Yarn needle
- Sewing needle and thread
- Felt
- Hot glue gun and glue
- Small toy (preferably one that rattles)

For the rope:

- Chunky or t-shirt yarn
- Cardboard

For the wand:

- T-shirt yarn
- Wand from old toy
- Clasp
- String
- Electrical tape

Abbreviations

Rnd: round or rounds
Ch: chain
Sl st: slip stitch
Sc: single crochet
Hdc: half double crochet
Inc 2: increase by working two stitches in same stitch
St: Stitch or stitches

Skill Level

Easy to Intermediate

About:

The terminology used in this pattern is the <u>US terminology</u>.

Gauge is not important to these projects.

The parenthesis ( ) are used when a group of stitches is to be repeated a number of times or with a group of stitches that is to be worked in one stitch on same space.

The numbers in parenthesis at the end of each round or row indicate the total number of stitches in that round or row.

Most rounds are written in the following format:
Round number: (work a number of stitches, increase or decrease) x n times (total number of stitches in the round/row)

The information icon (*i*) indicates that the marked technique is explained in detail with pictures in the techniques section of the pattern.

Thank you!

Interactive Ball

Cups (make 2)
Using a 8mm hook and the t-shirt yarn.

The cups are worked in continuous rounds. <u>Don't join rounds at the end</u>. You may want to use a marker to indicate the beginning of the rounds.
All stitches are <u>worked in both loops and over the galvanized wire</u>. *i* (page 14)

Ch10, slst to the 1st st to form a circle

Rnd 1: 16hdc in the circle	(16st)
Rnd 2: (1hdc, inc 2) x 8	(24st)
Rnd 3: (2hdc, inc 2) x 8	(32st)

- 2sc, 1slst, needle join and weave in ends.

Panels for the First Cup
Using a 8mm hook and the t-shirt yarn.

The panels are worked in rows. All stitches are <u>worked in both loops and over the galvanized wire</u>. *i* (page 14)

Panel 1

Row 1: join with hdc to where you made the needle join at the end of the cup, 7hdc, ch2, turn	(8st)
Row 2: 8hdc	(8st)

- Finish off and leave a long tail.
- Bend the wire over the last row, cut with a bit of excess wire.

Panel 2

Row 1: Skip 3 st to the left of the first panel and join with hdc, 7hdc, ch2, turn	(8st)
Row 2: 8hdc	(8st)

- Finish off and leave a long tail.
- Bend the wire over the last row, cut with a bit of excess wire.

Panel 3

Row 1: Skip 3 st to the left of the second panel and join with hdc, 6hdc, ch2, turn	(7st)
Row 2: 7hdc	(7st)

- Finish off and leave a long tail.
- Bend the wire over the last row, cut with a bit of excess wire.

Panels for the Second Cup
Using a 8mm hook and the t-shirt yarn.

The panels are worked in rows. All stitches are <u>worked in both loops and over the galvanized wire</u>. *i* (page 14)

Panel 1

Row 1: join with hdc to where you made the needle join at the end of the cup, 7hdc	(8st)

- Finish off and weave in ends.

Panel 2

Row 1: Skip 3 st to the left of the first panel and join with hdc, 7hdc	(8st)

- Finish off and weave in ends.

Panel 3

Row 1: Skip 3 st to the left of the second panel and join with hdc, 6hdc	(7st)

- Finish off and weave in ends.

The two halves should look like this:

Assembling the ball

1. Bend all the wire tips and cover them with the felt using the hot glue gun.

2. Place the small toy inside the ball. I chose a plastic ball that rattles.

3. Place the 2 halves on top of each other making sure that the correct panels are aligned (remember that one of the panels, on each side, only has 7 stitches).

4. Use the long ends left at the end of the first half of the ball to sew the 2 halves together. Make sure to catch the wire left on top of the panels on the first half.

5. Sew all the panels and weave in ends.

Finishing the ball

1. Cut a length of craft wire long enough to make a circle to cover the windows between the panels. Leave excess wire on both ends.

2. Wrap the excess ends on the opposite sides of the wire, closing the circle. Make sure the tips of the wire are flush.

3. Make a slipknot on your hook.

4. Yarn over. Secure the yarn with your fingers to make sure that it doesn't slide.

5. Insert the hook into the circle.

6. Yarn over and pull up a loop.

7. Yarn over.

8. Pull yarn through all loops on the hook. The first half double crochet is completed.

9. Continue to work half double crochets into the circle until it is completely covered. Needle join to the first stitch and weave in the ends.

10. Sew the circle on top of the window covering its edges. Repeat for the other two windows to complete the ball.
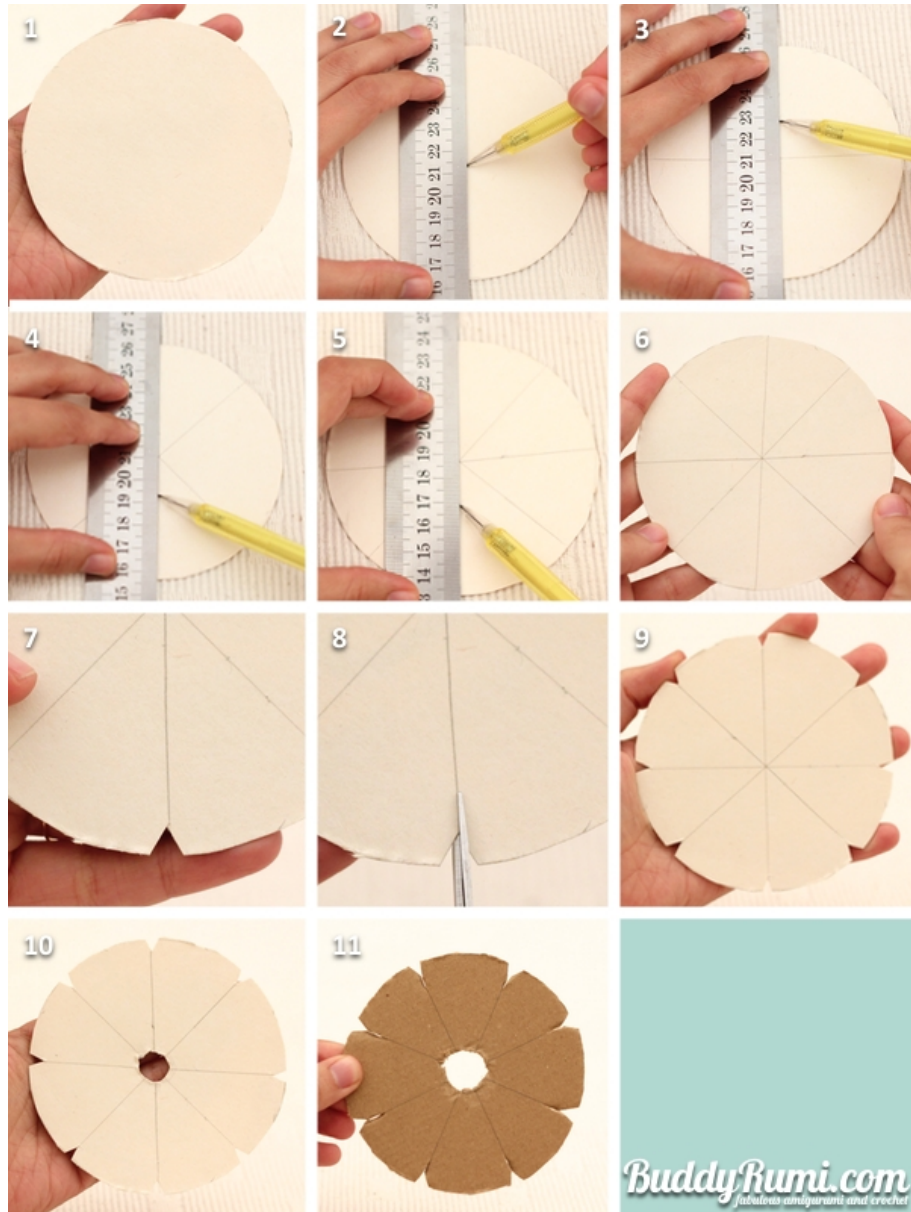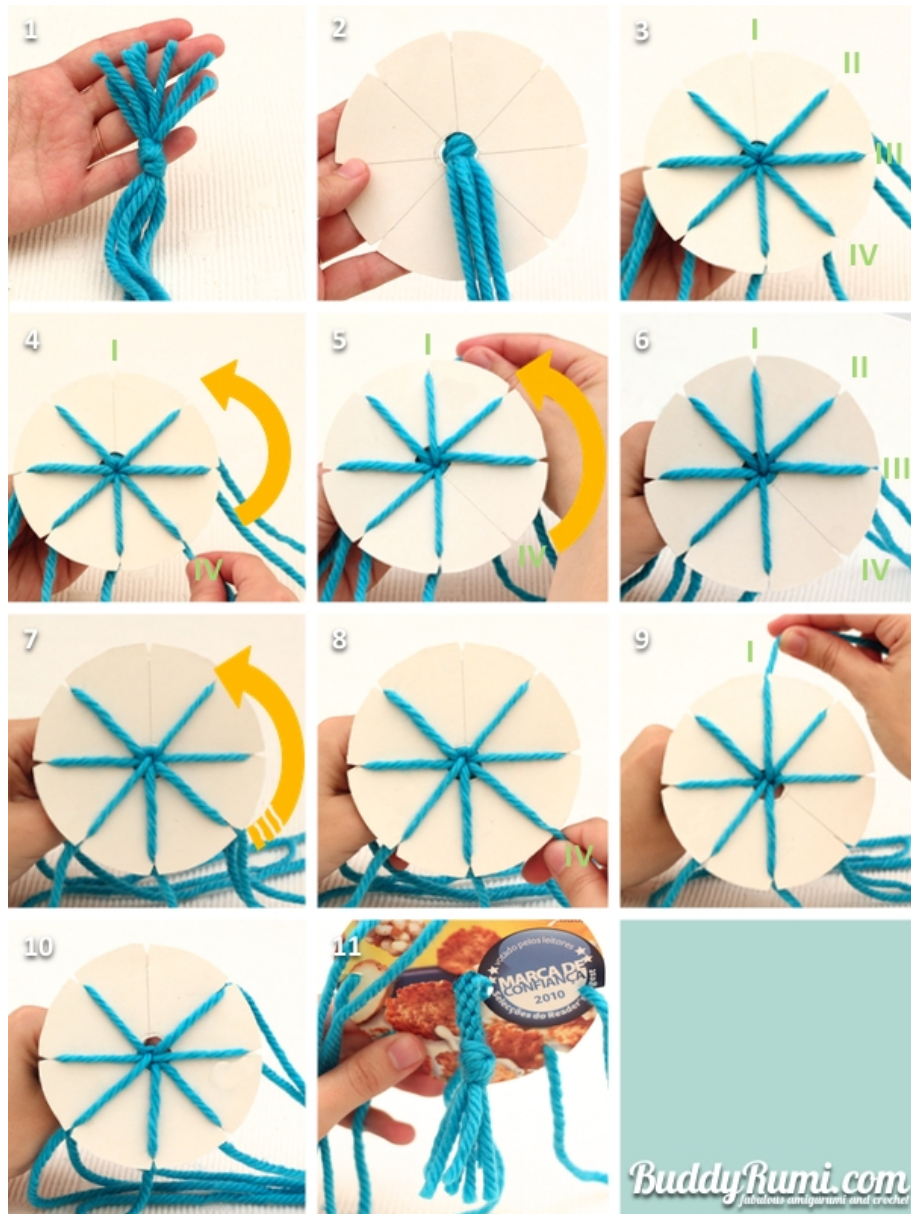
Finished ball

Rope to Catch or Pull

The rope is made using the Kumihimo technique.

Making the Kumihimo Loom

1. Cut a circle from cardboard with a diameter of about 10.5cm (4.13 inches).

2. Draw a line dividing the circle in half.

3. Turn the circle 90º and draw another line dividing the circle in 4 equal parts.

4. Turn the circle 45º and draw another line.

5. Turn the circle 90º and draw another line.

6. The circle should be divided into 8 equal parts.

7. Cut out a little triangle at the end of the line.

8. Cut a slit on top of the line.

9. Repeat steps 7 and 8 for all lines.

10. Cut a hole in the center of the circle big enough for the yarn to pass through.

11. To make the loom for the t-shirt yarn rope I used a stronger cardboard and made a bigger hole in the center.

Making the rope

1. Cut 7 pieces of chunky yarn 40cm (15.75 inches) long and tie a knot holding all the ends together.

2. Insert the knot through the hole in the loom, leaving the long parts of the yarn to the front.

3. Secure the yarns in the slits leaving one empty. The empty slit is always on the top (marked as I in the picture). Counting clockwise the other important slits are II, III and IV.

4. Grab the yarn in slit number IV.

5. Move the yarn to slit number I.

6. Now slit number IV is empty.

7. Turn the loom counterclockwise until the empty slit is on top.

8. Grab the yarn in slit number IV.

9. Move the yarn to slit number I.

10. Turn the loom counterclockwise until the empty slit is on top.

11. Keep repeating steps 8 to 10 and the rope will start to grow on the other side of the loom.

Keep going until you can't secure the yarn in the loom anymore. Take the rope out of the loom carefully without letting go of the ends. Tie a knot securing all ends.

Finished rope

The ropes are fun for cats and dogs alike! =D

I made a thicker one with t-shirt yarn. I used two pieces of yarn for each slit. The t-shirt yarn is more durable and is easier to wash. I left the ends long on this one because Leeloo likes to catch them!

Cat Teaser Wand

1. Cut several pieces of t-shirt yarn 1.80m (1.97 yards) long. Fold them in half, tie a knot making a loop at the end where they were folded. I included some pieces that were half the length, but I didn't fold those.

2. The clasp is optional but it makes it easier to take the t-shirt yarn from the wand whenever it needs to be washed. The clasp I used has a base that swivels 360º which allows more fun movements to be made.

3. Cut a piece of string, more or less 20cm (7.87 inches) long, fold it in half and tie the ends together.

4. Insert the string into the base of the clasp.

5. Insert the ends of the string through the loop on the other side of the base of the clasp.

6. Pull the string securing it to the base of the clasp.

7. Secure the string to the base of the wand with tape. I used electrical tape, which is sticky, malleable and strong.

8. Insert the t-shirt yarn loops into the clasp.

Finished wand

A simple and fun toy for our furry friends!

Working Over the Wire Technique

Step 1

Place the wire over the top of the stitches of the previous round.

Step 2

Because we are working with a half double crochet, yarn over.

Step 3

Insert the hook into the next stitch keeping the wire over it.

Step 4

Yarn over.

Step 5

Pull up a loop.

Step 6

Yarn over.

Step 7

Pull the yarn through the 3 loops on the hook. The double crochet is completed and the wire covered.