Reusable water balloon

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Pattern

Make 2 identical pieces.

Cast on 4 stitches

Knit 1 row

Inc purl wise into first stitch, P to last stitch, inc P wise in last stitch (6 stitches)

K 1 row

Inc purl wise into first stitch, P to last stitch, inc P wise in last stitch (8 stitches)

K 1 row

Inc purl wise into first stitch, P to last stitch, inc P wise in last stitch (10 stitches)

K 1 row

Inc purl wise into first stitch, P to last stitch, inc P wise in last stitch (12 stitches)

K 1 row

P 1 row

K 1 row

P 1 row

K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, K2tog (10 stitches)

P 1 row

K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, K2tog (8 stitches)

P 1 row

K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, K2tog (6 stitches)

P 1 row

K2tog, K to last 2 stitches, K2tog (4 stitches)

Starting with a P row SS 5 rows

Cast off.

To make up

With the right sides together, leaving the cast on edges open sew the other edges together. Turn out through the hole made by leaving the cast on stitches, then sew this hole closed.

Notes

Difficulty: Intermediate

Wool: 20 g of any chunky yarn

Needles: 6mm

The balloon finished size is approximately 9cm x 15cm depending on how chunky the yarn is.

Make a variety of reusable balloons for play, dip them in a bucket of water and use as water balloons are usually, no need to wring out. The yarn may have been treated so they may absorb more water after initial play session. Make sure the reusable balloons are fully dried after play to prevent mould and rotting.

Abbreviations

K knit

P pearl

SS stocking stitch

Inc increase

K2tog knit two stitches together

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