

Simply Playful Things

Felted balls and toys to make on the addi Express knitting machines



Playful Things	Yarn	*Ball sizes to use	addi Express	Rounds	Toys per ball of yarn
Small Simple Balls & Mini Mice	Reggae Ombre	1½" to 3"	Standard	14 to 16	1 ball = 4 - 6 toys
	Simplinatural	1½" to 3"	Standard	14 to 16	1 ball = 6 - 8 toys
	Zauberwolke	1½" to 3"	Standard	24	1 ball = 10 - 12 toys
Large Simple Balls	Reggae Ombre	4½" to 6"	King Size	34 to 38	1 ball = 2 toys
	Simplinatural	4½" to 6"	King Size	40	1 ball = 2 - 3 toys
Interlocking Rings	Reggae Ombre	1½" to 3"	Standard		2 balls = 1 toy
Balls in a Ring	Reggae Ombre	1½" to 3"	Standard		1 ball = 1 toy

Note: The larger the ball inserted, the less your knitting will contract when felting. You will still have a wonderful, felted, round ball, but it will show more stitch definition than when using a smaller ball.

Featured Yarns:

HiKoo® *Simplinatural*, 40% Baby Alpaca, 40% Fine Merino Wool, 20% Mulberry Silk; 183 yards per 100 gram hank

Schoppel *Reggae Ombre*, 100% Merino Wool; 109 yards per 50 gram ball

Schoppel *Zauberwolke*, 100% Virgin Merino Wool; 273 yards per 100 gram ball

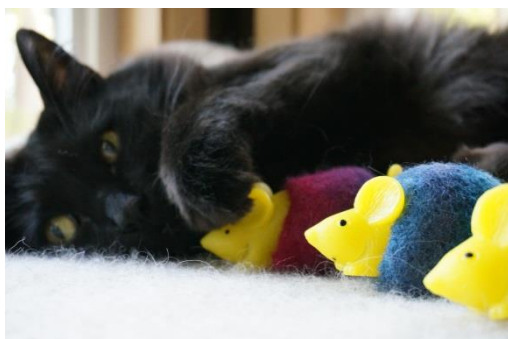
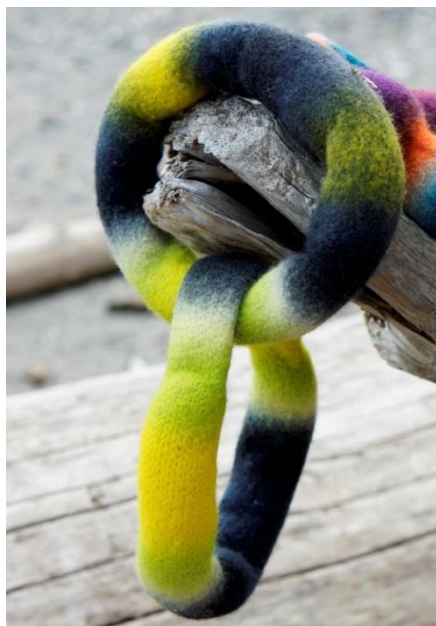
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Almost all types of balls will work for these toys. Small tennis balls, rubber balls, plastic balls with bells in them, can all be found at your local pet store. Styrofoam balls work well for decorative balls. There are two types of Styrofoam – one is very porous, one is not and is a bit harder. Better results are achieved with the harder foam.



Interlocking Rings - Requires 2 balls of *Reggae Ombre* and the standard addi express. Cast on with the first ball of yarn, and work in the round until only 24" of yarn remain, then do the standard bind off without cinching the stitches. Stuff the tube with inexpensive wool roving (NOT superwash), then use a mattress stitch to join the two ends, creating a loop. Work the second ball in the same way, but after stuffing the tube and before stitching the ends together, interlock this loop with the one already created. Hide the leftover yarn inside the work using a tapestry needle to pull it into the work. Throw the interlocked rings into the washer to felt. Done!

Balls in a Ring - Cast on and work in the round until 24" of yarn remain. Do the standard bind off, pulling the yarn tail to cinch in the end and close the tube. Insert four or five balls, one at a time, into the tube from the cast-on end. Then gather the stitches to close the cast-on opening and sew it to the bind-off end to create a ring. Hide the leftover yarn inside the work, using a tapestry needle to pull it into the inside of the tube. To finish the ring you can either secure the balls in place by using leftover yarn and tying a knot before and after each ball, or you can do what was done for the pictured sample; the Balls in a Ring that Hank is carrying was finished by evenly spacing the balls within the ring, then tossing it into the wash to see where the balls ended up as the ring felted. Whichever way you choose, throw the ring into the washer to felt. Done!

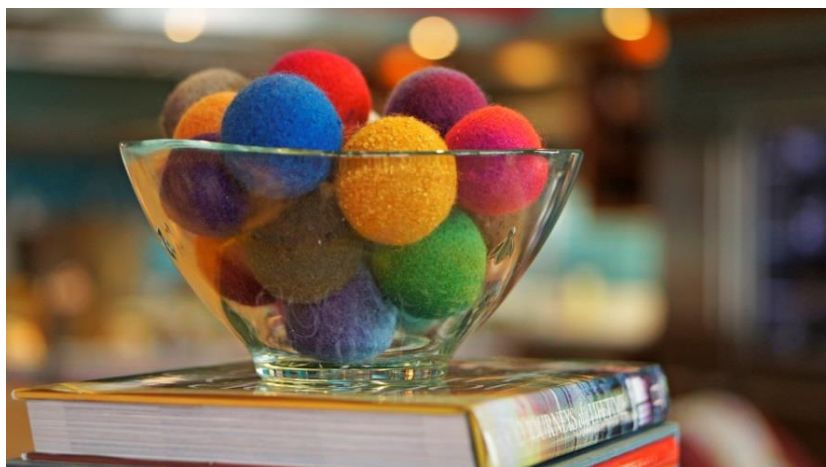


Mini Mice in a felted shell. Work as you do a 1½" to 3" ball, except stuff with a toy mouse, and allow the head and tail to stick out.



Simple Balls – Pick your yarn, ball size, and addi Express using the chart for guidance. Work the addi express in the round for the suggested number of rounds listed in the chart. Work the standard bind off, pulling the yarn through the stitches to gather them. Insert the ball from the cast on end and gather those stitches using the tail remaining from the cast on.

Using a tapestry needle, close the top and bottom tightly by sewing them shut with several small stitches. Hide the left over yarn inside the work, between the yarn and the ball. Throw the ball into the washer to felt. Done!



This is a child's rubber ball inside a large Simple Ball of *Reggae Ombre*. Yes, this ball bounces – thus it is a favorite!

