

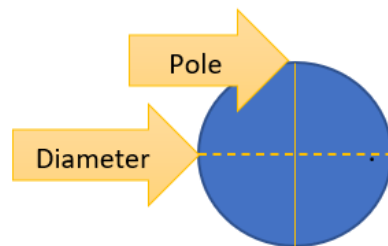
Simple Crochet Ball

Materials: **Size G crochet hook** and **worsted weight yarn** (or any well-matched crochet hook size and yarn. The smaller the hook and yarn, the smaller the ball will be. The larger the hook and yarn, the larger the ball will be. Most yarns will have a ball band that suggests the size crochet hook you should consider using.) **Stuffing** (I used the polyfil product but could also use yarn scraps, cloth scraps, other types of stuffing. Another fun thing is to also include a bell in the ball). **Yarn needle** to sew it all up (we can make this work with a crochet hook so don't worry if you don't have the yarn needle). A **paper clip** or some other movable marker.

Terms you will learn:

Single Crochet (**SC**): this is the type of crochet stitch used in the ball.

Increase (**INC**): This is a method to increase the number of stitches we have. The increase in this project will increase the diameter of the ball from the pole side to the max diameter of the center of the ball (sphere). To increase, you will work two SC in one crochet stitch space.



Decrease (**DEC**): This is a method used to decrease the number of stitches. To decrease you will skip a crochet stitch space and work your single crochet in the next crochet stitch space.

Pattern:

Create a slip knot on the hook.

Work a crochet chain that has 6 chains. This is worked flat.

The next steps will all be worked in the round.

- Round 1: Work starting from the first chain you created to make a circle of crochet chain stitches. Work a single crochet in all 6 crochet chain spaces. Use a paper clip to mark which stitch you started with. This is called placing a stitch marker. You will use this stitch marker to identify what is the start of the round. (6)
- Round 2: Work an INC in all 6 stitches around. You will be left with 12 stitches in the round.
Round 2: [INC] 6 times (12)
- Round 3: Repeat this sequence [INC, SC] 6 times. (18)
- Round 4: Repeat this sequence [SC, SC, INC] 6 times. (24)
- Round 5: Repeat this sequence [INC, SC, SC, SC] 6 times (30)
- Round 6: Repeat this sequence [SC, SC, SC, SC, INC] 6 times (36)
- Round 7 – 11: SC in each crochet space (36)
- Round 12: Repeat this sequence [DEC, SC, SC, SC, SC] 6 times (30)
- Round 13: Repeat this sequence [SC, SC, SC, DEC] 6 times (24)
- Round 14: Repeat this sequence [DEC, SC, SC] 6 times (18)
- Round 15: Repeat this sequence [SC, DEC] 6 times (12)

STUFF the ball as you wish

Round 16: Work a DEC in all 12 stitches around.

- Round 16: [DEC] 6 times (6)

Close up hole and attach yarn securely.