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BEGINNER

craft

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What you will need:

RED HEART® Soft®: 1 ball each 4601 Off White, 9520 Seafoam and 9934 Icy Pond

Scissors (small pair), small balloons, corn starch (6 tablespoons), hot water (6 tablespoons), washable glue (7 ounces), clothesline for drying, clothespins, newspaper, bowl & mixing spoon, apron, latex gloves, nylon fishing line and dowel for hanging arrangement



GAUGE: Gauge is not critical for this project.

Buy Yarn



RED HEART® Soft®, Art. E728 available in solid color 5 oz (141 g), 256 yd (234 m), print 4 oz (113 g), 204 yd (187 m), and heather 4 oz (113 g), 212 yd (194 m) balls



Decorative Yarn Spheres

If you can wrap yarn around a balloon, you can create these beautiful decorative spheres. Perfect in any color you desire, you can hang them in a stunning bunch from the ceiling, or collect them in a glass container.

Spheres can be desired size. The size of balloon will determine the size of each sphere.

SPHERE

1: Blow up a balloon for each Sphere. Keep balloons about the same size.



2: Cut 4 yards (meters) of yarn for each balloon, taking care keep strands separate and with one end in sight.



3: Hang clothesline for drying, protecting floor underneath with drop cloth or newspaper. Cover workspace with newspaper.

4: Mix corn starch with hot water until smooth. Add glue and mix thoroughly.



5: Take one strand of yarn and place it into glue mixture. Hold one end of your yarn so that you don't lose it!



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6: Submerge yarn into glue mixture to soak completely, being careful not to knot or tangle yarn.



7: Hold balloon with one hand and wrap soaked strand around balloon with the other.



8: Squeeze yarn as you wrap to remove excess glue.



9: Wrap entire strand of yarn around balloon, moving in all directions. Be sure your strand is not too tight and doesn't have any slack.



10: Use the knot of your balloon and a clothespin to secure Sphere to your clothesline. Space Spheres apart so that they can dry from all directions. Spheres will need up to 12 hours to dry completely. Once dry, cut the top of the balloon; your balloon should shrink and detach from the dried yarn so that you can easily remove it.



TO DISPLAY

Arrange Spheres in a bowl or bell jar for a table arrangement.

For hanging arrangement, cut a length of fishing line for each Sphere. Tie one end of fishing line to a Sphere. Tie opposite end to dowel. Use different lengths for each sphere, spacing Spheres along dowel so they hang freely. Cut a length of fishing line for dowel hanger. Tie each end of fishing line to each end of dowel and use to hang dowel and Spheres.



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