Maracas
Free Crochet Pattern

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MATERIALS:Red Heart 4 ply yarns in any colors, one 2 piece plastic ornament size 8 mm (Darice brand) for ea maracas, stuffing, needle and matching thread, size G hook or hook to obtain gauge.

FINISHED SIZE: 8-1\2" tall
Gauge: 5 sts = 1", 4 rows sts = 1"

With yarn A and G hook ch-4, sl st to form a ring.

RND 1: Ch-1, 10 hdc in ring, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (10 sts)

RND 2: Hdc st around, join B, fasten off A, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn.

RND 3: (2 hdc next st, hdc next st) around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (15 sts)

RND 4: 2 hdc ea st around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (30 sts)

RND 5: Hdc ea st around, join C, fasten off B, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn.

RND 6: Hdc ea st around, join A, Fasten off C, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn.

RND 7: Hdc ea st around, join C, fasten off A, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn.

RND 8: Hdc ea st around, join B, fasten off C, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn.

RND 9: (Hdc dec next 2 sts, hdc next 8 sts) around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (27 sts)

RND 10: Hdc next 2 sts, (hdc dec next 2 sts, sc next 3 sts) around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (22 sts

RND 11: Fill plastic ball with a few buttons or other objects to make noise when shook, close ornament. With hook side up, place ball in cover crochet so far. Hdc next st, (hdc dec next 2 sts, hdc next st) around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (15 sts)

RND 12: (Hdc dec next 2 sts, hdc next st) around, fasten off B, join A, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. (10 sts)

RND 13-22: Hdc ea st around, sl st top beg hdc, ch-1, turn. End row 22 fasten off.

Stuff to ball and sew end closed.

Abbreviations Used In This Pattern
Ch = Chain
St = Stitch
Sl St = Slip Stitch
Sc = Single Crochet
Hdc = Half Double Crochet
Dc = Double Crochet
Rnd = Round
Beg = Beginning
Rep = Repeat
Bet = Between
Sk = Skip
Dec = Decrease
Ea = Each
Tog = Together

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