

Baby Rattle

Supplies:









cotton yarn
 crochet needle
 sewing needle
 synthetic filling
 1-2 popsicle sticks or something similar
 ping pong ball
 something to fill the ping pong ball with like rice
 glue and tape













My baby rattles are soft, washable and safe for toddlers.
 I use Catania Schachenmayr yarn. But any other yarn will do.









Before you start with the crochet part, you have to prepare the ping pong ball.




1	<p>Prepare the ping pong ball. Drill a hole in your ping pong ball, fill it, tape the hole shut and glue the borders. Let the glue dry out completely. I usually let it dry overnight.</p>	2	
		Chain a cord of about 80 ch, fasten off.	
Handle and Lower Half			
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5		6	
6 sc into ring = 6 s		2 sc into each sc of previous row. = 12 s	
7		8	
Turn to wrong side and weave in end. I usually just make two double knots.		Pull ends of crochet chain through.	
9		10	
Tie a knot with both ends and then secure with two more.		Sc until handle is about 3 inches long. Fasten off.	
11		12	
Pick the color for the lower half. Start the first row anywhere:		Second row: *2 sc into space, 1 sc, 1 sc*.	

	<p>1. Row: *2 sc into space, 1 sc into next space*. Repeat from *to* five times = 18 s.</p>		<p>Repeat from *to* five times = 24 s Third row: *2 sc into space, 1sc, 1sc, 1sc*. Repeat from *to* five times = 30 s.</p>
13			<p>Rows 4-8: sc Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 1 yard. You'll need it to sew the halves together.</p>
Upper Half			
14		15	
	<p>Pick the color for the upper half. 6 sc into ring = 6 s</p>		<p>2 sc into each sc of previous row. = 12 s</p>
17		18	
	<p>*2 sc into space, 1 sc into next space*. Repeat from *to* five times = 18 s.</p>		<p>*2 sc into space, 1 sc, 1 sc*. Repeat from *to* five times = 24 s</p>

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<p>*2 sc into space, 1sc, 1sc, 1sc*. Repeat from *to* five times = 30 s.</p>		<p>Rows 6-8: sc Fasten off and weave in ends.</p>	
<p>Pompons</p>			
21	<p>Start with steps 14 and 15 (upper half) = 12 s</p>	22	
		<p>Add two more rows of 12 sc each. Fasten off, leaving a tail of 12 inches.</p>	
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<p>With a blunt sewing needle thread the yarn through the inner half of the sc.</p>		<p>Fill with filling material and pull tight.</p>	

25		26	
Weave through first five sc again to get a tighter pull.		Insert needle from the opposite side – from the outside in - , pull through and...	
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... leave a little loop.		Pick up loop with crochet needle, pull yarn through and pull tight.	
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Chain five, fasten off. Leave tail!		Crochet 5 more.	
Finishing			
31		32	
Insert needle from the right side and...		... and weave in ends on wrong side.	

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	<p>Tie two ends together, so the pompons don't come off.</p>		
35		37	
	<p>I use popsicle sticks to make the handle a bit stiffer. Insert into handle, push down a little and cut off excess.</p>		<p>Start filling on one side of the sticks. Only use a little material and alternate sides.</p>
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