

# Earth Friendly Water “Balloons”

## Materials

- Size N Hook
- Bernat Blanket yarn

## Abbreviations

- Ch – Chain
- DC – Double Crochet
- DC2Tog – Double Crochet 2 Together
- HDC – Half-Double Crochet
- SC – Single Crochet
- Slst – Slip Stitch



## Notes

- Chains at the beginning of each round *do not* count as SC or DC.
- The nature of Bernat Blanket yarn carries a lot of friction, so be careful when pulling your magic circle closed, as the yarn could break. I am a tight crocheter, so I had to intentionally loosen my tension or I felt like I was waging a tug-o-war with the yarn.

## Pattern

Create a Magic Circle.

Rnd 1 – Ch 1. Make 8 SC in the magic circle, Slst to top of first SC to join. Pull on the magic circle tail slowly and gently to close the opening. Do not cut off. (8)

Rnd 2 – Ch 2. 2DC in each stitch around. Slst to top of the first DC to join. (16)

Rnd 3 – Ch 2. 1DC in each stitch around. Slst to top of the first DC to join. (16)

Rnd 4 – Ch 2. DC2Tog around. Slst to top of first DC to join. (8)

Rnd 5 – Ch 1. SC2Tog around. Slst to top of first Sc to join. (4)

Rnd 5 – Ch 2. 2 HDC in each stitch around. Slst in top of first HDC to join. Finish off, leaving a long tail (approx. 5 inches).

At this point, you can just weave in your tail, pulling it through to the center to give the balloon a bit of extra stuffing. I prefer to weave the tail in through the HDC row and pull it to the outside of the previous SC row, then wrap it once or twice around that SC row, to give the balloon a “knotted” effect. I then weave the tail into the center of the balloon to finish securing it.

When it’s time to have some fun, just soak the balloons in a bucket of water, squeezing a bit of the air out of the yarn, then Let ‘Er Rip! You can get 2-3 tosses before you’ll need to re-soak. No messy clean up, no picking up tiny pieces of rubber off the lawn!