# **Yarnspirations**

Aunt k Lydia S Crochet Thread

CROCHET SKILL LEVEL EASY

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#### What you will need:

AUNT LYDIA'S<sup>®</sup> Fashion Crochet Thread size 3: 1 ball each 6 Scarlet A, 325 Tangerine B and 423 Maize C

Susan Bates<sup>®</sup> Crochet hook: Size 3.5 mm [E-4] crochet hook

11 oz [315g] of polyester pellets for three juggling balls; tapestry needle; split ring stitch marker or small safety pin

**GAUGE:** Gauge is not important for this project.

AUNT LYDIA'S<sup>®</sup> Fashion Crochet Thread, Size 3, Art. 182 available in 150 yd balls

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# Three Tangy Juggling Balls

Stripes and polka dots add fun, eye-catching patterns and color to this trio of balls. Filled with polyester pellets, they are perfect for showing off your juggling skills...or practicing to become a juggling entertainer!



Finished Measurements: Approx 2½" [6.4 cm] in diameter.

#### **SPECIAL STITCH**

**sc2tog** = [draw up a loop in next st] twice, yarn over and draw through all 3 loops on hook.

#### NOTES

To make an adjustable ring, work as follows: loop yarn around 2 fingers and hold this ring in hand opposite hook between thumb and first finger. Insert hook through ring, yarn over, and pull up a loop. Chain as required. Work first round of stitches through center of ring. When round is complete, hold round securely with one hand and pull tail to cinch ring closed. When changing colors, draw new color through 2 loops on hook to complete last sc. Work in continuous rounds unless otherwise stated.

Move stitch marker (safety pin) as work progresses.

## STRIPED JUGGLING BALL

Make 1 in color way A, B, C. Make 1 in color way C, A, B. With A (C), make an adjustable ring. **Round 1:** Work 6 sc in ring, do not join, mark last st made with the safety pin; tighten ring. Round 2: [2 sc in next st] 6 times—12 sts. Round 3: [2 sc in next st, sc in next st] 6 times—18 sts. Round 4: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times—24 sts. Round 5: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times-30 sts. Round 6: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times-36 sts. Round 7: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times, changing to B (A)-42 sts. Round 8: [2 sc in next st, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times—48 sts. Rounds 9 and 10: Sc in each st around. Continued...





Round 11: Sc in each st around, changing to C (B). Rounds 12-14: Repeat Round 9. Round 15: Sc in each st around, changing to B (A). Rounds 16-18: Repeat Round 9. Round 19: [Sc2tog, sc in next 6 sts] 6 times, changing to A (C)-42 sts. Round 20: [Sc2tog, sc in next 5 sts] 6 times-36 sts. Round 21: [Sc2tog, sc in next 4 sts] 6 times—30 sts. Round 22: [Sc2tog, sc in next 3 sts] 6 times-24 sts. Round 23: [Sc2tog, sc in next 2 sts] 6 times-18 sts. Stuff ball with pellets to desired fullness. Round 24: [Sc2tog, sc in next st] 6 times— 12 sts. Round 25: [Sc2tog] 6 times—6 sts. Fasten off leaving a long tail.

#### ABBREVIATIONS

ch = chain; cm = centimeter; mm = millimeters; sc = single crochet; st(s) = stitch(es); [] = work directions in brackets the number of times specified; \* or \*\* = repeat whatever follows the \* or \*\* as indicated.

### FINISHING

Add more pellets if desired. Thread tail in tapestry needle and weave through remaining sts. Pull tight to gather, fasten off securely. Weave in tail.

#### POLKA DOT JUGGLING BALL

Work as for Striped Ball, using **A** for background and **B** and **C** for polka dots. Each polka dot is worked over 3 rounds. On the first and 3rd rounds, the polka dot is 2 sts wide, on the 2nd round it's 3 sts wide. Position polka dots as desired, taking care not to place them too close together for best results.