



Draft Dodger

Crochet a draft dodger to block cold air that comes in under the door. It will keep heating bills down while you stay warm and cozy. Filling it with sand helps keep it in place, but polyester fiberfill can be used to fill it, too.

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Draft Dodger measures 40" long x 10" diameter.

RED HEART® "Super Saver®": 2 skeins 944 Cherry Cola

Crochet Hook: 5mm [US H-8].

Yarn needle, scissors, 42 x 11" piece of firmly woven fabric, thread, sewing machine, pins, hand sewing needle, funnel, and clean sand.

GAUGE: 14 sts = 4"; 16 rows = 4". **CHECK YOUR GAUGE.** Use any size hook to obtain the gauge.

Special Stitch

Bobble = Yo, insert hook in indicated st, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (2 loops remain on hook), [yo, insert hook in same st, yo and draw up a loop, yo and draw through 2 loops on hook (1 additional loop remains on hook)] 3 times, yo and draw through all 5 loops on hook.

DRAFT DODGER

Foundation Row (Right Side): Ch 36; sc in 2nd ch from hook and in each ch across, turn—35 sc.

Rows 1–14: Ch 1, sc in each st across, turn.

Row 15 (Wrong Side): Ch 1, sc in first 17 sc, Bobble in next sc, sc in next 17 sc, turn—34 sc and 1 Bobble.

Rows 16–18: Repeat Row 1 three times.

Row 19: Ch 1, sc in first 14 sc, Bobble in next sc, sc in next 5 sc, Bobble in next sc, sc in last 14 sc, turn—33 sc and 2 Bobbles.

Rows 20–22: Repeat Row 1 three times.

Row 23: Ch 1, sc in first 11 sc, [Bobble in next sc, sc in next 5 sc] 2 times, Bobble in next sc, sc in last 11 sc, turn—32 sc and 3 Bobbles.

Rows 24–26: Repeat Row 1 three times.

Rows 27–30: Repeat Row 19–22.

Rows 31–158: Repeat Rows 15–30 eight times.

Row 159: Repeat Row 15.

Rows 160–174: Repeat Row 1 fifteen times. Fasten off.

FINISHING

With right side facing, using yarn needle and yarn, sew the long side edges together. Using yarn needle and yarn, sew a basting stitch around one end and pull gently, but firmly to gather. Sew end closed and weave in tail.

Assemble Inner Tube: Tube can be sewn using sewing machine, or hand sewing needle and thread. Bringing right sides together, fold fabric lengthwise. Pin and sew a ½" seam along the length of the fabric and across one short end, to create a tube. Turn tube right side out. Using funnel, fill tube with sand to within 1" of open end. Tuck in ½" of fabric across open end of tube and sew tube closed.

Insert filled fabric tube into crocheted tube. With yarn needle and yarn, weave a strand through top edge of crocheted tube and pull gently, but firmly to gather. Sew end closed and weave in tail.



RED HEART® "Super Saver®" Art. E300 available in solid color 7 oz (198 g), 364 yd (333 m); multi color and print 5 oz (141 g), 244 yd (223 m), flecks 5 oz (141g), 260 yds (238 m) skeins.

ABBREVIATIONS: **ch** = chain; **sc** = single crochet; **st** = stitch; **yo** = yarn over; **[]** = work directions in brackets the number of times specified.