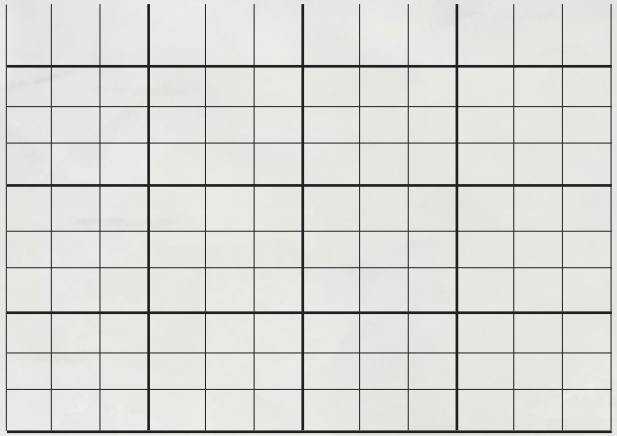
KNIT BALLS - 10/26/2017 - MK TUFFT

GREAT FOR CHRISTMAS TREE ORNAMENTS, CAT TOYS, AND (MY PERSONAL FAVORITE) - CATAPULT BALLS. OR ALL THREE!

Materials Needed: **Size 3 DPN's** (double pointed needles, ~ 5" long, set of 5 - sock needles) and **cotton yarn**. (You won't need a lot for a single ball, so this is a great pattern to use up your stash).

I use Sassy Skein, size #200 (gauge is 4.5 stitches x 6 rows = 1 inch with #8 needles). Feel free to substitute yarns. I prefer cotton as it picks up less lint when rolling around on the ground (for catapult balls).

Skills needed: you will need to do a **circular cast-on**, be able to **work with DPN's**, be able to do an **M1 increase stitches** (make 1 by picking up the ladder between stitches), and do a **SSK decrease** (slip slip knit).



Circular Cast on 7 stitches using size 3 DPN's
Knit 2 Rows - 7 stitches
R3: [**M1** by picking up the ladder before each stitch and knit into it, then **K1**] - 14 stitches
R4: Knit - 14 stitches
R5: [**M1** by picking up the ladder before each stitch and knit into it, then **K1**]- 28 stitches
R6: Knit
R7: Knit
R8: Knit
R9: Knit
R10: Knit
R11: Knit
R12: Knit
R13: Knit
R14: Knit

Knit 9 rows

R15: [**SSK, K, K**] - 21 stitches
R16: Knit
R17: [**SSK, K**] - 14 stitches
R18: Knit
R19: [**SSK**] - 7 stitches remain. Cut yarn using ~ 12" tail. Thread through yarn needle and thread through all remaining live stitches. Stuff ball, then pull tight to close.

Notes & Tips

I keep track of the row I'm on by putting a check mark in a box next to the row number... really only needed for the middle 9 rows. (See table at left.)

Brackets are used to indicate a pattern that you should repeat until the end of the row.

You can do an **alternate SSK** by putting the needle through the backs of two knit stitches, then knitting those stitches together. (Saves a couple steps).

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