Fiesta Jump Rope

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EASY

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Materials:

- ☑ About 1 1/2 to 2 oz. variegated worsted weight yarn (I used
- ☑ Red Heart's Mexicana)
- ☑ Crochet hooks size H and D
- ☑ 50 pony beads in colors to match the yarn
- ☑ Two 1/2" lucite rings
- ☑ Fiberfill
- ☑ Yarn needle
- ☑ 3 1/2" x 6" piece of sturdy cardboard

The "rope" part of this jump rope is made using the crocheted lobster stitch cord with pony beads added to give the "rope" a little weight. An illustrated tutorial of this stitch can be found at Daphne's Tutorials

To work the lobster stitch cord jump rope: Using yarn needle, thread 50 pony beads on the yarn. Leaving a 10" yarn tail and using size H hook, ch 2, sc in the 2nd ch from hook Don't turn. Instead flip the sc toward you (clockwise) so the bottom is on the top. See that little single bar on top? Insert hook in that and complete sc. *Flip upward toward you again (clockwise). Now there will be 2 bars on the top. Insert hook under those 2 bars and complete sc.* Repeat from * to * 39 times, then slide up a bead, (repeat from * to * 11 times, slide

up a bead) 49 times; repeat from * to * 40 times; fasten off leaving a 10" yarn tail.

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Handles
Make 2. Work tightly.

Round 1: With size D hook, work 12 dc around one of the lucite rings; do not join.

Round 2: Sc in each of the 12 sc around; do not join.

Rounds 3-29: Repeat round 2. After round 29, insert one of the end yarn tails of the "rope" through the ring and pull the yarn tail and the "rope" through the handle; adjust the length needed for the jump rope and tie an overhand knot in the end of the rope to prevent it from slipping out of the handle. Pull the beaded side of the rope until the knot seats itself above the ring. Stuff the handle very firmly with fiberfill.

Round 30: *(Insert hook in next st and pull up a loop) 2 times, yo and pull through all 3 remaining loops on hook.* Repeat from * to * 5 more times; fasten off, leaving a yarn tail for sewing. Thread yarn tail in needle and sew the stitches of round 30 closed, then knot.

Tassels
Make 2.

Cut a 12" piece of yarn and lay it along one of the 6" edges of the cardboard, centering the cardboard. Tape each end of the cardboard to the yarn to temporarily secure. Wrap the cardboard 72 times around the 3 1/2" width; cut yarn. Un-tape 12 " piece of yarn and knot tightly around the yarn wraps. Cut the yarn wraps on the opposite side of the 12" piece of yarn to release tassel from cardboard. Wrap yarn several times around tassel about 1" below top; tie tightly. Trim ends of tassel. Sew ends of the 12" piece of yarn to the end of one handle; knot securely. Weave in ends.

Happy Crocheting!