Indoor Snowball Fight

A gift for kids of all ages...10 snowballs in a snowman gift bag.

Pattern note: The difficulty level is intermediate because of the yarn used. With the Pipsqueak yarn, we crochet more by "feel" than by "sight", because it's difficult to see the stitches. If you choose to substitute an untextured chunky weight yarn for the Pipsqueak, the difficulty level changes to easy.

Materials:
- 6 ounces Beret Pipsqueak (color Whitey White)
- 4 ounces Red Heart acrylic worsted weight yarn in a color for turtleneck and hat
- Crochet hooks size I (5.50 mm) and J (6.00 mm) and G (4.00 mm)
- Fiberfill
- Old used (or free!) CD
- Two 1/2" lucite rings
- Buttons, beads, etc. for face
- Yarn needle

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Snowball (make 10)

**Pattern note:** Do not join rounds of the snowball. Instead pull a piece of contrasting yarn through the first st of each round to keep track of your stitches.

With Pipsqueak yarn and size I hook, ch 4, join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Work 6 sc in the ring. (6 sc)

**Round 2:** Work 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

**Round 3:** (Sc in the next sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (18 sc)

**Round 4:** (Sc in each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (24 sc)

**Rounds 5-8:** Sc in each sc around. (24 sc in each round)

**Round 9:** (Sc in each of the next 2 sc, sc dec over the next 2 sc) 6 times. (12 sc + 6 sc dec = 18 sts)

**Round 10:** (Sc in the next st, sc dec over the next 2 sts) 6 times. (6 sc + 6 sc dec = 12 sts) Stuff snowball with fiberfill. Stuff so that the snowball is spherical but not too firm.

**Round 11:** (Sc dec over the next 2 sts) 6 times. Fasten off, leaving a 6" yarn tail for sewing. Thread the yarn needle with the yarn tail and sew round 11 closed. Weave in ends.

Snowman Bag

**Pattern note:** Do not join rounds of the snowman bag (unless otherwise indicated.) Instead pull a piece of contrasting yarn through the first st of each round to keep track of your stitches.

**Bottom bag lining**

With Red Heart yarn and size I hook, ch 4, join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Round 1:** Work 6 sc in the ring. (6 sc)

**Round 2:** Work 2 sc in each sc around. (12 sc)

**Round 3:** (Sc in the next sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (18 sc)

**Round 4:** (Sc in each of the next 2 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (24 sc)

**Round 5:** (Sc in each of the next 3 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (30 sc)

**Round 6:** (Sc in each of the next 4 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (36 sc)
**Round 7:** (Sc in each of the next 5 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (42 sc)

**Round 8:** (Sc in each of the next 6 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (48 sc) Fasten off. Set piece aside.

**Bag**
With Red Heart yarn and size I hook, ch 4, join with a sl st in the first ch to form a ring.

**Rounds 1-8:** Work as rounds 1-8 of the bottom bag lining. Do not fasten off at the end of round 8.

**Round 9:** Place the bottom bag lining under the bag piece with wrong sides facing and crochet through both layers as follows: (sc in each of the next 7 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 3 times, insert CD between layers and then continue (sc in each of the next 7 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 3 times. (54 sc)

**Round 10:** (Sc in each of the next 8 sc, 2 sc in the next sc) 6 times. (60 sc) Do not fasten off.

**Turtleneck**

**Pattern note:** The turtleneck is worked in vertical rows that attach to round 10.

Change to size J hook, ch 7 (foundation chain).

**Row 1:** Sc in the back loop only of the 2nd ch from hook and in the back loop only of each of the 5 remaining chs, sc in each of the next 2 sc on round 10; turn.

**Row 2:** Skip the first 2 sc, sc in the back loop only of each of the next 6 sc; ch 1, turn.

**Row 3:** Sc in the back loop only of each of the 6 sc across, sc in each of the next 2 sc on round 10; turn.

**Rows 4-57:** (Repeat rows 2-3) 27 times.

**Row 58:** Repeat row 2.

**Row 59:** Sc in the back loop only of each of the 6 sc across, sc in the next sc on round 10; turn.

**Row 60:** Insert hook into the first st on the foundation ch and into the back loop only of the first sc on row 59 and complete a sc, (insert hook into the next st on the foundation ch and into the back loop only of the next sc on row 59 and complete a sc) 5 times to close the turtleneck seam. Do not fasten off.

**Round 11 of bag:** Ch 1, sc in the end of each turtleneck row around; join with a sl st in the first sc. (60 sc) Fasten off Red Heart.

**Snowman head**
**Pattern note:** Do not join rounds of the snowman head (unless otherwise indicated.) Instead pull a piece of contrasting yarn through the first st of each round to keep track of your stitches.

**Round 12:** Change to size I hook. Attach white with a sc in any sc on round 11, sc in each of the remaining 59 sc around.

**Rounds 13-18:** Sc in each sc around. (60 sc)

**Round 19:** Sc in each sc around; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off white.

*Hat ribbing*

**Pattern note:** The hat ribbing is worked in vertical rows that attach to round 19.

Change to size J hook. Attach Red Heart yarn with a sc in any sc on round 19, ch 7 for the foundation chain.

**Rows 1-60:** Work the same as rows 1-60 of the turtleneck.

*Hat body*

Change to size I hook.

**Round 20:** Sc in the end of each hat ribbing row around. (60 sc)

**Rounds 21-28:** Sc in each sc around.

**Round 29:** Sc in each sc around; join with a sl st in the first sc.

**Round 30 (beading round):** Ch 4 to count as the first dc and the first ch 1, skip next sc, (dc in the next sc, ch 1, skip next sc) 29 times; join with a sl st in the 3rd ch of the beginning ch 4.

**Round 31:** Sl st into the first ch-1 sp, ch 1, sc in the same sp, (ch 3, sc in the next ch-1 sp) 29 times, ch 1, join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp for the next round.

**Round 32:** Ch 1, sc in the first ch-3 place, (ch 3, sc in the next ch-3 sp) 29 times, ch 1, join with a hdc in the first sc to form the first ch-3 sp for the next round.

**Round 33:** Ch 1, sc in the first ch-3 place, (ch 3, sc in the next ch-3 sp) 29 times, ch 3, join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off.

*Optional:* Using Red Heart yarn and size J hook, surface sc in each of the hat ribbing stitches worked into round 10, then sl st in each of these surface sc around.

*Drawstring*

With size I hook and Red Heart yarn, ch 75.
Row 1: Sl st through both loops of the second ch from hook and through both loops of each remaining ch across. Fasten off.

Drawstring slide
With size G hook and Red Heart yarn, work 5 sc in the first 1/2" ring, then work 10 sc in the second 1/2" ring, then work 5 sc in the first ring; join with a sl st in the first sc. Fasten off.

Finishing
Weave in all ends. Sew face to the snowman head. Weave drawstring through the beading round. Insert one end of the drawstring into the first ring of the drawstring slide, then insert the other end of the drawstring into the second ring of the drawstring slide. Tie the two ends of the drawstring together with an overhand knot about 1" from the ends of the drawstring. Insert snowballs in the bag. Holding the knot if the drawstring, push the drawstring slide toward the hat to close tightly.

Happy Crocheting!