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Yarn Aliens

Try this fun craft out with your friends! You can all make your very own alien buddy!

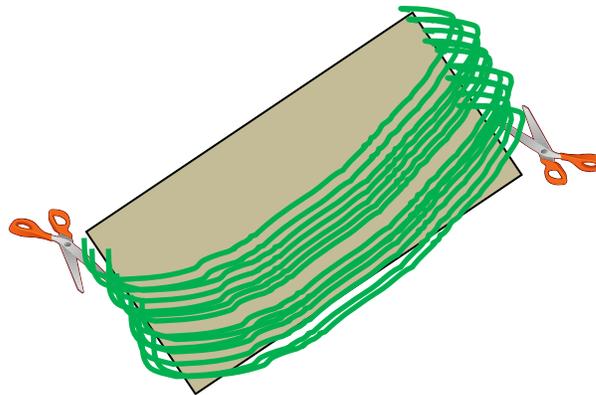
Supplies:

1. Yarn
2. Scissors
3. Card board
4. A ball (tennis, ping pong, Styrofoam, bouncy, whatever!)
5. Eyes (buttons, google eyes, felt, foam, ect.)
6. Pipe cleaners

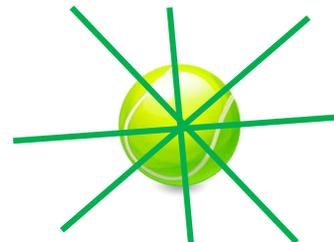


How to make it!

1. Decide how tall you want your alien to be. You will need to make your yarn pieces three times as long as you want your alien to be tall. For example, if you want your alien to be 5 inches tall, you should make your yarn pieces about 15 inches long.
2. Cut out a piece of cardboard that is as long as you calculated in step one (example: 15 inches).
3. Wrap your yarn around the cardboard 100 times! If you want your alien to be different colors of yarn then switch colors during wrapping.



4. Then cut all the yarn at both ends of the card board so that you end up with a TON of yarn the same length.
5. Now place your ball on the table in front and begin draping the yarn over the ball. Remember to alternate directions. Try to keep the middle of the yarn on the top of the ball. It may help to tape the bottom of your ball to the table to keep it still.





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6. After you have most of your yarn in place (save about 10 pieces) have someone help you gather the yarn underneath and then tie a piece of yarn in a knot around it to keep it in place. Now your alien has a head!
7. Your alien has a head, but no arms or legs. You can bunch up bits of loose yarn and tie them together on the ends to make floppy legs. You can add pipe cleaners to them to make them stiffer.
8. Use your imagination to glue on eyes and mouths, make your alien as awesome as you can!