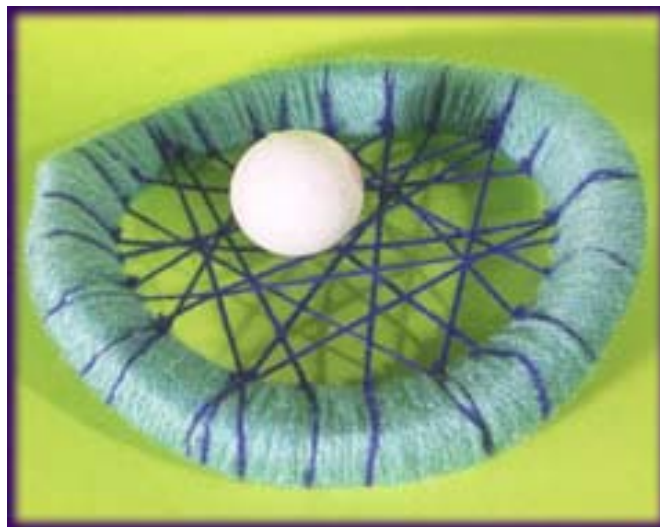


Bat-a-Ball

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What you need:

- ▶ scissors
- ▶ large, flexible plastic lid
- ▶ ball of yarn
- ▶ lightweight ball



How to make it:

1. Cut out the center section of a large, flexible plastic lid, leaving the rim about one inch wide. (To begin cutting, fold the lid in half and cut into the center of the fold.)
2. Knot one end of a ball of yarn around the rim, leaving a 2-inc-long tail.
3. Wrap the yarn around the rim until it is completely covered. Cut the yarn and tie the end to the 2-inch tail at the starting point.
4. To make spokes, tie pieces of yarn across the frame.
5. To play, bat a lightweight ball (such as a sponge ball, pompom, or table-tennis ball) into the air—by yourself or with a friend. Or, see how long you can bat the ball without missing; or, try it with two hands instead of one; or, see how high you can bat the ball; or, set a timer and see how long you can keep the ball bouncing; or, bat the ball toward a target.

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