Felted Dryer Balls

Things You Will Need:

• 100% wool yarn
• Ruler
• Scissors
• Old pantyhose
• Top-loading washing machine
• Clothes dryer

What To Do:

Step 1

Roll 2 1/2-inch balls from a skein of 100% wool yarn. Skein sizes may vary, but most will yield three to four balls.

Step 2

Thread the end of one ball onto a yarn needle. Unroll approximately 18 inches. Stitch the end randomly through the ball until you can take no more stitches. Cut off the tail. Repeat with the remaining balls.

Step 3

Insert one ball into the leg of old pantyhose. Move it into the toe and tie the hose in a knot above the yarn ball. Add another ball. Push it against the knot of the first ball. Tie a knot above the second ball. Continue with additional balls. Cut off the rest of the pantyhose.

Step 4

Throw the balls in a top-loading washing machine. To aid in the felting process, add clothing that can withstand a hot wash cycle. The clothing and the machine’s center agitator will provide the friction needed to felt the wool. Wash the clothing with the balls on the hottest setting your machine allows.

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Step 5
Throw everything into a clothes dryer and dry.

Step 6
Repeat Steps 4 and 5. Cut through the knots of the pantyhose and remove the balls.

Note: You will still be able to see the strands of the yarn on the felted balls, but the fibers have meshed them together. They will not come apart. Repeatedly using the balls in the dryer will continue to felt the balls even more. Balls should be effective for up to a year.